



Gledhill News

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From the office...

We have made it to February, with the days starting to get longer and the long-awaited return to school expected for **Wednesday, February 10th**. We can't wait to see our students and staff back at Gledhill. The character trait for January was Teamwork, and certainly, there were many examples of how staff, students, our wonderful Gledhill Parent Council, and families have worked together as a team to keep learning happening on virtual platforms. We want to thank everyone for the incredible effort that has gone into creating a virtual school day for Gledhill students.

The character trait for February is Fairness. Character traits are one way that we support children in our school to develop positive peer relationships. As we move into the second term of the academic year, we are reminding parents to contact your child's teacher when there are issues that we need to be aware of to support your child. Promoting healthy relationships among students is key to creating a safe and accepting school environment.

February is also Black History Month and Chinese Heritage Month. Below you will find resources from the TDSB to support learning at home. With the recent violent and racist events in the United States we also think it is important to share that our staff is committed to examining bias, privilege and anti-Black racism through ongoing professional learning. The TDSB has also shared resources to support parents to have these conversations at home which can be found on our Gledhill Public School website: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/gledhill/Virtual-Learning-Information-and-Resources>.

Finally, February is when first term report cards are distributed. This year's report cards will be sent to parents electronically through the email that we have on file. Teachers will be contacting families of some students for virtual or telephone interviews. Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's report card.

Cathy McAleese & Janet Bambrick

FAIRNESS is February's Character Trait. Being fair is one of the most important ingredients of being a good person. It is also key to making the world a peaceful place. Examples of how to be fair include:

- Sharing and taking turns
- Playing fair and by the rules
- Being honest
- Compromising
- Caring and including others
- Not blaming others
- Admitting when you are wrong
- Making decisions in a fair way
- Listening to others with an open mind about different opinions

When teaching about fairness we ask: How is fairness related to having respect for others? How is it related to honesty? To being reliable? To being a good citizen?

Information from Inspiremykids.com

TDSB Character Traits are an important part of learning, supporting students to achieve success in school.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. Children who will be four by December 31, 2021, can start Junior Kindergarten in September 2021. Families are asked to complete the registration online using the [Online Registration System](#). If you have questions or are unable to complete the online registration independently, please contact our school to make a virtual face-to-face appointment (via Zoom or Google Meet) to complete the online registration process.

Please note:

- Only parents or legal guardians can register a child for TDSB programs.
- There is a separate process to apply for [optional attendance](#). If you wish to register your child at an [elementary alternative school](#) or [elementary academy](#), please contact the school directly for more information about requirements and the registration process.
- Learn more about [Before- and After-School Programs](#) and [Extended Day Programs](#).



PARENT COUNCIL Happy February to all!
Did you miss the workshop on troubleshooting Google Classroom? We will post the slidedeck on the Gledhill Guardian blog soon - stay tuned.

Our next School Council meeting is on **Thursday, February 18th at 6:30pm**. All in-school and virtual parents/caregivers are welcome. The agenda and meeting link will be circulated the week prior to the meeting. We hope to "see" you there

VIRTUAL LIBRARY RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT:
Culturegrams provides information, data sets, infographics, images, videos, maps, flags, recipes, timelines, and more for over 200 countries of the world and the Canadian provinces. Information is written and reviewed by in-country experts and updated as new information becomes available. This resources works well with Read and Write Chrome. Translation and built-in read-aloud features also add to accessibility. Look for it on the TDSB Virtual Library under Quickfinds. For more information about how to access the TDSB Virtual Library from home you can watch this short video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yrloxdLkHJM>



As well as the amazing resources on the TDSB Virtual Library, check out these resources: **Story Line Online** - www.storylineonline.net/, a video streaming website featuring a collection of books read aloud by actors and well known people. **Story Bird** - <https://storybird.com/>, a platform for students to engage in creative story writing. On this website, users can access hundreds of illustrations and animations created by artists from all over the world and write stories that can be shared with others in various ways. **Apps to support early literacy and numeracy skills** - <http://www.duckduckmoose.com/>, choose from a wide selection of educational apps for iPads and androids.

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FEBRUARY IS AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH AND CHINESE HERITAGE MONTH February is African Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board. It is an occasion to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Peoples of African Descent to Canada and the world. (TDSB is) thrilled to be sharing this **poster** with our updated theme. For more information, resources and events go to: [TDSB African Heritage Month](#).

Chinese Heritage Month-Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize Chinese Heritage Month (CHM) during the month of February 2021. This year is the *Year of the Ox: Loyal, Honest, Responsible, Hard-Working and Logical*. Many Chinese Canadians will celebrate Lunar New Year on Friday, February 12. Lunar New Year is also known as the spring festival and begins with the first moon of the lunar calendar and ends on the first full moon of the lunar calendar 15 days later. Though celebrations will be altered this year because of the pandemic, the spirit and joyfulness will remain the same through virtual events and in-home family-based festivities. More information about these initiatives on our official [Chinese Heritage Month site](#).

NEWS FROM PHYS.ED. From Mrs. Pace
Hello Gledhill Families! Thank you so much for your full participation as we continue to navigate on-line PE. All videos and ‘ice-breakers’ health topics are on my google classroom. I also want to thank all the families who participated in our January Fitness Challenge. The feedback has been positive! Let’s start February off strong and continue to check the calendar for the daily activity. Stay warm and stay active!

TERRY FOX FUND RAISING UPDATE We are proud to announce that Gledhill Public School’s Terry Fox School Run collected \$3,080.00 for cancer research! The Terry Fox Foundation extends their heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support in this very challenging year. Terry’s message of hope lives on and remains strong! If you are still interested in contributing to the Terry Fox Foundation, our school donation link is still open: <http://www.terryfox.ca/GledhillPSToronto> #tryliketerry

COMING EVENTS

Please mark these dates in your calendar:

February 10	Return to “in-person school” for Bricks and Mortar students
February 12	Elementary P.A. Day-no school
February 15	Family Day-no school
February 18	Parent Council Meeting-6:30 PM
March 14	Daylight Savings Time Begins- Clocks spring ahead one hour
March 15-19	March Break