



- African Heritage Month
- Chinese Heritage Month

- 2 Parent Council meeting 6:30-8pm
- 5-6 Dance N Culture
- 6 Bob Marley's B-day!
- 10 Bake Sale for Ski Trip
- 11/12 Cookie Valentine sales
- 12 Ski Trip to Dagmar
- 12-13 Parent Teacher interviews
- 13 PA Day for Parent Teacher Interviews
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 National Flag Day!
- 16 Family Day – No School
- 18 Ramadan Begins!
- 18 Ash Wednesday
- 19 Bike Safety Presentations
- 20 World Day of Social Justice UN
- 21 International Mother Language Day UN
- 24 Gr 4's Swim to Survive
- 25 Pink T-Shirt Day!
- 25-26 TSO Trip
- 27 Pizza Lunch

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. **January 24th marked International Day of Education** and we just wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the hard work and dedication they put into teaching and supporting students every day. Their efforts make a world of difference, and we are truly lucky to have such passionate educators at Gledhill. Thank you to our staff for their patience, care, and all the knowledge they share. Everything they do makes Gledhill a special school that families aspire to join, and thank you to all the Gledhill Families for their kind gestures and unwavering support of our educators. We appreciate them!

As we move into February celebrations of **Chinese and African Heritage**, Gledhill has organized different school wide activities. We have Dance 'N' Culture coming on Feb 5/6th. We have Spirit squad events including a jelly-bean contest, Valentine Cookies, Ski Day, bake sales, Pink t-shirt day, and TSO Trips all coming up. There is so much planned for the month of February. These many celebrations support TDSB's focus on inclusion and belonging.

Of course, we have a month-long Reading and Mathematics Challenge for the month of February as well. There is so many choices and interests that we aspire to engage our students with. 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!!

Math can be so much fun! Math doesn't stop when the school day ends! Simple games at home—like card games, dice games, puzzles, and board games—help build number sense, problem-solving skills, and confidence in a fun, low-pressure way. Playing together encourages kids to explain their thinking and try new strategies, all while spending quality family time. Best of all, learning feels like play!

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

Peppi Kondilis-Minos
 Principal

African Heritage Month

The TDSB African Heritage (Black History) Month Volunteer Planning Committee established a KYW Scholarship that provides three (3) financial prizes of up to \$2,000; Kujichagulia Academic Award, Umoja Leadership Award, and Kuumba Creative Award to students entering a Canadian post-secondary institution through the generosity of donations. Information about how students may apply for this scholarship will be shared in the upcoming months! In the meantime, please take a moment to review how your [donations](#) are welcome.

Black identifying students within the TDSB were asked to submit a poster of their interpretation of the theme, *The Power of Us* for the African Heritage (Black History) Month Poster Contest. We are pleased to share the two selected posters below.

To kick off African Heritage (Black History) Month, we are excited to extend an invitation to all students, staff and the TDSB community to join us in marking this important month with performances by Black artists, students, and noteworthy speakers. Details are shared with you below.

Please follow us on X @tdsbAfricanHM and Instagram @tdsb_african_hm. The African Heritage (Black History) Month educational offerings are also listed below for reference.

African Heritage (Black History) Month Virtual Launch Celebration

- Monday, February 2nd, 2026
- 10:45 am – 11:30 am
- [Join the Microsoft Teams stream here](#)
- Target Audience: All TDSB students, staff and community members

Chinese Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board - February 2026

The TDSB proudly recognizes Chinese Heritage Month in February each year. This year, we celebrate the *Year of the Horse: Play, Progress, Prosper*. The Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most significant holidays of the Chinese heritage. The date is determined by the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar, and the celebration lasts 16 days.

This year, the first day begins on Tuesday, February 17. Festivities can include family gatherings, decorations, and of course, a feast! All TDSB students were invited to participate in the popular Chinese Heritage Month Poster and Artwork Challenge. This year our entries were exceptional! We applaud all submissions. The selected nine winning posters are being shared with you below.

An in-person Chinese Heritage Month celebration will be taking place at Highland Middle School that will include traditional performances, presentations, and speakers to recognize the month. The event will be videotaped and posted after the event that captures highlights of the celebration for all to enjoy!

Lastly, elementary students will have the opportunity to further learn about Chinese heritage by participating in an author reading presentation.

Elementary Alternative Schools Online Application Process

The TDSB offers a wide range of [Elementary Alternative Schools](#). The online application process is managed centrally, and information is available on the [Application and Admissions webpage](#). The online application for September 2026 admission will be open from **January 5 to January 30, 2026, at 4 p.m.**

Optional Attendance

For students interested in attending a school outside of the area designated by their home address, online applications for out-of-area admissions open on **January 5, 2026**. This is also the process through which students can apply to [Secondary Schools without a Boundary](#) and students currently learning in-person can access Virtual Elementary School and Virtual Secondary School. Apply by **January 23, 2026 at 4 p.m.** [Learn more.](#)

Special Education and Inclusion Newsletter

The [January 2026](#) edition of the Special Education and Inclusion Newsletter for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers is now available on the [Special Education and Inclusion site](#)! This monthly newsletter includes important updates, tips, and resources to support students with disabilities and special education needs. Previous newsletters can be accessed [here](#).

