



-Indigenous Education Month
-Hindu Heritage Month

1-6 Dental Screening
1-9 Holocaust Education Week
1 All Saints Day
1 Samhain* Wicca/Pagan
2 Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I Rastafari
6-10 Treaties Recognition Week
6-10 GLSEN Ally Week
7 Inuit Day
8 National Indigenous Veteran's Day
11 Remembrance Day Canada
12 Diwali
13 Reports go home!
13-16 Evening Parent Teacher Interviews
13-17 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week Government of Ontario
14 World Diabetes Day WHO
16 Louis Riel Day (Toronto) First Nations, Métis
17 PA Day – No School
20 World Children's Day UN
20 International Transgender Day of Remembrance Smith
21 25 Parent Council Meeting 6:30
21 National Sports Day in Canada
21-23 X-Movement
24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sikhism
24 National Holodomor Memorial Day Ukrainian Canadian Association
24 Pizza Lunch
25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women UN

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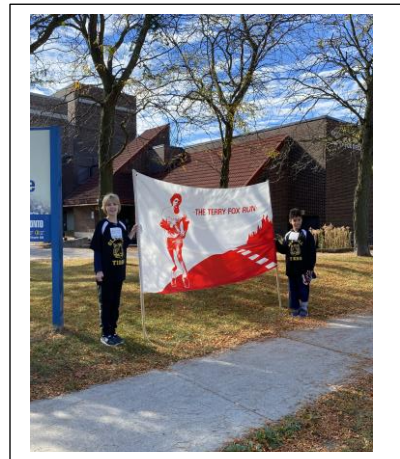


Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we look back to the month of October, we want to congratulate all our students that participated so well with our conference finals in cross-country, soccer and bordenball. All of our students came back to school having participated with their full efforts. Congratulations! We want to recognize these students for their tremendous efforts and stamina. This involves leadership both in their classes and school community, serving as positive role models for their peers.

A critical issue that I'd like to draw your attention to is how we support and protect children with **Severe Nut Allergies**. To ensure students with such allergies are not at risk in any way, **all TDSB schools must ensure a Nut Safe environment. We are requesting your support in this regard to ensure that no nut products are sent to the school.** We hope you appreciate the serious nature of this and thank you in advance for your support towards a safe learning environment for all children.

We had an amazing Terry Fox Run/ Terry Fox assembly. Thank you to the staff for organizing this event, but especially Ms. Bailey for all her efforts. Thank you so much for supporting such a great cause. As well, we had a Parent Social get-together in the community, pizza lunch, and even a Hallowe'en parade this month. We had a great time. Thank you for all the parental support!



As we head into the month of **November**, we will be further broaden our learning on **Indigenous Education and Hindu Heritage Month**, which is an important equity mandate of TDSB. From books on First Nations communities to storytellers, artists and performers, we will learn collectively as we move ahead with Truth and Reconciliation. Values such as Integrity and Honesty are Character Attributes that we learn each year in the TDSB. We encourage you to access www.tdsb.on.ca for information on Indigenous Education and various system initiatives. It's also Holocaust Education Week (November 1-9). There is so much learning happening!

As well, our Remembrance Day efforts this year focus on peacekeeping and honouring members of service. We will be having a Remembrance Day ceremony to highlight and acknowledged the armed forces and all they do to keep our country safe. Parents are welcome!

It is an honour to serve the students, staff and parents of the Gledhill Jr Public School.

Sincerely,

Peppi Kondilis-Minos
Principal

School Safety

Drivers are reminded to do their part to keep children safe near school buses.

Drivers should follow these tips:

- Stop and never pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing.
- Leave space around school buses and avoid blocking school bus loading zones so children can enter and exit safely.
- Be prepared to stop for a school bus at any time, not just during school hours.
- Always obey the rules of the road and watch for children, especially in school zones.
- Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and school crossings.

Parents can also help keep their children safe by reminding them to be aware of their surroundings when they are on or near school buses.

Parent Teacher Interviews:

Regular parent-teacher communication is an important part of student learning. Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled throughout the year after report cards are sent home.

These interviews are your opportunity to ask questions about your child's progress and to discuss any issues. In addition to regular scheduled parent-teacher interviews, you can request a meeting at any time during the school year by contacting the school or your child's teacher directly.

A letter will be coming on **Monday, Nov 6th** so you know how to book your appointments for the week of Nov. 13th

November is Indigenous Education Month



Every November is Indigenous Education Month at the Toronto District School Board. This month is an important reminder to centre First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives, voices, histories, and contemporary realities. In classrooms across the TDSB, it is an opportunity to learn about treaties, Indigenous leadership, achievements, resistance and creativity.

Truth and Reconciliation is a strategic direction at TDSB. Throughout November, students, staff and community members honour a number of important days to deepen knowledge, to learn together about our shared histories and to build stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples. Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November. November 7 is International Inuit Day. November 8 is Indigenous Veterans Day, and November 16 is Louis Riel Day across the Metis homeland. During this month, UIEC hosts virtual and in-person events for the TDSB community, and some past guests include: Elder Dr. Duke Redbird, Elder Naulaq LeDrew, Jason Madden, Tasha Spillet, Dr. Pamela Palmater, Ange Loft, Tauni and Albie Sheldon, Traditional Knowledge Practitioner, Clayton Shirt Dr. Pamela Rose Toulouse, Tanya Talaga, David A. Robertson, Shanese Steele, Alyssa and Conlin Delbaere-Sawchuk, Jean Teillet, and Theola Ross.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/indigenouseducation/>

Pathway Options

TDSB Central Student Interest Programs

The TDSB offers elementary central student interest programs (arts-focused, cyberARTS and elite athlete programs) and secondary central student interest programs (e.g. Arts-focus, International Baccalaureate). Students who demonstrate an interest and passion in a particular area are invited to apply.

Visit the TDSB website to learn about each of the programs, review program and application requirements, and get dates for upcoming open houses and webinars.

Stay informed!

Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement – Community Consultations

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement recognizes that the process of dismantling anti-Black racism and improving outcomes for Black students requires the ongoing collaboration and support of families, communities and partner organizations. The Centre of Excellence aims to be responsive to the voices of Black communities who continue to advocate for systemic change within educational institutions through strategic community engagement initiatives and educational partnerships.

Community consultations and focus groups are conducted throughout the year to provide families an opportunity to engage with the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement and staff of the TDSB. Families are able to share their experiences engaging with their school community and discuss how the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement can support their needs.

Early French Immersion (Junior Kindergarten Entry) Application Deadline

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) would like to share some information with you and your families about Early French Immersion. The entry point to Early French Immersion for September 2024/25 school year is **Junior Kindergarten**.

The application to the Early French Immersion program will remain an online process managed by the Central French Department and applications must be completed online between **November 6 and December 1, 2023**. An offer of placement in the program (**not** a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants. Families with an older sibling currently in an Early French Immersion program are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Interested families can apply via the [Application Link](#).

