



-Indigenous Education Month
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1 All Saints Day
1 Samhain* Wicca/Pagan
2 Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie I Rastafari
3-9 Treaties Recognition Week
6 Retake Photo Day! Smile!
7 Inuit Day
8 National Indigenous Veteran's Day
11 Remembrance Day Canada
11-4 Evening Parent Teacher Interviews
11 Reports go home!
14 World Diabetes Day WHO
14 PA Day – No School
16 Louis Riel Day (Toronto) First Nations, Métis
17-21 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week Government of Ontario
20 World Children's Day UN
20 International Transgender Day of Remembrance
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
28 Pizza Lunch

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

November is a special month at Gledhill Jr PS., filled with opportunities to learn, celebrate, and come together as a community. Throughout the month, we recognize **Hindu Heritage Month**, a time to honour the rich traditions, culture, and contributions of Hindu Canadians. Students will explore art, music, stories, and values that reflect compassion, unity, and respect, helping us appreciate the diversity that strengthens our school community.

We also observe **Indigenous Education Month** in November, which encourages all of us to deepen our understanding of the histories, cultures, and perspectives of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. Through classroom activities and discussions, students will learn about Indigenous teachings, traditions, and the importance of truth and reconciliation. From books on First Nations communities to storytellers, artists and performers, we will learn collectively as we move ahead with Truth and Reconciliation. 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 3-9)**. This year the focus is on "Holocaust remembrance and education for dignity and human rights". The Neuberger Holocaust Education Week, presented by the Toronto Holocaust Museum, will feature public programs and commemorations, including the opening night event, "The Many Lives of Anne Frank". There is so much learning happening!

With Hallowe'en having just past, this is 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.

November is truly a month to celebrate learning, culture, and community at Gledhill. We will be having a Remembrance Day ceremony to highlight and acknowledged on November 11th at 10:30am. Thank you to 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 2025

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 20th 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



Indigenous Education Month in the Toronto District School Board

In November, we celebrate Indigenous Education Month at the TDSB. This month provides an opportunity to re-examine how Indigenous perspectives, histories and contemporary realities may be centred across the curricula, and to focus on treaties and the legacy of residential schools.

At the TDSB, all students should feel supported, have a sense of belonging and feel respected and valued. Ensuring these values are at the core of Indigenous education, is a priority.

By centering Indigenous perspectives across curriculum in all areas, we want to create inclusive spaces for students to see themselves reflected as individuals and validated within the school community.

Indigenous education is not just for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students, but for all students and staff. When non-Indigenous people learn about the rich histories, cultures and contemporary contexts of diverse Indigenous peoples, cross-cultural understandings occurs and a common commitment is formed, leading to equitable and more inclusive learning spaces.

We value the opportunity to collaborate with community members, educators and policy makers to deepen knowledge and understanding of Indigenous perspectives in supporting student success and well-being. The TDSB works actively in consultation with Indigenous community members, families and organizations as community engagement is crucial to building and strengthening relationships.

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

Specialized Programs

The TDSB offers a variety of elementary and secondary Specialized Programs focused on the Arts, Math, Science & Technology, Leadership and more! Based on direction from the Supervisor appointed at the TDSB by the Minister of Education, the decision has been made to change the application and admission process for Specialized Programs. Applications will open the week of November 10, and remain open for three weeks. [Learn more.](#)

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/cpao/Central-Program-Admissions-Office/Specialized-Programs>

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 was sent home on October 27th so you know how to book your appointments for the week of Nov. 10th.

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<https://parentinterview.com/s/gledhill>

Early French Immersion (Junior Kindergarten Entry) Application Opens November 3rd

TDSB offers an online application process for Early French Immersion (begins in Junior Kindergarten). For entry in September 2026, applications must be submitted online between **November 3–28, 2025**. Families with an older sibling already in Early French Immersion at the same school will still need to submit an application for the new student. Learn more and apply here: [Application Early French Immersion.](#)

