

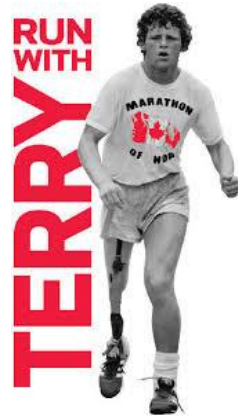


DUKE OF CONNAUGHT



SEPTEMBER 2019

Duke of Connaught: We Run for Terry



On September 26th the Duke Community gathered to support the Terry Fox Run. Student leaders from Toronto Schools on the Move led the entire school in a warm up. Trustee Jennifer Storey brought greetings from the Board and members of Toronto Police Services were on hand to help escort students around the community.

Money was raised through the “Toonies for Terry” jar in the front office, as well as a 2 day bake sale, both of which were huge success! This year, there was a special new twist – Mme Angeli offered to cut her hair in support of those who have cancer and a contest was held to select one student. The winner was Sarah from Mr. Naimji’s class.

A special thanks goes out to Ms. Hodgins for helping to organize the bake sale; to Mr Caruso and the tech team for helping set up the sound system; the many parent volunteers who came out to support our students throughout the route and most especially to Ms. Oliveira, whose tireless efforts in organizing such a large and important event such as the Terry Fox run serve as an inspiration for all of us.



SAC

Greetings from your School Advisory Council Executive,

Welcome back to Duke!

We hope that everyone's first few weeks back at school have been successful!

We're very excited to be running another Dance-a-thon this year, which will take place on Wednesday, October 30th during the school day. More details to follow in an upcoming Need to Read!

As members of our 2018-2019 SAC Executive move on to make way for the newly appointed members of council, we would like to thank everyone who supported last year's SAC events, either through volunteering or by coming to enjoy the fun! The enthusiasm of our school community is what ensured our success throughout the 2018-2019 school year.

Whether you are new to Duke or have been part of our community for a few years, we want to remind you that ALL parents are members of the School Advisory Council (SAC) and we hope to see many of you at our SAC meetings and our community events throughout the school year.

SAC's Need To Read (NTR) newsletter contains updates, school info, and important dates. If you are not receiving the NTR, visit the SAC website to sign up:

www.dukesac.ca

Want to help out next year with SAC events or volunteer in general? Then please get your police check done ASAP. More details about the process and how to apply can be found on our SAC website.

SAC Elections

SAC held their elections on September 25th. Here is your SAC for 2019/2020:

2019-2020 Duke School Advisory Council		
Position	Successful Candidate	Contact details
Chair	Michelle Arbuckle	mmarbuckle@gmail.com
Chair	Melanie Tapson	Melanie.tapson@gmail.com
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Secretary		
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Parent Representative	Laurie Barnett	laurie.barnett@gmail.com
Parent Representative	Francisco Laguan	franciscolaguan@hotmail.com
Parent Representative		
Ward Rep	Jill Hollingsworth	jill_hollingsworth@hotmail.com
Ward Rep	Lanrick Bennett Jr	lanrickbennettjr@gmail.com
Staff Representative (non-voting)	Natasha Garda Maria Oliveira	natasha.garda@tdsb.on.ca maria.oliveira@tdsb.on.ca

Many thanks to our outgoing Council for their hard work and dedication to the Duke Community!



Duke of Connaught P.S. offers many extra-curricular sports teams. These include Gr. 1-8 Cross Country, Gr. 5-8 Girls and Boys Soccer, Gr 7/8 Girls and Boys Football, Gr. 5-8 Girls and Boys Volleyball, Gr. 5-8 Girls and Boys Basketball, Gr. 5-8 Girls and Boys Badminton, Gr. 4-8 Girls and Boys Swim Team, Gr. 5-8 Co-Ed Ice Hockey, Gr. 6/7/8 Co-Ed Cricket, Gr. 7/8 Co-Ed Ultimate, Gr. 5-8 Girls and Boys Slo-pitch and Gr. 4-8 Girls' and Boys Track and Field. Please note that additional sports may be offered such as Rugby or Borden Ball. Teams are determined as the season approaches. Please stay tuned and check out the Duke of Connaught Athletics Page on our website.

Current Sports Opportunities

Gr. 1-8 Running Club/Cross Country - Ms. Papoff, Mme. Kittask, Mme. Anastasi, Ms. Angeli, Ms. Kirk, Ms. Riggs

Gr. 5/6 Girls' Soccer - Ms. Hodgins & Mr. Aishford (Tournament October 8 at Westwood)

Gr. 5/6 Boys' Soccer - Ms. Gheorghe (Tournament October 7 at Duke)

Gr. 7/8 Girls' Soccer - Mr. McIntyre (Tournament October 2nd at Dieppe Park)

Gr. 7/8 Boys' Soccer - Mr. Dennis (Tournament October 3 East York Collegiate)

Gr. 7/8 Girls' Football - Ms. Oliveira and Mr. Aishford (Tournament October 16 at Bowmore)

Gr. 7/8 Boys' Football - Ms. Oliveira and Mr. Aishford (Tournament October 7 at Bowmore)

Please have your son/daughter check the Phys. Ed. bulletin board by the SH Gymnasium for information and practice schedules.

Cross Country Qualifying Meet: Thursday, October 3 @ Ashbridges Bay

Conference Finals: Thursday, October 17 @ Ashbridges Bay (Grade 3-8)

City Finals: Thursday, Oct. 24 @ Centennial Park (Grades 4-8)



Reading Club for K-3 Kids at Duke!

ReadUP provides support for children who are learning to read in French & English. The program is free and runs weekly

Thursdays - 3:15 - 4:15
Library



ReadUP is run by a qualified teacher and dedicated volunteers who will help you to support your children as they learn to read. It's a drop-in format, so come any time during the first half-hour. You can expect to spend about 20 minutes at the club while your child is matched with a bag of books at his/her ideal reading level and reads with a volunteer—then the books are taken home to practice reading during the week. We also lend picture books for toddlers and chapter books for older children. **Just show up to sign-up!**

www.readup.ca

Let's WALK!

Celebrate IWALK
Month 2019



Hey Duke - let's show our support for sustainable transportation this Wednesday, October 2nd on International Walk to School Day!

It's easy - just walk, cycle or ride into school!

October is International Walk to School (IWALK) Month.

Students around the world are walking & wheeling to school.

Join the movement!



@OntarioAST #Active2School

www.ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca



A Note From The Office:

CASH ONLINE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As most of you have seen in the first day packages, Cash Online is now being offered as an OPTION at Duke. It is not mandatory. It essentially works like a store - you can only purchase things online that have been posted by the school for purchase. Not every trip will be offered online, as sometimes timelines won't allow for it, so please log on and see if it is displayed. If you choose to pay the teacher directly, that will still be an option (cash/cheque payable to the Duke of Connaught) unless told otherwise.

Cash Online is NOT available for anything to do with the Nutrition Program (either hot lunch or for snack program) as this is a separate account and it will not be set up for payment online.

Thank you should you have any questions please come to the office for clarification





Trustee
Jennifer Story
Ward 15, Toronto-Danforth



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! I hope you and your family had an enjoyable and safe summer.

As the elected public school board trustee for your community, my role is to advocate for you and your child, and to represent the needs of all students and parents/guardians in the Toronto District School Board.

We are focused on ensuring that all students have access to the programs, opportunities and supports needed to reach high levels of achievement and well-being. This priority is driven by our Multi-Year Strategic Plan, which outlines our mission, values and goals in support of student success. To read the full plan, visit www.tdsb.on.ca/mysp.

Your involvement in your child's education and school life can also contribute to their success. There are numerous ways you can get involved, such as taking part in your local school council, volunteering to coach sports or supervising field trips. To explore these opportunities, and others, visit www.tdsb.on.ca/getinvolved.

As the new school year begins, I encourage you to visit our webpage for parents, www.tdsb.on.ca/forparents. Here, you will find helpful resources for both parents and students, including homework tips, the school-year calendar, transportation information and updates, and supports for mental health, healthy living and bullying.

To stay informed on important issues and upcoming events, please [sign up for my e-newsletter](#). You can also connect with me via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

I hold regular Ward Forums throughout the year, on relevant topics for our schools and families. They are also great opportunities to meet and connect with parents and guardians from different community schools. When you [sign up for my newsletter](#), you will receive notices of these events.

As we begin a new school year, I also want to draw your attention to the work that continues with Councillor Fletcher to create Community Safety Zones around all of our schools in Ward 15. For the past few years I have worked Councillors and my trustee colleagues to advocate for an acceleration of the City's Vision Zero road safety plan for school zones. We have also worked with school communities to assess the risks around individual schools. I look forward to making sure this important work is completed around all of our schools.

Thank you for your ongoing support of public education. I look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jennifer Story'.

Trustee Jennifer Story
Ward 15, Toronto-Danforth



2019-20 Information



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Your School Superintendent
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Learning Centre 4
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PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 2, 2019
Board-wide PA Day	October 11, 2019
Thanksgiving	October 14, 2019
Board-wide PA Day	November 15, 2019
Board-wide PA Day	December 6, 2019
Winter Break	December 23, 2019 to January 3, 2020 (inclusive). Last day of school is December 20, 2019. School resumes January 6, 2020
Elementary PA Day	January 17, 2020
Secondary PA Day - (Semestered Schools only)	January 30, 2020*
Board-wide PA Day	February 14, 2020
Family Day	February 17, 2020
March Break	March 16 to 20, 2020
Good Friday	April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	May 18, 2020
Elementary School PA Day	June 5, 2020
Secondary School PA Day (Full Year Schools only)	June 24, 2020*
Secondary School PA Day	June 25, 2020
Board-wide PA Day	June 26, 2020

*The first day of second semester is January 31, 2020. Secondary school calendar includes a PA day for semestered schools only on January 30, 2020 and a PA Day for full-year schools only on June 24, 2020.

Please make note of the following [2019-2020 Days of Significance](#). You may also find the [Days of Significance Resource Guide](#) helpful.

Know what's happening at the TDSB!

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 @tdsb
 toronto.dsb
 tdsb.on.ca

Parent Concern Protocol

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Classroom Teacher

Step One

If you have any questions or concerns, the first person to go to is your classroom teacher. The classroom teacher can help with:

- Any questions about the classroom
- Classroom rules and consequences
- Homework and assignments

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School Principal

Step Two

If you would like more information or you have questions that are beyond the classroom, the school principal can help.

- Concerns about an individual school
- Student registration
- Student schedules
- Student suspensions
- Report card concerns
- Classroom concerns
- Code of Conduct
- Safety and security
- Budget and fundraising
- School Council

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School Superintendents

Step Three

Superintendents are responsible for a Network of Schools. They support school staff and can be contacted if you have questions that have not been answered or for help with:

- Alternate attendance request
- Suspension appeals

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Trustees

Step Four

Trustees are your elected community officials. They are available to help you with the following areas of the TDSB:

- Concerns about your community
- Ideas and suggestions for the Board
- Items on Board Agenda
- Board policies under review
- Board budget
- Collective bargaining

Board Office

You can contact the Board Office directly for any questions or concerns related to:

- Continuing Education
- Night and summer school
- Adult education
- ESL
- Board documents

Phone: 416-397-3000 • Email: GeneralInquiries@TDSB.on.ca



SickKids CCMH offers a variety of different topics relevant to community parents and focuses on concerns that children and youth may be dealing with. These parent education workshops are free to attend, and offered at both our location sites, Sheppard and Maitland. Presently, they occur monthly, and registration is required.

[Enhancing cooperation and connecting emotionally](#) (*parents of young children six and under)

October 24, 2019

114 Maitland St., 6 to 8 p.m.

[Talking with your teen about suicide and self harm](#) (*parents of teenagers)

October 30, 2019

1645 Sheppard Ave., 6 to 8 p.m.

[Fostering self-regulation in children: A practical approach for parents](#) (*parents of children 5 to 10 years)

November 5, 2019

1645 Sheppard Ave., 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

[How to validate so your teen will talk](#) (*parents of teenagers)

November 13, 2019

114 Maitland St., 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Child care is available. [Please use this link for more information.](#)

Around the School

This year, to strengthen our Kinder Kinder community in Room 6 we will be practicing together how to show the Golden Rule--Treat others as you wish to be treated. Charlotte, SK explains, "I can share a toy." She has also shared multiple times she can offer to help a sad friend feel better.

First we read *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds to encourage their creative spirit. Then, each student was given paint in the three primary colours (i.e., red, yellow, blue). They explored colour mixing while creating marks using a variety of tools, including big Lego-inspired building bricks and popsicle sticks. This one is called "Square Dot" by Lorcan, JK.

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/825377.The_Dot

-Mme Wong and Ms. Teves



Mme Dupont's students are learning about climate change:



Co-learning with Analiese from Mr. Naimji's grade 8 class helping out Ms. Vavala's grade 2/3 students!

