



- Italian Heritage Month
- Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month
- PRIDE Month

- 1 | Intergenerational Day Toronto
- 1 | Jun- 1 July LGBTTQQI2S Pride Month (Toronto) Toronto Pride
- 3-6 | EQAO testing
- 5-6 | Tennis clinic at Gledhill
- 5 | World Environment Day UN
- 7 | P. A. Day - No school
- 10 | Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji - Sikhism
- 12 | World Day Against Child Labour Day UN
- 12 | Filipino Independence Day
- 12 | World Day Against Child Labour
- 13 | Kindergarten Orientation for Registered Families
- 14 | Game Day 2.0
- 16 | Father's Day!
- 18 | International Day to Counter Hate Speech UN
- 19 | Flourish Presentation at Gledhill
- 20 | World Refugee Day UN
- 21 | Pizza Lunch
- 21 | National Indigenous People's Day (Canada) First Nations, Métis, Inuit
- 21 | Summer Solstice Day!
- 21 | Gr 5 Graduation Party! 6-9pm
- 24 | Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- 24 | St. Jean Baptiste Day Quebec and Francophone Culture
- 25 | Grade 5 Graduation Ceremony 1:00pm
- 25 | Reports go home
- 26 | Elections in the Gym
- 26 | International Day in Support of Victims of Torture UN
- 27 | Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day
- 28 | Last day of school
- July 1 | Canada Day

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

May was certainly one of the busiest months this year!

On May 22<sup>nd</sup> we had Track and Field Day at Birchmount. Our kids made us so proud. There is no greater pride than witnessing our students' achievements! With this comes greater appreciation of sport, athleticism, and growth over time.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> we had an incredible concert. Thank you to all the children, staff and especially Ms. Bailey for all her co-ordinated efforts.

We recently had an Orientation for the new families that will be joining us for in two new classes for students with Autism. We love having new families join us. One that stood out for me is a student was so excited to join the school, that he could not stop smiling. Everything that he saw, make him smile further. He was thrilled to see other students and their families participate in the orientation session with us here at Gledhill and so excited about arriving here and starting school for September. In return, we are thrilled to have new students join the incredible Gledhill community. I have been truly amazed at the learning, approach of 'inquiry' and 'support' in our new students.

We are happy to announce that we have scheduled Prodigy Day on June 13<sup>th</sup> and Game Day 2.0 on June 14<sup>th</sup> and Play Day on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The kids are looking so forward to great outside events where we can enjoy the beautiful weather and each others company. We are fortunate to be able to collaborate with our staff, Ms. Chitayat and Ms. Ahmad and with Ms. Diolitsis, whom is a parent of ours as well, by having her class of students from GA Brown come over to Gledhill and help facilitate Game Day 2.0 with us. WOW! That's what true partnerships and collaboration is all about.

Finally, we wish to applaud in advance our Grade 3 students who will be persevering through **EQAO** Testing next week and putting their best efforts forward. A big thank you to our Gr 3 teachers for all their preparations and administration of the provincial testing. It will be completed next week by June 7th. The students have been sharing with me how prepared they felt on this journey, and this really speaks to your support as parents and to their wonderful teachers. This can only result in the success of our students.

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

Sincerely,

Peppi Kondilis-Minos

## **Bicycle Safety**

With warmer weather approaching, children may be participating in more outdoor activities like bike riding. To help keep children safe while playing outdoors this summer please follow social distancing and all other guidelines provided by Toronto Public Health. When children are riding their bicycles, parents and caregivers can take steps to protect them. Here's how:

1. An adult should always supervise children 10 years of age or younger when they are using a bicycle or other wheeled sports equipment. Even older children may need on-going supervision when riding near the road.
2. Make sure children wear the correct helmet properly when they ride. Ontario's bike helmet law requires all children and youth under age 18 to wear an approved bike helmet when riding a bicycle.
3. Keep children away from traffic when they use wheeled sports equipment. Make sure they ride in a safe place.
4. Teach children how to: a. steer, brake and ride in a straight line b. wear the right safety gear, and c. do a safety check every time they ride a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, use in-line skates or wear shoes with wheels.
5. Be within arm's reach when your children are learning to ride any wheeled equipment.
6. Always walk a bicycle, scooter or skateboard across a street intersection, instead of riding across.
7. Tell children that you are happy when you see them riding safely.
8. Remind children of the safety rules when they forget.
9. Be a good role model - wear a helmet and safety gear yourself. Children copy what adults do.

## **June is National Indigenous History Month**

June is National Indigenous History Month and June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day, a time to celebrate and learn from First Nations, Métis and Inuit people about the diverse cultures, histories, experiences, creations, perspectives, and achievements.

Join the Urban Indigenous Education Centre (UIEC) throughout the month of June for opportunities for staff, students and educators to engage with Indigenous artists, authors, and speakers through various virtual workshops and panel discussions.

All month long, the UIEC is hosting several events and celebrations throughout the month and Two-Spirit & Indigiqueer Pride.

## **June is Pride Month**

June is Pride Month at the TDSB! It's an opportunity to celebrate diversity and raise awareness among all staff and students about the rich culture and history of our LGBTQ2S community.

Please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/pride](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/pride) to learn more about these activities and find out how you can get involved. Follow and join in the conversation on Twitter, #PrideTDSB!



## **Calling All New and Soon To Be Parents! Roots of Empathy Instructor Volunteers Needed**

See firsthand how bringing a baby into a classroom of children is helping to instill lifelong empathy. [Roots of Empathy](#) is an international organization committed to building caring, peaceful and civil societies by breaking intergenerational cycles of bullying and violence.

How does it work? Your baby, known as a “tiny teacher”, is 2 – 4 months old at the start of the school year, and you are matched with a local school in your neighbourhood as well as a Roots of Empathy Instructor who will support you in and out of the classroom. The program follows the course of the school year with monthly visits. [Watch this short video](#) to see how you and your baby in a classroom teach empathy to students, or visit the [Roots of Empathy website](#) for more information on how to get involved.



## **International Languages Elementary and African Heritage (ILE-AH) Summer Program**

The International Languages Elementary and African Heritage (ILE-AH) Summer Program begins on July 2 with over 20 languages and African Heritage. The International Languages Elementary Program combines language & culture learning with engaging language skill-focused activities like group writing, guided reading, games, songs, dance, storytelling, and arts for Kindergarten to Grade 8 students. No language background knowledge is necessary. In the African Heritage Program, students explore the history, culture, traditions, and contributions of people of African descent to Canada and the world. For more information, please visit the [summer program website](#).

