



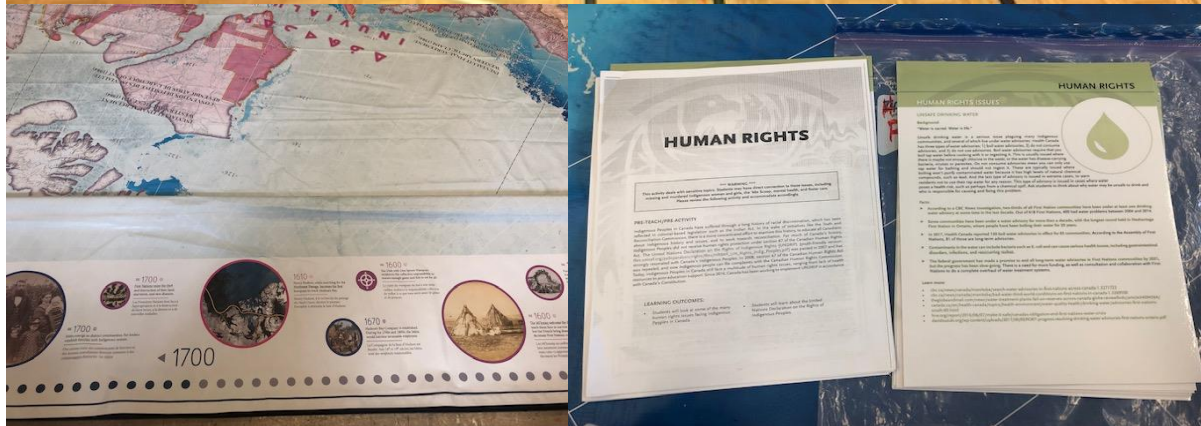
Focus on Fairglen

FEBRUARY 2020

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

January has been a busy month. As always our school is committed to teaching and learning and instilling in our students an intrinsic sense of school spirit and pride. During the week of January 14, we were one of the fortunate schools to have a 'classroom sized' map of Indigenous treaties, territories, and historical timeline arrive for our students to use. The map was soooo large it needed two teachers to unroll and roll back up again at the end of each morning; it filled the gymnasium floor! Our students were fully engaged in the learning process, as the map allowed for students to 'walk' it in sock feet and interact with its contents in a kinesthetic way. While the map is meant for all grades to use, an example of a Gr 2 lesson might be during the Homes unit. Students read various Indigenous books and then find on the map which area the book is from, or walk around the map and have students look for water. Students can use tissue paper to cover certain parts of the map and use rope/string for migration patterns. See these photos to get a sense of its largeness and the content.





Term 1 Provincial Reporting

Parent-Teacher interviews are scheduled for Friday, February 14, 2020. **Friday, February 14 is a P.A. Day and there is no school for students.** Please see the letter sent to all TDSB elementary families on January 29, 2020 for more details about Report Cards and Reporting to Parents.

As always, for ongoing labour updates, please visit the [TDSB website](https://www.tdsb.org) and follow [@tdsb](https://twitter.com/tdsb) on Twitter.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found items collected since the Winter Break will be laid out on a table in the front hall outside the office during the week of February 10th. Students will be encouraged to walk by this table either at lunch, recess or with their class to reclaim any items that belong to them. Parents, please encourage your children to reclaim their lost items. The lost and found items are being donated to a local charity as of Tuesday, February 18th.

February is Chinese Heritage Month at the TDSB

"A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark." ~ Chinese proverb

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize Chinese Heritage Month (CHM) during the month of February and the theme of TDSB's Chinese Heritage Month is Year of the Rat: Intelligent, Wise, Charming, Social, & Ambitious.

Chinese-Canadians recognize Lunar New year on Saturday, January 25. Lunar New Year is also known as the Spring Festival and begins with the first moon of the lunar calendar and ends on the first full moon of the lunar calendar 15 days later.

During this month, we celebrate the energetic culture and traditions of the Chinese community with students, staff and community members of the Toronto District School Board and the City of Toronto. Our school celebrated the Lunar New Year with a school parade through the halls lead by the Kindergarten classes.

February is African Heritage Month at the TDSB

February is African Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board. It is an occasion to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Peoples of African Descent to Canada and the world. The chosen theme for 2019-2020 is "UBUNTU: I am because we are" which is derived from the Nguni Bantu term in Southern Africa. UBUNTU is a South African term used by the Zulu community that represents an ethic of African traditional life. The philosophy of UBUNTU realizes that everything is interconnected; "everything that I do has an effect on you and your well-being and everything that you do has an effect on me and my well-being."

A poster to reflect the theme, "UBUNTU: I am because we are" was created by students from Downsview Secondary School under the leadership of their teacher, Matthew Chapman. It was shared with all schools across the Toronto District School Board. It was designed with the following five principles presented in this painting:
Umoja (unity) the tattoo.Kujichagulia (self-determination) the word was used to create the textile for one of the shirts.Nia (purpose) the logo on the shoe.Kuumba (creativity) the logo on the shirt.Imani (faith) the brand tag on the hijab

These principles are further explored in more subtle ways:
The interconnected hands of the figures: UnityThe cheetah, which adds an element of surprise and wonder, but fully

represents the traditional symbol for keenness of sight and vision for the future. In ancient Egypt cheetahs were also kept by royalty for these reasons. (Self-determination and purpose)The eagle is an African symbol for Victory, as well and vision and leadership (Purpose and unity).Nia (purpose) as it appears on the shoe, to show direction and purpose in where we are heading. Imani (faith) on a garment that represents a connection to faith, and a confidence in identity.The inclusion of animals adds a sense of connectedness, not only to each other, but to the earth, and to all creation as a whole.



Home-School Communication Through Social Media

In ongoing efforts to engage our community through social media, we continue to post photos on our school Twitter account for Fairglen Jr.PS. Through Twitter, we keep our community informed about upcoming events, extra-curriculars, special activities, assemblies, classroom and school happenings. To view our tweets please use the following sign in and password:

Sign In: @FairglenJrPS

You can also view our School Council monthly minutes, as well as School Newsletters through our school website at: <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/fairglen/> or through the TDSB website.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration Begins in February!

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child at our school in September.

To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four-years-old by December 31. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five-years-old by December 31. You may choose to register in person at the school or begin the process online.

For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

Fairglen will have a Kindergarten registration day on Friday, February 14, 2020 between 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please bring 2 proofs of address (current mail), student identification (birth certificate/passport, new Canadian documentation). Please see the flyer attached.

Yours sincerely,
Lisa Zwicker, Principal

Raising Money for Australia's Wildlife!

It has been an incredible couple of weeks working with a group of grade 5 & 6 student who approached their teachers concerned about what is happening in Australia, and in particular what is happening to Australia's wildlife. They asked if they could run a fundraiser to support the animals of Australia. We praised their initiative and reached out to Wildlife Victoria which is a not for profit emergency response service to assist native wildlife in Australia.

This year is my first year at the school and I have had the opportunity to work with a group of willing and creative students. These hardworking and dedicated students organized three different events. These students organized who would write out announcements, present announcements, made posters and displayed them. The first event they planned was a two day, arcade recess. For a couple weeks the students got together at recess time to create games that the students would be able to play. We admire each student for their determination to complete these games for our students within the school. The second was a bake sale. The same dedicated students, made plans to bake or buy item they can sell at the bake sale. Lastly, they wanted to organize a raffle. I was able to get an abundant amount of donated items for the raffle. The raffle will be taking place on Thursday February 13th 2020.

I wanted to personally thank each of the students who gave up their recesses to come together for such an important cause. Your hard work and determination has resulted in collecting and being able to donate \$803.10 (this number might change Monday if we are selling more cookies) to Wildlife Victoria. Here at Fairglen JPS we are so proud of each of you for taking on an important project, by collaborating, creating, using critical thinking and problem solving.

Keep you the drive and determination to express your leadership and promote Global Competency skills.

Mrs. Alvis
(Child and Youth Worker)





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Junior & New Senior Kindergarten Registration for September 2020

Friday February 14 - 8:30am - 2:00pm

If you are unavailable on these days please call the school to schedule a later appointment date.

First Come First Serve

If you live in our catchment area and wish to register your child (born in the year 2014) in our Junior Kindergarten program for September 2020, please bring with you the following original documents:

1. **2 Proofs of Address** - i.e. your current lease agreement or tax bill, utility bill, bank statement, etc. with your name and address. Sorry not Driver's License.
2. **Proof of Age** -such as a birth certificate or passport
3. **Proof of Citizenship** -such as birth certificate, passport, Record of Landing, or Permanent Resident Card
4. **Verification of date of arrival, if your child was not born in Canada.**
Families who are permanent residents and refugee claimants may register directly at the school. Children without immigration status are welcome in our schools and information about them or their families will not be shared with immigration authorities. To register, please visit the International Programs and Admissions Office at 5050 Yonge Street, Toronto, for a TDSB school admission letter.
5. **Proof of Custody** (if there are custody issues)

Please note: If your child is already in our Junior Kindergarten program, you do not need to register for Senior Kindergarten. Please pass this information along to any neighbour who may have children eligible for registration.



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Dates to Remember

February 10: Snack Shack – lollipops – 1 for \$.25 or 5 for \$1

February 13: Pasta Lunch

February 14: P.A. DAY – no school for students

February 14: scheduled parent/teacher interviews

February 14: Kindergarten Registration (see attached flyer)

February 17: Family Day – no school

February 21: Alpha Rhythm Roots Performance – Highlighting African Drumming

February 27: Multicultural Pot Luck Dinner organized by our School Council

February 28: SPIRIT DAY – Red & White

March 4: Snack Shack – popcorn - \$1.25 ea

March 13: Sushi Lunch

March 16 – 20: MARCH BREAK – no school

March 24, 25 & 26: Dental Screening

March 27: SPIRIT DAY – Red & White

April 7: Snack Shack – cookies

April 8: Day of Pink

April 9: Patty Lunch

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