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NEWSLETTER



Dear George Peck Families,

I can't believe we just ended our second month of School! We continue to stay safe and healthy. Now that the weather is getting colder, please consider sending your child(ren) to school in layers and dressed for the weather, ready for outdoor play. Labeling their clothes really helps when they leave them outside.

The Parent Advisory Council met on Wednesday October 26th, 2022. School Council welcomes any parent/guardian who would like to participate in the meetings. The students benefit from the hard work of the School Council and their fundraising efforts. The staff appreciates the hard work and great contribution the School Council makes. Parent Council would like to thank you for your "Fresh from the Farm" purchases. We sold many bundles of fresh apples and vegetables. Our first Pizza Lunch was great! We are looking to have another one in November. Remember you have to pay on School Cash Online! Please look for the email from School Cash Online for the orders. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the parent council at SC.GeorgePeckPS@tdsb.on.ca Our next meeting is Monday, November 28th at 6:30 pm.

Our nutrition program is well under way and our students are enjoying a nutritious snack daily. Thank you so much to our Nutrition Co-ordinator, Ms. Olena Pluskas, and the volunteers who help. We couldn't do this without you! Please think about supporting the nutrition program by donating. Any amount over \$10 will receive a tax receipt (if requested). Your donation will go a long way in supporting the healthy eating of our students.

School picture **retake** day is Friday November 3rd, 2022. We will also be taking group class photos on this day!

Progress Reports and the Kindergarten Communication of Learning go home on Monday, November 14th. Interviews will be held in person or over the telephone. You will have an opportunity to schedule your appointment with the teacher by email starting Tuesday November 8, 2022. Please look for this information. A reminder, there is no school for students on November 18th, 2022.

Finally, as you know, each month we have a Spirit Day to add a little extra fun to the school day. In November, it will be "Super Hero" Day, Friday, November 4th, 2022.

Don't forget to visit our website <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/georgepeck> where you can get all the information provided in the newsletters...and more!

Enjoy an extra hour Sunday, November 6th, when you turn your clocks back one hour! L. De Medeiros

Remembrance Day- Friday November 11

This year for Remembrance Day we will have a short assembly to honour those who fought in wars around the world. Feel free to join us! If you would like to make a donation to the legion, please send it with your child to school on that day. Each child will receive a poppy from the Legion.



George Peck hosted a successful Scholastic Book Fair from October 17-20, 2022. Thank you to all the families who participated and purchased books for their children. All purchases made at our Book Fair, benefit our school library. Thanks for supporting our readers!

George Peck Library & Makerspace (google.com)



- Remain outside the school at entry and dismissal times. Do NOT enter the parking lot.
- Yard supervision does not begin until 8:40 in the morning and at 12:30 at lunch; please do not send your child to school before those times unless they are part of a supervised activity
- When driving your child to school or picking your child up, do not enter the school parking lot, and please be respectful of the school bus loading zones and street signs
- If you need to pick up your child before the end of the school day, please send a note to your child's teacher or call the office. We need to be able to account for the whereabouts of all our students
- Call for an appointment if you wish to speak with your child's teacher or with the principal
- If your child is biking/scooting/skateboarding to school, please ensure that s/he follows the law and wears a helmet, locks their bikes on the bike rack and bring scooters into Ms. DeMedeiros' office. No bikes/scooters or skateboards are allowed on the back of the school yard for safety reasons
- Please pick up your child promptly at dismissal times – we cannot provide supervision for children in the school at lunch or after school unless your child is in an activity
- Please remind your child to never walk through our parking lot – it's a busy place and not safe for pedestrians

For more information, please visit: [Early French Immersion](#), [Virtual & In-Person Information Sessions](#) or the [Application Process](#).

Thank you for your continued cooperation to keep your children safe and accounted for.



Hallowe'en Safety Tips

Hallowe'en provides an opportunity for parents and children to spend time together creating costumes, carving pumpkins, planning trick or treat activities and participating in family parties. Hallowe'en is a big event at schools and provides opportunities for parties, creative activities, art programs and impromptu history lessons. Hallowe'en is also a time for students, parents, and schools to take extra care to ensure safety and security.

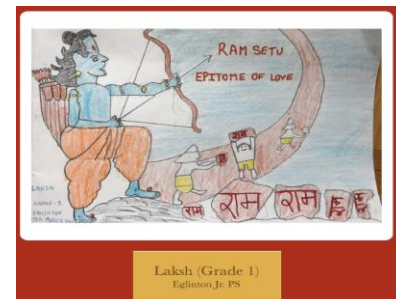
TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY

If parents are concerned about trick or treating, here are some basic safety rules to follow:

- Children should NEVER eat any treats until parents have had a chance to go through them and inspect them. Parents should look for tampering of packages and discard any they believe to be unsafe or unknown.
- Have your child carry a flashlight.
- NEVER go into a stranger's house.
- NEVER trick or treat with people you do not know.
- Trick or treat only at homes you know.
- Children should always stay in groups if no parent is present.
- Younger children should ALWAYS be accompanied by an older person.
- Accompany your child when trick or treating.
- If you can not accompany your child then know the route your child will take.
- Flame resistant (retardant) costumes are in order. Keep costumes short and remind children to stay away from pumpkins with candles in them.
- Remind children to stay away from pets they do not know.
- Remind children of road safety rules. Cross only at corners. Do not criss-cross the road. Go up one side of the road and down the other side. Never cross between parked cars. Walk facing on-coming traffic if there is no sidewalk.
- If adults are driving their children, drive slowly, with lights on and be cautious when pulling to the side of the road.
- Children should wear their own shoes when trick or treating. Wearing costume shoes/boots can be dangerous and uncomfortable.
- Remind children that not everyone celebrates Hallowe'en, and to avoid any homes that have no lights on. Also remind children not to run through neighbour's yards or gardens.
- With older children, be sure to know what other events (such as parties) they plan on attending.
- Set time limits when children should return home.

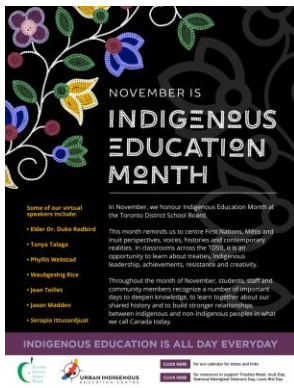
Hindu Heritage Month at the TDSB

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is proud to recognize Hindu Heritage Month during the month of November as the Board of Trustees voted to pass a motion in April 2018 mark this time. On December 8th, 2016, the Province of Ontario passed the Hindu Heritage Month Act by declaring that the month of November in each year is proclaimed as Hindu Heritage Month.



The [Hindu Heritage Month Act](#) states, *Ontario is home to a large and vibrant Hindu community. Since the first Hindu immigrants arrived in Canada at the beginning of the 20th century, Hindu Canadians from across Ontario have made significant contributions across all fields: science, education, medicine, law, politics, business, culture and sports. Hindu Canadians have helped build Ontario into the multicultural success story that it is and have helped to build this province into the best place to live, work and raise families. They continue to help foster growth, prosperity and innovation throughout Ontario.*

Hinduism is one of the oldest living religions which have flourished for over 10,000 years. It is an occasion to recognize and celebrate the rich tapestry of traditions, teachings and values that are integral to Hinduism and practiced by millions around the world today. November is an opportunity to celebrate the Hindu way of life, examine its impact and contributions to the world culture, and recognize values which promote compassion, tolerance, and inclusion.



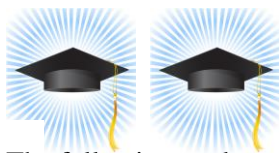
November is Indigenous Education Month at the TDSB

In November, we honour Indigenous Education Month at the TDSB. This month reminds us to centre First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives, histories and contemporary realities. In classrooms across the TDSB, it is an opportunity to learn about treaties, Indigenous leadership, achievements, and resistance.

Over the course of this month, students, staff and community members recognize a number of important days to deepen knowledge, to learn together about our shared history, and to build stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada.

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Days of Significance

Over the course of November, students, staff and community members recognize a number of important days to deepen knowledge and to build stronger relationships between non-Indigenous and Indigenous peoples in Canada. This includes Treaty Recognition Week (Nov. 2–6), Inuit Day (Nov. 7), Aboriginal Veterans' Day (Nov. 8), Louis Riel Day (Nov. 16). Follow [@UIEC_tdsb](https://twitter.com/UIEC_tdsb).



Student of the Month



The following students have been recognized by their teachers for demonstrating October's character attribute: **Responsibility**.

Mrs. O'Neill & Ms. Chamseddine	Rayhan A., Jaxson W., Karnish B.
Ms. Tuchner & Ms. Edghill	Ioanna T., Pryor G.
Ms Grigoriadis	Lincoln G., Kinza M.
Mr. Moss	Nisa C., Antonia V.
Ms. Ali	Mya-Eve M., Evangelos Q.
Ms. Russell	Benjamin P-N., Gigi G.
Mr. Koch	Laura T., Muhammad A.
Mr. Makki	Eliana Y.
Mr. Stevens	Sotiris A., Alexandra K.
Ms. Huang/Ms. Ismail	Carlos A., Valentina S.
Ms. Trivedi	Zain R., Laibah K.
Ms. Bunting	Jonathan M-C., Tyler B., Issam A.
Ms. Selvadurai	Wenchang H. (Gr.3)
Ms. Lockwood- PE/STEM	Michaela Y. (Gr. 1), Emilia H. (Gr. 3)
Ms. Huang- MUSIC	Emilia H. (Gr. 3), Zaiyanah A (Gr.5)
Mr. Des Rosiers- FRENCH	Daniel A. (Gr.7), Karim R., Elise L. (Gr.8)

In November, we will be recognizing students who demonstrate the character attribute of **EMPATHY**.

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DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE NOVEMBER 2022

01	All Saints Day	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox & Western
01	Samhain*	Wicca/Pagan
01 – 06	Treaty Week (First Week of November)	Ontario Government
02	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I	Rastafarian Holy Day
07	Inuit Day	Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada
08	Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti Birthday	Sikhism
08	National Indigenous Veterans' Day	Indigenous Peoples – Veteran Affairs Cdn.
11	Remembrance Day	Canadian Government
14	World Diabetes Day	World Health Organization
15	Descending Day of Lord Buddha	Buddhism
16	Louis Riel Day	Métis Association of Ontario
20	International Transgender Day of Remembrance	Gwendolyn A. Smith, US Trans Advocate
20	Universal Children's Day	United Nations
21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity :Eastern Orthodox & Western
24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism
25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	United Nations
26	Day of the Covenant*	Baha'i
26	National Holodomor Memorial Day ¹	Ukrainian Canadian Congress
27 – Dec 24	Advent	Christianity
To Be Announced	Lokasha Jayanti	Jainism

¹ Recognized on the 4th Saturday each November - TDSB recognition is on the preceding Friday, November 25th