



Island Public/Natural Science School
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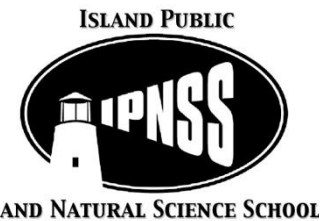
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May 2023 (Updated on May 1, 2023)

We continue to move very quickly into the final weeks of the school year. A number of important events, activities to culminate this school year, and school planning for 2023-2024 are currently in progress including school/classroom organization/staffing model, timetabling, class placements, and so much more. The final Island Breeze newsletter for the 2022-2023 school year will be published in early-June 2023.

Please visit the school website regularly for live updates and information accessible online at <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/island/>

School Information

School Office Hours

8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Thursday (4:00 p.m. on Fridays)

Recess and Lunch Times

10:25 am (Recess); 11:50 am (Lunch); 2:05 pm (Recess)

Ferry Schedule – Until Further Notice (to and from Centre Island)

8:30 am - FDK-Grade 6 students commute to Centre Island

3:40 pm - FDK-Grade 6 Students commute to city-side

Please check IPS Transportation and Drop-Off and Pick-Up Routines for details

Alternative Arrangements for Pick-up

If there are alternative arrangements for your child's dismissal or pick up, please inform our office administrator by email or phone at 416-393-1910.

Student Attendance, Safe Arrival and Safe Departure

<https://ppf.tdsb.on.ca/uploads/files/live/98/1887.pdf>

Updates have recently been made to TDSB Safe Arrival Automated Call Out. The school's number is displayed when families receive an automated call to report that a student is absent from school. To report a student absence, families may call the school phone number directly or call 1-833-250-2290 and will receive the same options.

Important Upcoming Dates | May 2023

Calendar: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/island/Calendar>

- May – TDSB Character Trait of the month is Integrity; Get Outside Month; Asian Heritage Month; South Asian Heritage Month; Dutch Heritage Month; Jewish Heritage Month
- May 1 – National Principals' Day; May Day
- May 1 – 5 Education Week
- May 2 – In School Team Meeting (IST)
- May 3 - Fun Fair Committee Meeting, 4:10 pm, Waterpark Place, 2nd Seating Area (Bay & Queens Quay)
- May 4 – School Council Meeting, 5:30 pm via Zoom
- May 5 - Red Dress Day, also known as National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirit People; South Asian Arrival Day; Cinco De Mayo
- May 6 – TDSB PIAC Conference
- May 1-7 – Mental Health Week
- May 14 – Mother's Day
- May 15 – School Support Team Meeting (SST)
- May 15-19 – Grades 3 and 6 EQAO Administration Dates
- May 17 – Summer Ferry Schedule in Effect
- May 17 – International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia
- May 18 – Parent and Volunteer Appreciation Afternoon
- May 18 – Global Accessibility Day
- May 22 – Victoria Day (No school for staff and students)
- May 25 – Class Placements for 2023-2024; Welcome to Kindergarten Day (Incoming JK students for 2023-2024); School Council Meeting (Final meeting for 2022-2023)
- May 26 – Cutoff Date for Term 2 Marks (T2 Reports)
- May 29 – Bike to School Week
- May 31 – Red Shirt Day
- May 31 – Bike to Work Day

For Your Information

Classroom Placements Requests - 2023-2024

As preparations for the 2023-2024 school year commence, class building and placement of students will occur during the week of May 23-25. The placement of students in their new classrooms for September 2023 may include the following considerations:

- Balance in learning and social emotional strengths and needs
- Students' abilities and strengths including learning profiles of students (and class learning profile)
- Class size (Ministry requirements including primary class size caps)
- Balance of achievement levels and learning styles
- Students' social-emotional needs and learning skills/behaviour
- Social dynamics that will enable students' social development and well-being
- Balance of interpersonal relations including positive and challenging friendships
- Support programs (Students receiving ESL programming; students on an IEP; students with an exceptionality as determined by a decision of the IPRC review)
- * We will not entertain requests for specific teachers as teacher allocations are tentative and subject to change on short notice due to factors including teacher requested transfers, Vacancy postings and transfers (system-wide), teacher surplus, leaves, and/or reorganization. *

We are committed to establishing classes that will provide for the best learning opportunities for each and every child. Please provide any additional insights that you believe may be helpful in placing your child on or before May 17th, 2023 in the Google form accessible online at <https://forms.gle/7KmPmDXUzNMEwZXC8> Please only answer questions that you feel are relevant to your child's learning profile. While we will look at the information, there are several single grade classrooms that are part of the school/classroom organization for grades 1, 4, 5 and 6, which does not provide flexibility in student placement decisions at these grade levels. Your child's class placement for the 2023-2024 school year will be noted in their June report card by room number.

Transitions Kindergarten to Grade 12 Operating Procedure PR543

<https://ppf.tdsb.on.ca/uploads/files/live/91/264.pdf>

Grade 3 and 6 EQAO Assessment Dates

Our Grade 3 and 6 students will participate in the Educational Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Primary and Junior Division Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Please save the dates for EQAO Grade 3 and 6 from May 15 -19. Visit www.eqao.com for more information.

Welcome to Kindergarten

On May 25th, we look forward with excitement to welcoming families and new Kindergarten students who will begin their learning journey in the kindergarten program starting on September 5, 2023. Please join us to hear from our staff about the program and ways to build your child(ren) readiness for starting school in September. This event will take place in the Kindergarten classrooms and school. You will have the opportunity to visit both Kindergarten classrooms and receive a "Welcome to Kindergarten Bag" with information and resources. More information and details will be shared in a letter to families who have already completed the Kindergarten registration process with the option of taking either the 9:15 am or 10:15 am ferry based on session selection.

Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) Renewal

The Toronto District School Board is beginning the process to renew its Multi-Year Strategic Plan and we invite the entire TDSB community to get involved and Have Your Say! The renewal process will build on the foundation of our current MYSP and throughout the next several months there will be a variety of opportunities to share your thoughts and ideas. Please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/MYSPrenewal to learn more and for ongoing updates.

Classroom Organization Model for 2023-2024

The tentative School/Classroom Organization and Staffing Model was approved. Tentative Teaching assignments based on the staffing model for 2023-2024 were assigned to teaching staff. Class placement of students for upcoming 2023-2024 school year will begin during the week of May 23-May 26 (Details to follow).

Island Public/Natural Science School 2023-2024

Tentative Classroom Organization

Kindergarten	-	Allocation 2.0 Teachers
1.0 FDK	15	
1.0 FDK	25	
Primary	-	Allocation 4.0 Teachers
1.0 Grade 1	20	
1.0 Grade 1/2	9/11	
1.0 Grade 2/3	8/12	
1.0 Grade 2/3	8/12	
Junior	-	Allocation 3.0 Teachers
1.0 Grade 4	26	
1.0 Grade 5	21	
1.0 Grade 6	18	
Special Education	-	Allocation 1.0 Teachers
1.0 SERT/Resource		
ESL	-	Allocation 0.5 Teachers
Library	-	Allocation 0.39 Teachers
Prep Coverage	-	Allocation 1.7 Teachers
.5 French		
.4 Physical Education		
.4 Drama		
.4 Visual Arts		
.1 Dance		
Total Teacher Allocation		12.5

Education Week – “From Monday, May 1 to Friday, May 5, the DSB invite staff, students, parents/guardians/caregivers, and the wider TDSB community to <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/about-us/educationweek> (*will be updated on Monday*) and follow #TDSBAtoZ on Twitter to learn more about the incredible things happening across the TDSB in support of student success and well-being. We also encourage schools and classrooms to share what they’re up to this week using #TDSBedweek. Follow along! The Ministry of Education’s theme for Education Week 2023, *Education for a Brighter Future*, aligns nicely with our TDSB focus and we look forward to also learning more about what’s happening in other school boards across the province as we all celebrate.”

TDSB Children’s Mental Health Week - The Toronto District School Board recognizes Children’s Mental Health Week from May 1-5. The TDSB Professional Support Services team offers weekly virtual drop-in times where you can connect directly with a staff member to help answer questions and provide support to help you and your child. Info: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Supporting-You/Mental-Health-and-Well-Being-Professional-Support-Staff-PSS>

MobilBid

The school council’s virtual silent auction is now active on MobilBid. There are a variety of items, and anyone can place their bid. The school council appreciate the support and participation of those who wish to bid. The proceeds from the auction will be channeled towards the grade 6 graduation and grade 5/6 trip to Ottawa. To bid, please access the items online through your mobile device at <https://mobilbid.co/url/Dmu8jvt>

May is Asian Heritage Month in the TDSB – “Asian Heritage Month is recognized formally across the nation through an official declaration that was signed in May 2002. Subsequently, the Province of Ontario passed the [Asian Heritage Act](#) (2005), and the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) elected Trustees passed a motion to recognize Asian Heritage Month in April 2007. We are proud to celebrate the numerous achievements of Asian-Canadians. Canada has been enriched by the vibrant traditions that we continue to recognize in our brilliant city by celebrating our heritage proudly through festivals and traditional events that continue to be celebrated through generations. This year our theme is *Joining Our Table: Celebrating Asian Canadians*.” Info: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/home/ctl/Details/mid/43823/itemId/110>

May is Jewish Heritage Month in the TDSB – “Jewish Heritage Month continues to be recognized at the Toronto District School Board(TDSB) during the month of May. Subsequently, the [Canadian Jewish Heritage Act](#), was passed in May 2018 and is also recognized by the Province of Ontario by the passing of the [Jewish Heritage Month Act](#), 2012. As stated in the Jewish Heritage Month Act, 2012, “*May is a significant month for the Jewish Canadian community. Israeli Independence Day (Yom ha-Atzmaut) and Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom ha-Shoah) frequently occur in May, as do various Jewish artistic and cultural events.*”
Info: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/home/ctl/Details/mid/43823/itemId/109>

Island Fun Fair and Barbecue 2023

This year's Fun Fair will be held on June 1st, on Toronto Island at either WIA or onsite at Island Public/Natural Science School! The first meeting of the Fun Fair Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd at 4:00 pm at RBC Waterpark Place, 2nd Floor seating area. Thanks to everyone who have volunteered to serve on the planning committee. We need your help to make the planning and delivery of this event successful! All are welcome to attend committee meetings. This year's fun fair will not be a fundraiser. However, the below information is worth repeating. Fun Fair Fundraising Page: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Fundraising/Fundraising-Guide> "The Toronto District School Board recognizes that school-based fundraising is a local activity, and believes that the goals of fundraising go beyond money to reflect the creative and collaborative efforts of parents, students, teachers and the school community. Underlying these efforts is the belief that it is not the responsibility of parents or school communities to raise funds for basic educational requirements but rather that school communities may raise funds to enhance programs and support school initiatives. All TDSB fundraising initiatives must be approved by the school principal before they move forward. Fundraising proceeds should not be used for expenses required for completion of the curriculum or for capital infrastructure improvements funded through renewal grants from the Ministry of Education. Fundraising is intended to enhance programs and support school initiatives or to support other external causes."

Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony 2023 Update

Plans are progressing well for the grade 6 ceremony! The Graduation ceremony will occur in the school auditorium/gymnasium beginning at 1:30 pm. A simple reception will follow the ceremony.

Date: Thursday, June 22, 2023

Time: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Island Public Natural Science School (Take the Ferry to Centre Island and walk or Ward's/Hanlan's Point and call for bussing)

Additional Events:

Grade 5/6 Trip to Ottawa – June 5th to June 7th

Grade 6 Sleepover at Island – June 26th

Please contact us if you have any questions at the school by phone or email.

School Hot Lunch Program

For families whose child(ren) participate in the hot lunch program, please see review the menu option by weekly rotation and day accessible online at <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/island/Important-Information/Mid-Morning-Meal-Hot-Lunch-Programmes>

Any questions, please let us know by either phone or email at the office.

Weather Attire – Outdoor Recesses and Walking to School

As the weather becomes warmer, classes are walking to school from Centre Island Ferry in the morning, and walking from school to Centre Island Ferry at the end of the school day. Students are also outdoors for morning, lunch and afternoon recesses. Please check the weather forecast daily, and ensure that your child has appropriate weather attire for the changing weather – splash pants, boots and rain jackets along with a spare change of clothes (in a zip locked bag that can be kept in their backpack or the classroom). There are various weather portals including the weather network, accessible online at <https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/forecasts/school-day/ontario/island-public-natural-science-school>

Trustee Update

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Trustee Update – Ward 9 Davenport and Spadina-Fort York (Repeat)

Please see updates from our Ward's Trustee Alexis Dawson accessible online at

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward9/Ward-9/Trustee-Updates>

Save the date – Joint Ward Forum – Families

School Building in Toronto: Where are we now?

May 16, 2023 – 7:00 pm - 8:30pm

The TDSB's Long-Term Program and Accommodation Strategy is refreshed every year.

Please join our Ward 9 Trustee Alexis Dawson and Ward 8 Trustee Shelley Laskin to discuss the plans for Wards 8 and 9. If you are interested in participating, please register online at <https://forms.gle/aEoGS5BcgmJXDdYo7>.

PIAC Conference: May 6!

PIAC Ready-Set-Engage: Bridging the Gap Part II.

Saturday May 6, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Earl Haig Secondary School, 100 Princess Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

Ready. Set. Engage....in person after three years!

Take the opportunity to meet and network with other parents and caregivers from across the Toronto District School Board, and attend workshops that will provide resources to support School Council and the well-being and achievement of students.

Topics will range from Parent Engagement, School Council basics, to Mental Health and Well-Being. New this year, a special theatrical performance, themed around mental health and well-being in the learning environment.

Conference is free with breakfast and lunch included.

Register now at bit.ly/bridgingthegap2023