



The Gracedale Gazette

TDSB's MISSION STATEMENT

TDSB is committed to creating an equitable school system where the achievement and well-being of every student is fostered through rich, culturally authentic learning experiences in diverse, accepting environments where all are included,



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Principal

A. Dayal Kaul
Vice-Principal

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Principal's Message:

It has been a busy few weeks at Gracedale as we begin the 2017-18 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new and returning faces to the Gracedale family. Please understand that we welcome your participation in our school culture and have varied opportunities for you to become involved in your child's education at Gracedale.

We do have some new staff this year. I would like to welcome Ms. Yolanda Watson who will be teaching Grade 5. I would also like to welcome Ms. Ambika Dayal Kaul who assumes the role of Vice-Principal. Please be sure and read Ms. Kaul's article elsewhere in this newsletter.

The research on School Improvement tells us that good schools have : 1) high achievement expectations for all students 2) engaged learning time 3) focused and intentional teaching and 4) effective partnerships with parents and community. While we believe that these factors are already evident at Gracedale, we also believe that we can continue to improve. Our focus continues to be on accountability, student success, student well-being and creating a positive learning partnership with our parents and community.

Research also shows that learning improves when parents are involved with the school in their children's education. Parents and teachers have a common goal....success for all students! Children succeed when there is an open exchange of information that links home and school. Read the memos and the information sheets that children bring home. Take time to discuss homework, expectations and guidelines to being successful at school with your child's teacher. We have scheduled our Curriculum/Meet the Teacher Night. This will take place on **September 28, 2017 at 5:30 pm**. Please be on time to begin the evening. We look forward to welcoming all of you and urge you to come and meet your child's teacher. Let us begin the year by building a strong partnership between home and school.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to meet with me if you have any concerns or compliments, or if you would simply like to pop in to say hello. My doors are always open - wishing you a very good and rewarding year!

It continues to be my privilege to serve the Gracedale community.

Sincerely,
Robert Collicot
Principal

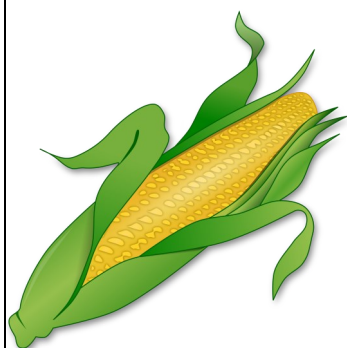
School Advisory Council

The purpose of the council is to actively engage parents to improve student success. It also provides a regular opportunity for its members to discuss how to make the school a better place for learning for its students. The principal brings important information about the school to the school council. The school council, in turn, advises the principal on matters related to the learning goals of the school, the school's policies and procedures, students' needs, activities and resources for students and parents, and ways of involving parents in the life of the school. We are always looking for new members. All interested parents are very welcome to participate in School Council meetings. Thank you for all your support!

Our first meeting will be on **Thursday October 11, 2017 at 5:30 pm**
Refreshments and Child Care will be provided. Please call the office if you require child care



Gracedale Curriculum Night and Corn Roast



Please plan to join us on Thursday September 28th between 5:30 and 6:30 for curriculum night. This is a chance to meet your child's teacher, see the school and get to know staff. We invite you to attend a corn roast after you have seen your child's teacher. Join us at the back of the school for some corn to snack on, a chance to socialize with other families and to visit various booths we have on display.

Gracedale Welcome Our New Vice-Principal!

Greetings to everyone in the Gracedale community! As the new Vice Principal at Gracedale, I am excited to work in collaboration with our families and staff in order to develop positive relations and strive for excellence in our student's educational journey. I look forward to incorporating my experiences in the areas of mathematics instructional programming and effective strategies of well-being with the TDSB vision and our school goals. It is my privilege to be a part of such a vibrant school community in which various opportunities for partnerships are provided to promote student success. Our most valued partnership is with our families. Please do not

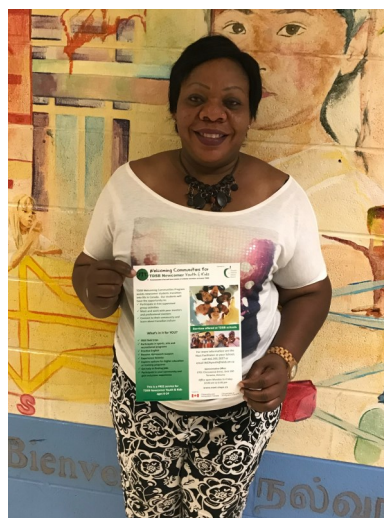
hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns, or just to come by and introduce yourself.

Sincerely, Ambika Dayal Kaul



Gracedale Welcomes Newcomers Program

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Sho and Doris who will be facilitating the Newcomers program at Gracedale this year. The program is available to students new to Canada who are transitioning to life in a new country. Students in the program connect with peers who have been in Canada for 5 years or more. They connect with peers and professionals, participate in varied activities and learn about Canadian culture. The Newcomer program will be operating on Thursdays at lunch and after-school.



Dates to Remember 2017- 2018

- Sept. 19 Gracedale SAC Coffee Club
- Sept. 20-22 Rosh Hashanah
- Sept. 21 Al-Hijra New Year/International Day of Peace
- Sept. 21-29 Navratri (Autumn)
- Sept. 28 Curriculum Night /Corn Roast
- Sept. 29 Terry Fox Run/Day of Orange
- Oct. 1 Ashura
- Oct. 6 Professional Activity Day- No School
- Oct 11 Thanksgiving Day
- Oct. 12 School Council Meeting @ 5:30
- Oct. 19 Diwali



Improvements to the Gracedale Grounds

You may have noticed that we have begun the process of making our grounds more welcoming and safe for students. Over the summer a number of projects have been completed including, the removal of 4 poles from our pavement which were a safety hazard and an eyesore. We have installed 2 gates in our parking lot making the area more organized and secure. Our entire pavement area has been painted with lunch time boundary markers and many new game activities for students to participate in at recess and lunch. Finally 3 new basketball hoops (each containing 3 baskets) have been installed. It is worth noting that funding for part of these new facilities came to the school through our excellent School Advisory Council volunteers who raised money selling popcorn, pizza and chicken. We look forward to continuing to improve our facility and will be looking for input from parents as the process continues.



Gracedale Settlement Worker Team

Gracedale Settlement Worker, **Nowshin Choudhury**, is available every Monday and Tuesday from 9:00am to 4:30 pm. You can contact Mrs. **Nowshin** @ 647-296- 7683 or school # 416-395-2480 for more information. For the month of November 2017, the Settlement Worker will organize Workshops on '**Safety in The neighbourhood**' for parents by a police officer from 31 Division. Also our settlement worker is in the process of starting "**Conversation circle & Coffee Talk**" for par-

ents. The date and time will be communicated later by sending a flyer to home. Any one willing to join in English Conversation Circle Classes needs to contact Nowshin to register @ 647-296-7683.



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Character Education : This Month's Theme

RESPECT

What Is Respect?

- ♦ Treating others the way you would like to be treated
 - Having concern—and the motivation to act—for the welfare of others
 - Being inclusive of differences
 - Using good manners and appropriate language
 - Being considerate of the feelings of others
 - Dealing peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements
 - Honouring others with courtesy and consideration
 - Showing consideration for your own belongings and those of others
 - Showing consideration for the freedom, privacy, and dignity of others
 - Having pride and belief in yourself
 - Taking care of and valuing yourself, others, and the environment

Quotations

"True respect cannot be demanded; it is earned." (Unknown)

"Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you, not because they are kind, but because you are." (Unknown)

"If someone were to pay you ten cents for every kind word you ever spoke and collect five cents for every unkind word, would you be rich or poor?" (Nonpareil)

What might respect look like and/or sound like?

- Respecting yourself: Accept and honour your own skills and challenges, emotions, body, beliefs, and abilities.
- Being fair: Listen to all sides of the story before reaching a decision or resolution.
- Being reliable: Keeping our promises is one of the easiest ways to show that we respect someone and that we mean what we say.

Important Lunch Information

Supervision is provided here at Gracedale PS however, we encourage students to go home for lunch.

Students going home for lunch should stay home for the lunch hour and return just before the 12:25 entry bell.

If you should require your child to change lunch arrangements (e.g., to stay at school for a day because of an appointment) you must notify the school in writing. A quick note in your child's planner would be fine.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

(Please note this newsletter is also available online at: <http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/gracedale/>)

Gracedale 2017-18 Teaching Staff

JK/SK A	Mr. C. Perri & Ms. A. Sasso ECE	103
JK/SK B	Ms. R. Allison & Dhinsa ECE	104
JK/SK C	Ms. D. Chaves & Ms. A. Williams	105
JK/SK D	Ms. S. Thompson & Ms. R. Kaur ECE	106
JK/SK E	Ms. A. Almeida & Ms. W. Tabassum ECE	119
JK/SK F	Ms. M. Parkin	117
JK/SK G	Ms. L. Rozler & Ms. D. Talwar ECE	118
Grade 1 A	Ms. W. Mryglad	111
Grade 1 B	Ms. J. Hunter	112
Grade 1 C	Ms. E. Cooc	110
Grade 1 D	Ms. S. Tieche	115
Grade 1 E	Ms. N. Daley-Poyser	113
Grade 1/2	Ms. M. Rocca	114
Grade 2 A	Ms. V. Khosla	108
Grade 2 B	Mr. J. Currie	212
Grade 2 C	Ms. L. Kunka	116
Grade 2/3	Ms. M. Hill	109
Grade 3 A	Ms. A. Grguric	204
Grade 3 B	Ms. M. Silver	203
Grade 3 C	Ms. R. Pereira-Massa	219
Grade 3 D	Ms. A. Kosta	201
Grade 4 A am	Ms. Redmond	214
Grade 4 B	Ms. D. Hall-Nembhard	215
Grade 4 C	Ms. D. Remekie-Edwards	216
Grade 4 D	Ms. G. Kim	213
Grade 5 A	Ms. Y. Watson	202
Grade 5 B	Mr. J. Badder	206
Grade 5 C	Ms. D. Tempeny	207
ESL (PR) /Res	Ms. Jha	211 B
ESL(Jr)/Res	Ms. S. Sher	212A
HSP/Prep (Music/Drama)	Ms. Vanessa Contino	217/218
HSP/Resource (JR)	Ms. P. Pasquariello	205
RR/ ESL Res	Ms. A. Dhanoya	119A
RR/M. Lit Prep	Ms. J. Tosello	119A/Library
Music/Drama/ Resource	Ms. C. Perillo	102/229
French	Mr. D. Williams	215A
Library/Resource	Ms. Richard	219A Health
& P. E.	Ms. C. Mariano	138
Health & P.E. p.m.	Ms. Redmond	138
P.E./ Music/ Drama	Ms. McNeilly	102 pm