



-Indigenous Education Month  
-Hindu Heritage Month

1 Diwali  
1 All Saints Day  
1 Samhain\* Wicca/Pagan  
2 Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I Rastafari  
3-9 Treaties Recognition Week  
7 Inuit Day  
7 Retake Photo Day! Smile!  
8 National Indigenous Veteran's Day  
11 Remembrance Day Canada  
11-4 Evening Parent Teacher Interviews  
12 Reports go home!  
14 World Diabetes Day WHO  
15 PA Day – No School  
16 Louis Riel Day (Toronto) First Nations, Métis  
17-23 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week Government of Ontario  
20 World Children's Day UN  
20 International Transgender Day of Remembrance Smith  
22 Pizza Lunch  
23 National Holodomor Memorial Day Ukrainian Canadian Association  
24 Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sikhism  
25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women UN  
29 PA Day – No School

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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, Girl's and Boy's soccer. 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.

We had our first Pizza Lunch and it was awesome! The wafts of pizza in the hallway made us all salivate. Thank you so much to our Parent Council that supports us with this. With Hallowe'en having just past, this a good time to remind everyone of food allergies. We have multiple students 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 Challenge 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. Thank you for all the parental support!



**November is Indigenous Education and Hindu Heritage Month.** This 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](http://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!

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

## Hindu Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board – November 2024

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is proud to recognize Hindu Heritage Month during the month of November. This heritage has been celebrated by our students, staff, and the community since April 2018 as a result of a motion passed the Board of Trustees. Further, Hindu Heritage Month is also recognized in the Province of Ontario since 2016 with the declaration *Hindu Heritage Month Act, 2016*.

[The Hindu Heritage Month Act, 2016](#) states, *Ontario is home to a large and vibrant Hindu community. Since the first Hindu immigrants arrived in Canada at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Hindu Canadians from across Ontario have made significant contributions across all fields: science, education, medicine, law, politics, business, culture, and sports. Hindu Canadians have helped build Ontario into the multicultural success story that it is and have helped to build this province into the best place to live, work and raise families. They continue to help foster growth, prosperity, and innovation throughout Ontario.*

Hinduism is one of the oldest living religions which have flourished for over 10,000 years. It is an occasion to recognize and celebrate the rich tapestry of traditions, teachings and values that are integral to Hinduism and practiced by millions around the world today. November is an opportunity to celebrate the Hindu way of life, examine its impact and contributions to the world culture, and recognize values which promote compassion, tolerance, and inclusion.

## 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/>

## 2024 Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference

Join us on Saturday, November 16, 2024! This year, you can attend the conference virtually. TDSB is committed to parent, caregiver, and community engagement as an essential element in our shared efforts to improve outcomes for children throughout their lives. Our role is to help build capacity by successfully engaging parents and caregivers, strengthening home-school partnerships, and aligning our collective efforts. The 2024 Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference provides an opportunity to highlight innovation and high-impact strategies for partnering, collaborating, and nurturing parents' and caregivers' partnerships and alliances.

### 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 going home on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> so you know how to book your appointments for the week of Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Early French Immersion (Junior Kindergarten Entry) Application Opens November 4

TDSB offers an online process to apply for Early French Immersion (begins in Junior Kindergarten). To apply to the Early French Immersion Program for September 2025, applications must be completed online by **November 29, 2024**. Families with an older sibling currently in an Early French Immersion program must complete an online application for the new student. Visit the [Early French Immersion](#) page for more information, helpful resources, and to apply.

