IONVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL

March 2021



Trustee: Mr. D Smith SO: Ms. L. Dilworth

Principal: Mr. N Gordon

Vice Principal: Ms. K Fox-Casey

Upcoming Events

- ♦ April 2nd: Good Friday
- April 5th- Easter Monday
- April 7th: Virtual Farewell for 2020 Grads
- April 12th-16th: April Break
- April 13th: Beginning of Ramadan
- April 20th: Parent
 Engagement Evening
 on how to be Anti Racist 6PM

lonview's parent council meetings will be virtual for the foreseeable future. Our next virtual council meeting is Wednesday April 21st, 2021 At IONVIEW PS our mission is "Be the change you wish to see in the world". At Ionview, we offer a balance of academic and extracurricular activities that meet the needs of the whole child.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been incredibly busy time at Ionview since we returned from remote learning. Our students, however, continue to demonstrate resilience and such a positive mind set each day we are at school. We are so proud to get to work with amazing students every day.

As part of our work around creating a warm and accepting learning environment all classes participated in virtual learning sessions with amazing guest speakers from the Rick Hanson Organization. The focus was on helping students understand the importance of making the world and all of our spaces accessible and that all people, regardless of ability have the right to be included. Students were able to provide such amazing examples of kindness that they display each day. To further this work we

March 2021 Honesty

Report Student Absence 416-396-6350

created a huge bucket where students and staff were invited to write positive affirmations for each other as part of our on an ongoing caring school initiative.

As we continue to get further into spring we are hopeful that the weather will continue to warm and that we will be able to spend more time outdoors learning. We recognize how lucky we are to have such a large school property.

Ionview continue to be well, wear your masks, socially distance, and wash your hands as we look forward to hopefully move beyond COVID-19!

Ontario COVID-19 Child Benefit

The Ontario Government announced in it's most recent budget that they will be providing further financial support to parents during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ontario COVID-19 child benefit will give parents at least \$400 for each of their children.

Please see link for eligibility and the process to follow to access this credit. Parents who previously applied and received earlier funding will automatically qualify for the new payment states the province of Ontario.

https://www.ontario.ca/page/tax-credits-and-benefits-people#section-1

TDSB Homework Policy

This is reminder to parents that students will not receive homework over the holidays per the TDSB homework policy. Holidays are a time for family and friends and an opportunity for students to recharge and return to school in January refreshed and ready to learn. Students are always encouraged to read with family but no formal work will be assigned.

Save the Date

At Ionview we are committed to challenging any form of racism and oppression. As part of this work with students, staff, and parents we have invited Aubrey Noronha who will be speaking about the evolution of the word 'racism' and what 'systemic' actually means. He will also be providing practical ways on how to become 'anti-racist'.

This virtual presentation will be taking place on <u>Tuesday April 20th</u>, 2021 from 6PM to 7PM. All are invited.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

lonview readers hard at work, we are so pleased with their dedication and excitement about reading.



We love how creative, dynamic, and kind our students are!





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WE ARE ON TWITTER

@lonviewPS

We're on the Web!

https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/ ionview

FRIENDLY COVID REMINDERS

- Limit non-essential trips
- 2. Keep 2meters apart
- 3. Wear a mask or face covering
- Clean you hands often (soap and water or hand sanitizer)
- 5. Clean and disinfect surfaces regularly
- 6. Avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- 7. Stay home if you are unwell
- 8. Download the COVID Alert App

https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-protect-yourself-others/covid-19-reduce-virus-spread/

Mental Health and Wellness

As we continue to live and learn in a pandemic the importance of mental wellness becomes even more important. Please see the following resources that are meant to support parents and guardians:

- https://jack.org/Resources/COVID-19-Youth-Mental-Health-Resource-Hub?lang=en-ca
- https://smho-smso.ca/covid-19/parents-and-families/

Tips to keep children mentally well during COVID-19:

- Stay calm
- Keep it simple
- Listen
- Keep information age appropriate
- Limit exposure
- Try and establish a flexible routine
- Be patient and understanding

Summer School

For interested families, the Toronto District School Board offers a variety of summer learning opportunities for students. These programs run for the month of July and are often half a day. Families will be offered in person and virtual learning opportunities based on demand and interest. Interested families please see attached link. The school board is anticipating that more detailed information will be available as of April 1st. This will include program location and focus. Registration is slated to begin mid April.

- https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Night-School-and-Summer-School/Summer-School

The school nearest Ionview offering Summer School is Ellesmere Statton PS which is located on Ellesmere Road between Birchmount and Kennedy.

Lost and Found

This is a friendly reminder to Ionview families that if your child is missing a piece of clothing it might be in our lost and found. Are lost and found is located by the front doors. Students are reminded regularly to check for lost belongings.

Student Reflection Educating the mind without educating your heart is no education at all!

