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3 Mural Kick Off
4 Bake Sale for Ski Trip
5/6th Dance N Culture
6 Bob Marley's B-day!
10 Prologue Show
12-15 Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Week
-Action Canada for Week
Sexual Health & Rights
12/13 Cookie Valentine sales
12 Ski Trip to Dagmar
13-14 Parent Teacher interviews
14 Valentine's Day
14 PA Day for Parent Teacher Interviews
15 National Flag Day!
17 Family Day – No School
20 World Day of Social Justice UN
21 International Mother Language Day UN
21 Pizza Lunch
26 Pink T-Shirt Day!
27 Municipal Elections in the Gledhill Gym
March 1 Ramadan begins!

Fairness is our Feb Character Attribute

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we look back at the month of January, we want to thank so many teachers for their contributions that keep Gledhill so dynamic and engaging. I just wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for all the hard work and dedication they put into teaching and supporting students every day. Your efforts make a world of difference, and we are truly lucky to have such passionate educators at Gledhill. Thank you for your patience, care, and all the knowledge you share! Thank you to staff for everything you do to make Gledhill a special school that families aspire to join, and thank you parents for your kind gestures and unwavering support. We appreciate it.

The month of January marked **Tamil Heritage Month** which we honoured and celebrated across our school board. We ran morning announcements and classroom activities that were so enjoying.

As we move into celebrations of **Chinese and African Heritage Months** and our inclusionary focus in all TDSB schools, the province of Ontario and beyond, Gledhill has organized different school wide activities. We have our Indigenous Artist starting on Monday, February 3rd to create a school wide mural. 40 student representatives; 2 from each class will be part of the mural making. We have Dance N Culture coming on Feb 5/6th. We have an Black Heritage Presenter coming to Gledhill on Feb 10th from the Prologue to Performance Arts. We have Spirit squad events, a jelly-bean contest, Valentine Cookies, Ski Day, bake sales and Pink t-shirt day coming up as well. There is so much planned for the month of February. Of course, we have a month-long Reading Challenge for the month of February as well.

In terms of our School Improvement work, we are building CRRP (Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy) into classroom learning. Various cultural backgrounds are reflected in the learning each and everyday at Gledhill. We want to instill a love of reading in our students. Calling all readers!! It's time to harness the vast reading community that is within the Gledhill school and the community. Spread the word! We know from research that student engagement, mental health, belonging and achievement can all improve with increased love of reading. It's contagious...spread the word! Read for the Love of it!!

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

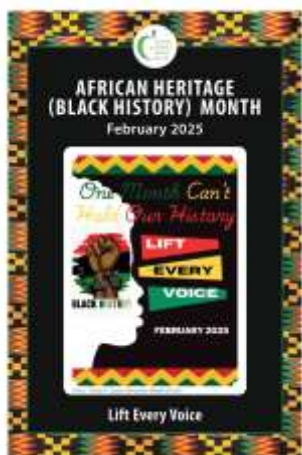
Peppi Kondilis-Minos
Principal

African Heritage Month

At the TDSB, a motion to recognize African Heritage (Black History) Month was carried in January 2002 and reaffirmed again in January 2004. During the month of February, African Heritage (Black History) Month is recognized across Canada thanks to The Honourable Jean Augustine. The former Member of Parliament introduced the motion in the House of Commons, and it officially took effect in February 1996. The [Black History Month Act](#) was passed in Ontario in 2016.

The chosen theme for 2024–25 is ***Lift Every Voice***. This theme is drawn from the iconic first line of the Black National Anthem, and encourages collective strength, unity, diversity, and resilience.

Whether you identify as Black, African, African-Caribbean, Black 2SLGBTQI+, or African-Indigenous, this powerful phrase invites us to acknowledge and celebrate our shared heritage, recognize our historical and ongoing struggles, and honour our achievements. It also serves as a call to action, encouraging inclusivity, collaboration, and solidarity, and reminding us of the impact we can make when we raise our voices together for justice, equity, and the greater good.



Chinese Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board - February 2025

TDSB's Chinese Heritage Month is proudly recognized in February each year. This year we celebrate the *Year of the Snake!*

Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most important celebrations for Chinese communities around the world. Lunar New Year is celebrated annually, and its dates are based on the lunar calendar. For 2025, it started on Jan 29th. The festivities include family gatherings, decorations, and of course a feast!

English Kindergarten Registration Begins in January!

TDSB looks forward to welcoming Kindergarten students for the 2025–26 school year and registration for English begins in January! To attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2025, children must turn four-years-old by December 31. To attend Senior Kindergarten in September 2025, children must be five-years-old by December 31. Visit the [Kindergarten Registration page](#) to learn more.

Elementary Alternative Schools Online Application Process

The TDSB offers a wide range of [Elementary Alternative Schools](#) available to students. The application process is managed centrally and includes an online application form. Complete information about the central online application process is available on the [Elementary Alternative Schools Application and Admissions Process webpage](#). The online application for admission for September 2025 open on **Monday, January 6, 2025, and will close at 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 31, 2025.**

