





Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! I hope you and your family had an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

As the elected public school board trustee for your community, my role is to advocate for you and your child, and to represent the needs of all students and parents/guardians in the Toronto District School Board.

We are focused on ensuring that all students have access to the programs, opportunities and supports needed to reach high levels of achievement and well-being. This priority is driven by our Multi-Year Strategic Plan, which outlines our mission, values and goals in support of student success. To read the full plan, visit <u>www.tdsb.on.ca/mysp</u>.

Your involvement in your child's education and school life can also contribute to their success. There are numerous ways you can get involved, such as taking part in your local school council, volunteering to coach sports or supervising field trips. To explore these opportunities, and others, visit <u>www.tdsb.on.ca/getinvolved</u>.

As the new school year begins, I encourage you to visit our webpage for parents, <u>www.tdsb.on.ca/forparents</u>. Here, you will find helpful resources for both parents and students, including homework tips, the school-year calendar, transportation information and updates, and supports for mental health, healthy living and bullying.

To stay informed, please sign up for my e-newsletter by emailing me at <u>Harpreet.Gill@tdsb.on.ca</u>, visiting my webpage at <u>www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward1</u> and by following me on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> or <u>Instagram</u>.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working in partnership with you this year!

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Trustee Harpreet Gill Ward 1, Etobicoke North



2019-20 Information



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Your School Superintendent Leila Girdhar-Hill Learning Centre 1 Leila.Girdhar-Hill@tdsb.on.ca

PA Days & Holidays	Date
Labour Day	September 2, 2019
Board-wide PA Day	October 11, 2019
Thanksgiving	October14, 2019
Board-wide PA Day	November 15, 2019
Board-wide PA Day	December 6, 2019
Winter Break	December 23, 2019 to January 3, 2019 (inclusive). Last day of school is December 20, 2019. School resumes January 6, 2020
Elementary PA Day	January 17, 2020
Secondary PA Day - (Semestered Schools only)	January 30, 2020*
Board-wide PA Day	February 14, 2020
Family Day	February 17, 2020
March Break	March 16 to 20, 2020
Good Friday	April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	May 18, 2020
Elementary School PA Day	June 5, 2020
Secondary School PA Day (Full Year Schools only)	June 24, 2020*
Secondary School PA Day	June 25, 2020
Board-wide PA Day	June 26, 2020

*The first day of second semester is January 31, 2020. Secondary school calendar includes a PA day for semestered schools only on January 30, 2020 and a PA Day for full-year schools only on June 24, 2020.

Please make note of the following <u>2019-2020 Days of Significance</u>. You may also find the <u>Days of Significance Resource Guide</u> helpful.

Know what's happening at the TDSB!



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Parent Concern Protocol

Classroom Teacher



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If you have any questions or concerns, the first person to go to is your classroom teacher. The classroom teacher can help with:

- Any questions about the classroom
- Classroom rules and consequences
- Homework and assignments

School Principal

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- Code of Conduct
 Safety and security
- Budget and fundraising
- School Council

School Superintendents

Superintendents are responsible for a Network of Schools. They support school staff and can be contacted if you have questions that have not been answered or for help with: • Alternate attendance request

Suspension appeals

Trustees

Trustees are your elected community officials. They are available to help you with the following areas of the TDSB: • Concerns about your community

- Ideas and suggestions for the Board
- Items on Board Agenda
- Board policies under review
- Board budget
- Collective bargaining

Board Office

You can contact the Board Office directly for any questions or concerns related to:

- Continuing Education
- Night and summer school Board documents

• ESI

Adult education

Phone: 416-397-3000 • Email: GeneralInquiries@TDSB.on.ca

- If you would like more information or you have questions that are beyond the classroom, the school principal can help.
- Concerns about an individual school
- Student registration
- Student schedules
- Student suspensions
- Report card concerns
- Classroom concerns