



Co-operation is our April Character Attribute

Sikh Heritage Month
Genocide Awareness Month

1 Passover
2 World Autism Day
3 Good Friday
6 Easter Monday
7 World Health Day WHO
8 International Day of Pink
9 Gr 5 Grad Photo Day
14 Vaisahki (Tamil & Sikh New Year) Taoist
22 Earth Day UN
23 Yonge Street Van Attack Remembrance Day
23 Open House
23 UKE Day
24 Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day
24 Pizza Lunch
25 Feast of St. Mark
27 – May 32 National Volunteer Week
28 National Day of Mourning in Canada
28 – 30 Dental Screening

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Dear Parents/ Guardians/ Caregivers:

This month is filled with meaningful and exciting activities for our school community. From World Autism Day to Pink T-Shirt Day, we have many opportunities to come together in support of important causes. On April 8th, we will be hosting activities that promote unity, inclusion, and anti-bullying awareness. These social justice initiatives help strengthen our sense of community and reinforce our shared commitment to supporting one another.

At Gledhill, these values are embedded in our daily learning. Our Spirit Squad and all the grade 5's will be hosting a Bake Sale on April 9th in the afternoon. They will be helping raise awareness and encourage understanding about bullying and homophobia. Most importantly, we are proud of the confidence, growth, and sense of belonging our students demonstrate each day. We strive to ensure that every student feels safe, valued, and proud to be part of our school. This growth reflects the core values of equity and inclusion upheld across the TDSB and throughout Canada. Thank you to our dedicated staff and families for continuing to model empathy, compassion, and kindness.

April also brings many important dates and events. Passover begins on April 1st, followed by the Easter weekend from April 3rd to 6th. Grad Photo Day will take place on April 9th, and Earth Day will be celebrated on April 22nd. We are especially excited to host our Open House, Voices of the Land: Exploring Indigenous Perspectives and Environmental Stewardship 2.0, on April 23rd from 2:10–3:10 p.m. Families are invited to visit classrooms, explore student learning, and drop in as they wish. A formal invitation with more details will be sent home soon.

We are also thrilled to see so many students participating in extracurricular activities. Whether it's the Mad Science Program, Choir, Ukulele practice or the Mental health Ambassadors there are engaging opportunities available every day at lunch. These programs are an important part of what makes our school such a vibrant and supportive place to learn.

It's truly an honour to serve the students, staff and community at Gledhill Jr PS.

Sincerely,

Peppi Kondilis-Minos

Sikh Heritage Month

Our school is pleased to join the TDSB in recognizing Sikh Heritage Month this April. This year's theme, *Sangat atey Seva – Community and Service*, invites us to learn about the values of community, inclusion, and selfless service that are central to Sikh heritage. Throughout the month, students and families are encouraged to learn more about Sikh traditions, stories, and contributions through classroom discussions and available resources. [Learn more.](#)

Elementary Summer School

The Elementary Literacy and Math Summer School Program provides students with an opportunity to continue learning during the summer. The program offers gap-closing instruction to further develop reading, writing and mathematical skills for students who are not yet meeting curriculum standards, while also building their interest and self-confidence in preparation for the return to school in September. [Learn more here.](#)

Programs are offered in-person to TDSB students. A select number of sites will offer Kindergarten to Grade 8, while others will offer Grades 6 to 8 only. A remote program is available for students in Grades 6 to 8.

Program Dates and Hours: Monday, July 6 to Thursday, July 30, 2026, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Alternative Tentacle 2026

The Alternative Schools art show is a powerful annual exhibition showcasing student work from youth who have found their voice outside the mainstream high school experience. Opening mid-April at Xpace Cultural Centre, the show celebrates creativity, self-expression, and the resilience of Toronto's alternative school communities.

Running April 17 to 30, with an opening reception on April 17, the exhibition highlights art as a tool for storytelling, healing, and belonging.

Key Dates:

April 17 – 30 – Exhibition at [Xpace Cultural Centre](#) – 303 Lansdowne Ave, Unit 12, Toronto
April 17 – Reception at Xpace Cultural Centre: from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

High Water Levels Brings Increased Risks

The Toronto and Region Conservation monitors hazardous ice conditions as thaw begins and are reminding everyone to be very careful around all bodies of water. The first hint of warming weather and the promise of spring thaw can bring extreme danger to the shores and surfaces of streams, rivers, ponds and lakes, according to Toronto and Region Conservation. As warmer temperatures arrive, stream banks become increasingly slippery and unstable. Lake and river ice weakens, becoming thinner or with higher flows breaking with little or no warning.

During this time, the potential for flooding and ice jamming is high. Higher, faster-flowing water and extreme cold temperatures combine to create increased dangers on or near rivers, streams and ponds for people wishing to enjoy the seasonal changes. Parents and caregivers are being asked to keep children away from stream banks, ponds and lakes.

