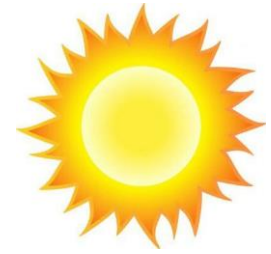




# Hillmount Public School Newsletter



## May 2022

### Upcoming Events

May 5	Family Pizza Night at Domino's
May 12	Parent Council Meeting 7pm on Zoom
May 19	Track and Field Day
May 23	Victoria Day (No school)
May 26	Grade 5 visit to Highland a.m.
May 30-June 3	Bike to School Week
May 30	Beach Day, Hillmount Heroes Assembly
May 31	Welcome To Kindergarten 7:30 on Zoom
June 3	PA Day – No School
June 9	Parent Council Meeting 7pm On Zoom
June 24	Pooja Kher Awards a.m.
June 28	Grade 5 Farewell Ceremony a.m.
June 29	Report Cards Go Home
June 29	End of Year Assembly
June 30	Last Day of School

Will your child be absent from school?  
Call our Safe Arrival Number.  
**416-395-2556**

TDSB 24 Hour Security Call Centre: 416-395-4620

*For the first time since 2019, we are thrilled to have the majority of our students and all of our staff in-person for May and June.*

*There are many traditional end-of-year activities that happen at Hillmount. As we get used to being here with reduced safety protocols, we are working on ways to re-introduce many of these events. Please read below for information on Welcome to Kindergarten and Grade 5 Farewell. In addition, we are planning for the 2022-2023 school year and you will find further information below about those plans.*

*E. Mankiewicz, Principal*

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**Principal :** Elizabeth Mankiewicz.  
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**Superintendent:** Marwa Hamid  
**Trustee:** James Li

Remember at Hillmount we...  
**THINK POSITIVE, TALK POSITIVE, FEEL POSITIVE**

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## Important Dates

May 23	Victoria Day, NO SCHOOL
June 3	PA Day, NO SCHOOL
June 30	Last Day of School

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## WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

For parents/guardians of students who are new to Kindergarten in September 2022, we will hold a Virtual Welcome to Kindergarten event. This event will be held on May 31 from 7:30-8:30 using Zoom. An invitation will be sent to all registered students.

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## Asian Heritage Month

Asian Heritage Month is recognized formally throughout Canada through an [official declaration](#) that was signed in May 2002. Subsequently, the Province of Ontario passed the [Asian Heritage Act](#) (2005), and the TDSB passed a motion to recognize [Asian Heritage Month](#) in April 2007.

We are proud to celebrate the numerous achievements of Asian-Canadians and their significant role on the global stage. This year our theme is *Many Voices United as One*.

The TDSB is the largest and one of the most diverse school boards in Canada. Nearly one-quarter of our students were born outside of Canada and collectively we speak more than 120 languages. According to the 2017 TDSB Student & Parent Census 40% of TDSB students self-identified as Asian. During the month of May we are honoured to share with you several opportunities and resources to learn about the traditions, customs, and significant individuals that this heritage brings.

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## Jewish Heritage Month

Throughout the month of May, TDSB's Jewish Heritage Month Committee and the Ontario Jewish Archives are offering a lively and historical guided walking tour of Kensington Market to Grade 6 and 7 TDSB students in honour of Jewish Heritage Month.

"A Trip to the Market" is an engaging exploration of the history, music and architecture the market has to offer. This opportunity will connect students to a significant part of Toronto's local history as a destination for new immigrant groups.

The walking tour focuses on the stories of Toronto's early Jewish community, largely immigrants from Eastern Europe. TDSB's TUSC (Toronto Urban Studies Centre) staff will guide the groups through the sites, smells, and sounds of the market. Destinations include historical homes, former businesses, and culminates at the beautiful and historic Kiever Synagogue.

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## 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

The 2022-2023 elementary and secondary school year calendar has been approved by the Ministry of Education. Information can be found on [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca).

Please note the key dates in the document below. The first day of classes for students will be Wednesday, September 7, 2022. September 6 has been designated as a Professional Development day.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/AboutUs/docs/KeyDatesSYC2022-2023.pdf>

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### Grade 5 Farewell

**Our Grade 5 Farewell Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> in the morning, from 10:00-11:40. All parents of Grade 5 students will be invited for a ceremony to say farewell as our Grade 5 students move on to middle school. The ceremony will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity for photos. More information will be shared directly with Grade 5 families.**

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## School Organization for 2022-2023

Based on the allocations provided by the TDSB, our staff and parent staffing committees met and consulted on the creation of our school model for next school year. The School Organization is as follows:

JK/SK  
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Grade 1/2  
Grade 1/2  
Grade 2/3  
Grade 2/3  
Grade 3/4  
Grade 4/5  
Grade 4/5

We will be working on placing students in classes during the month of May and June. Classroom assignments will be shared in the final report card.

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### LUNCHTIME:

The lunch hour allows both students and staff to take a break, eat lunch and get some outdoor time. If you choose to pick your child up for the lunch hour, **the expectation is that your child stays in your care during the entire lunch hour (11:45-12:40).**

If your child must return to school before 11:45, please have them join the students playing outside after 12:05. Attendance will then be taken at 12:45 when children return to class.



## FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

We showcase our learning and provide information about what is happening in our school and our board. Follow us at: [@TDSB\\_Hillmount](https://twitter.com/TDSB_Hillmount)

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### **CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK:**

This year, the TDSB recognizes May 2 to 6 as Education Week and Children's Mental Health Week (CHMW).

This Education Week, the TDSB is proud to share some of the amazing work staff and students across the system have been doing in both Virtual and In-Person classes and co-curriculars to show their commitment to achieving equity at the TDSB through their support and participation.

The [Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression website](#) was recently redesigned to ensure TDSB communities and families could easily access and learn about all the equity work the TDSB is committed to accomplishing.

Equity is central in supporting mental health and well-being. This year, the theme is **Intersecting Identities and Well-Being**. Equity is central in supporting mental health and well-being. This prioritizes identity affirming support of students and parents/guardians/caregivers from an anti-oppressive and anti-racist stance.

For parents/guardians/caregivers, the following resource can help to begin or continue conversations about Mental Health and Well-Being:

[CMHW Caregiver: How to keep the dialogue going at home](#)

Or for more information, check out the TDSB site: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Supporting-You/Mental-Health-Well-being/Childrens-Mental-Health-Week>

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