



# FRANKLAND'S NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back! January is Tamil Heritage Month

## Important Dates and Events



Jan 19th - PA Day

Jan 22nd - LunchBox Orders ([Subway/](#)  
[Burger's Priest](#))

Jan 23rd - Last Day to Preorder for Pizza for  
Gr. 4-6 Movie Night

Jan 24th - Pizza Lunch

Jan 26th - Movie Night for Gr. 4-6 (Doors  
open at 6pm)

## School Council Meeting

All meetings being at 7:30 pm in the  
Library

Wednesday, Feb 14th, 2024

Wednesday, Mar 20th, 2024

Wednesday, April 16th, 2024

Wednesday, May 15th, 2024

Wednesday, June 12th, 2024



## Falcon Highlights

### Library Renewal Project



Frankland's library renewal project is underway! We are grateful for the support of our Frankland Community and Parent Council, who voted in favour of supporting this project with funding for new furniture and several shelving units.

The library is the biggest classroom in our school; a place where we can come together as a community. It's exciting to make this space more inviting for fostering a love of reading, and to consider how we might make more dynamic use of the space: for assemblies, student presentations, workshops, and as a STEM space. New modular seating, as well as moveable tables and shelving units will allow for a more flexible use of the space. Other board updates will include carpeting and removal of some obstructive posts. We will be sure to document this process along the way, share photos and celebrate the transformation as a community.

## Athletics



### Winter Sports 2024

There are so many exciting things happening at Frankland during the winter months. Here is a list:

Grade 6 Girls Volleyball: 2 teams will be created

Grade 6 Boys Basketball: 2 teams will be created

Grade 4/5 Volleyball House League

Ice Hockey: Grade 4-6

Swim Team: Grade 4-6

The dates and times for these events are populated in the calendar on the Frankland Athletics link sticker below. Make sure you Falcons don't miss it!

**Go Falcons Go!**



### *(Falcon Highlights cont'd)*

In addition to updating the physical space, we will also be reviewing our library collection. The library will be closed next week as our teacher-librarian Ms. Kalt works with library technicians and program coordinators from the TDSB's Library Learning Resources department to review materials.

Students are most readily engaged in reading when the collection is visually appealing and in good condition, up-to-date and reflective of their needs, interests and lived experiences. We also review the collection to determine whether materials related to the curriculum are current and accurate. Materials that are damaged, or dated and no longer accurate or relevant to the curriculum will be removed from the collection. This will help to highlight our many wonderful resources and make them more accessible to students. It will also help to identify gaps in our collection and prioritize spending.

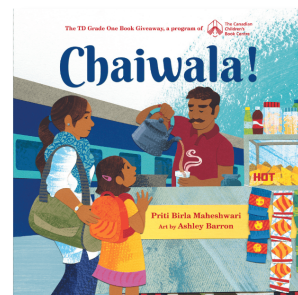


We look forward to a Book Fair in early March. An event like this is a great way to ignite enthusiasm and build a community of readers as a school.

Participation in our Book Fair will also help put new books on our library shelves. More to come on this soon! Thank you for your support.

### Grade One Book Giveaway from TD Bank Group

Falcons in Grade 1 will benefit from TD Bank's annual book giveaway program that is intended to encourage literacy reading for young children. This year, all students in Grade 1 will take home a free book called ***Chaiwala*** written by Priti Birla Maheshwarie, illustrated by Ashley Barron and published by Owlkids Books. The title is a part of a curated list of Canadian literature that supports the Canadian Children's Book Centre's mandate of bringing great Canadian books to Canadian children and to promote a love of reading and a passion for book. If you have any questions regarding the 2023 program, please contact Meghan Howe at [bookgiveaway@bookcentre.ca](mailto:bookgiveaway@bookcentre.ca)



## Health and Safety

### Dressing Kindies for Warm Weather

Due to this cold front, teachers are reminding parents and caregivers to dress Kindies warmly! The extra layers and winter accessories keep all those little bits and pieces toasty during their outdoor recesses. Typically, the little ones are out from 12:45-1:40 pm, sometimes until 2 pm.

Please ensure that children are coming to school with:

- A warm winter coat
- Insulated winter boots
- An extra warm layer underneath (sweaters, hoodies, long sleeves, etc.)
- Snow pants and/or double layers (sweat pants)
- A hat
- A neck warmer or scarf
- Mittens or gloves

Have any extra winter accessories or coats that you were thinking of donating? Ask the Kindergarten teachers to see if they need any extras for their classrooms, in case any little people forgot theirs, they can use them!



## News You Can Use

### High Performing Athlete Programs - Application Process

The High Performing Athlete Programs provide academic programming and flexible scheduling for students-athletes who are involved in provincial, national or international level training and competition.

In order to meet the demands of intense training schedules, these programs provide more flexible timetables to balance school with out of school commitments, so that athletes can strive for both academic and athletic excellence. Additionally, special consideration is given for school missed as a result of competition.

The application, which opened in the first week of January, will remain open until January 31, 2024. Should spaces remain available after that time, the application will be re-opened later in the Spring for student-athletes who qualify at a later date. Moving forward, the application is intended to remain open for continuous intake, where space is available, to meet the needs of newly eligible student-athletes.

More details about the programs and the link to the online application can be found on the [High Performing Athlete Program Website](#).

### Out-of-Area Admissions

The online applications for Elementary and Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions went live, Monday January 8, 2024.

- Students have the opportunity to access schools outside of the school that is designated to serve their residential address.
- Acceptance at these schools is subject to space availability.
- Transportation is the responsibility of the applicant.

Interested applicants can learn more about school's status from the main [Out-of-Area Admissions website](#) and the Out-of-Area Admissions priorities from the [Out-of-Area Admissions Random Selection Priorities website](#).

[Elementary Out-of-Area Admissions Website](#)

## Wellness Corner

### 2023-2024 Winter Well-Being Guide from Professional Support Services

The 2023-2024 Winter Well-Being Guide is filled with activities, games, wellness tips, identity affirming resources and community agencies to support wellness for all students, caregivers/guardians, families, and school communities over the winter months!



Created by Professional Support Services Staff who are part of the Mental Health and Well-Being Committee, the TDSB Mental Health Leads and the System Leader for Mental Health and Professional Support Services, this Guide provides accessible resources and has been translated into the top 20 TDSB spoken languages. This Guide can be accessed here:

[2023-2024 Winter Well-Being Guide](#)

#### In this Guide..

Supports for Mental Health and Well-Being

TDSB Professional Support Services Mental Health and Well-Being Winter Programs

Supports and Resources for Youth

Winter Programs and Activities for Child/Youth

Ideas for Keeping my Child/Youth Active this Winter

Resources for My Child/Youth with Special/Complex Needs

TDSB Resources for Mental Health and Well-Being

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Application Window: January 8 - 31, 2024

Offers Made: February 26 and March 1, 2024

[Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions Website](#)

Application Window: January 8 - 26, 2024

Offers Made: February 7, 14 and 21, 2024

New this year, students currently studying in person wishing to switch to Virtual Learning for September 2024 apply through Out-of-Area Admissions for either “Virtual Learning Elementary” or “Virtual Secondary School”. For more details about this process, please visit the [Virtual Learning Q & A](#).

More details, resources and timelines can be found on our [Out-of-Area Admissions Internal website](#).

### Salat in Secret: Love and Belonging in Community Spaces

The Islamic Heritage Month Committee, in partnership with the Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Department, is offering students (Grades K-8), families, and staff the opportunity to attend the virtual session of Salat in Secret: Love and Belonging in Community Spaces.

Two sessions are available, one for staff and students and one for families/guardians/caregivers, both will be offered on Monday, January 29, 2024.

Both sessions commemorate the National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia.

Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow, critically acclaimed author of *Your Name is a Song* and many other celebrated children's books, will engage TDSB students, along with their caregivers and families, in an interactive storytelling session focused on courage, conviction and the importance of prayer spaces. The session is designed for students in Grades 4-8, who will attend with staff during the day, and/or for students in Grades K-8 with families



## Updates from the School Trustee

### January Update from Trustee Sara Ehrhardt

*I am hoping this first update of 2024 finds everyone well.*

*January already feels like it is in full swing! I'm including here several meetings and opportunities for engagement that are taking place in upcoming days and weeks.*

*In particular, the [province's Budget consultations](#) are open until January 31, and I would strongly encourage everyone here to make a written submission noting that you would like to see significant and increased funding to public education.*

*At the TDSB, I am anticipating some important discussions, including:*

*Public consultation on admissions to DanforthCTI and other schools with legacy commercial and technical admissions boundaries,*

*A report on efforts to reduce respiratory illness in schools, stemming from a motion last August where I requested this report.*

*An update on the school board's deficit and financial status*

*I'm sending on wishes for a 2024 that moves us closer to a shared vision of peace, education, and wellbeing for all.*

*- Sara Ehrhardt*

TDSB Trustee, Toronto-Danforth



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and caregivers during the evening. [Please register here if you are interested.](#)

### Virtual Learning

The TDSB will continue to offer students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 the option for virtual learning in the 2024 - 2025 school year. Elementary Virtual Learning classes will continue to be hosted at local schools. Secondary students will attend Virtual Secondary School.

Regular programs and Intensive Support Programs (ISPs) depending on viable programming and where there is available space, will be offered in elementary and secondary Virtual Learning.

French Immersion, Extended French, LEAP, Alternative Schools, and Student Interest Programs continue to be available in-person only. For more information, please refer to the [2024 - 25 Virtual Learning, Internal Q & A](#).

## Community Connections

### PIAC's 17th Annual Conference

The success of schools and students rely on the important roles of parents, guardians and the community. To get involved on a broader level, the TDSB offers an annual conference where parents, guardians and community members can learn how to make a difference and have their voices heard. The Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) is holding its 17th Annual Conference in person on Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Earl Haig Secondary School. To register, please visit [here](#) in the next week or two for more information.



## Did You Know: About Tamil Heritage Month?

### January is Tamil Heritage Month

Tamil Heritage Month is proudly recognized during the month of January at the TDSB since January 2016.

This year the theme for Tamil Heritage Month is: **Community. Belonging. Joy - சமூகம் சார்ந்த சந்தோசம்** Belonging comes with a sense of acceptance and inclusion for who you are, and there is great joy that comes from knowing you belong within any given community. This year's Tamil Heritage Month theme was selected to highlight that joy and belonging, and is intentionally aligned with one of the TDSB's priorities - Joy, Engagement and Belonging. The poster below created by a TDSB student was submitted to reflect this year's theme.

Toronto has the largest Tamil population outside of the South Asian subcontinent with thousands of TDSB students and staff members who identify as Tamil. The importance of building awareness, creating a strong self and collective identities, and understanding one's own roots and rights are important objectives of the Tamil Heritage Month volunteer planning committee.

To mark Tamil Heritage Month at the TDSB in January, various educational opportunities will be offered to students to learn about the history, culture, and traditions.

For more on this topic, please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Media/News/Happenings-TDSB/ArtMID/3197/ArticleID/1742/Tamil-Heritage-Month-at-the-TDSB---January-2023>



## Lunch Programs

### Lunchbox Orders During Inclement Weather

For families who participate in the Monday Lunch Orders from Lunchbox, please note that if a scheduled lunch delivery needs to be cancelled due to bus cancellation or school closure, then the following will happen: Frankland will notify food vendors that the lunch orders for that day are cancelled by 8:00 a.m. and a credit will be issued to the applicable parent/guardian users' Lunchbox account within 3 business days.

### Kids Card Club - Free Printmaking Art Club is Back!

Sign up for this term's Kids Card Club for Grades 4-6 students! The club begins Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024 at lunchtime (11:30 am - 12:35 pm). Students bring their lunch and eat with the club, then they will create linoleum prints and stamp on cards. Kids Card Club is free and instructed by artist Amy Bond. Returning Card Club members must sign up again, and the group welcomes new students. [Please sign up here](#) and visit the [Kids Card Club Website](#) for more information.



Photo Above: Kids Card Club kids proudly showing off their designs from last session

## School Council

### Frankland Fun Fair

Plans are underway for the annual Frankland Fun Fair. It takes a village to pull off this memorable day and we are looking for parents and caregivers to join in the planning fun!

## Fun for Falcons

### Best Tobogganing Hills in the East End

With rain and above average temperatures during the holidays, families couldn't see any evidence of winter. Now, all those dreams of tobogganing down snow covered hills can come true! Our community is familiar with the popular slopes in Riverdale Park and Withrow park. But have you ventured out with your saucer?

Manifest your sledding dreams by speeding (safely) down one of the following hills that have been voted as 'the best' by [familyfuncanada.com](http://familyfuncanada.com).

#### Fairmount Park

Located in the Upper Beaches, this park has an uninterrupted hill with a long exit and a playground for when kids need a break.

Where: 1725 Gerrard St. East

#### Glen Stewart Park

For one of the most picturesque rides around, head over to this ravine park tucked away in the Beach neighbourhood. The sledding area is a valley so you can treat it like a half-pipe: go down one way and up the other!

Where: 351 Glen Manor Drive

#### Greenwood Park

This park is home to some of the best winter activities; a covered rink, skating path and an obstacle-free sledding hill with a large flat area at the bottom so kids can safely glide to a natural stop.

Where: 150 Greenwood Ave.



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There are roles for every interest and time commitment.

- Do you have a business and would like to donate to the event? Or know of someone who might be? Many opportunities are available to support the cost of the rentals and activities.
- Are you interested in joining the planning committee? It's fun and social.
- Do you have a special talent that you can share with us at the Fair? Juggling? Face Painting? Caricature Drawing?



If YES, then we would love to hear from you. Please email the Fun Fair organizing committee at:

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Rosemary McDougall - [rosemary.a.mcdougall@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.a.mcdougall@gmail.com)

## Featured Falcons

We are looking for Falcons to feature!

All Falcons who are interested in submitting **Creative Writing** or **Artwork** for Frankland's Newsletter are invited to email the Frankland Press, Bo Karantjas at [bosan.karantjas@gmail.com](mailto:bosan.karantjas@gmail.com). As a Featured Falcon your work will be published in the newsletter and students will receive a hard copy of that issue.



Falcons of all ages can be featured!  
We highly encourage any writing work or drawings, please send it our way!

*Thank you for reading!*