



James S. Bell Junior Middle Sports and Wellness Academy January 30, 2014



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SIGNIFICANT UPGRADES TO JSB FIELD ARE COMING!!!

The JSB school field is about to undergo major upgrades and changes in the very near future. On January 21st, it was made official that brand new outdoor play structures are on their way. Official timelines will be determined in the next couple of weeks but this is an exciting start!

Plans are also well underway to completely redo the large soccer field area at the south end of the school field. A new natural turf and track are part of the plans to align closely with the school's sports and wellness theme.



Finally, the addition of a basketball / street hockey pad and replacement of the asphalt area are going to be part of the ongoing conversations we are having as we move this plan forward.

Exciting changes on the outside to go with the incredible things we do every day on the inside!

Update on Former Vincent Massey School Property

The Toronto District School Board, through its real estate arm, Toronto

Lands Corporation (TLC), recently received notice from the City of Toronto that it is interested in buying a portion of the former Vincent Massey School property to support the child care needs in the area for years to come.

The next step in the process is discussion between TLC and the City on the details of the City's interest and working toward a Purchase and Sales Agreement along with a site severance. Should the City purchase a portion of the site that includes the building and part of the schoolyard, the TLC will market and sell the remaining portion on the open market. Proceeds from the sale are needed to support the current year capital expenditures of the TDSB.



In [June 2013](#) the TDSB Trustees approved a Three-Year Capital Plan that prioritizes capital projects to address urgent needs of the TDSB across the city, including school renovations. The revenue sources for these priorities come from the sale of previously closed schools and portions of properties, such as Vincent Massey School. Education Act Regulation 444/98 gives public organizations, a chance to buy a property before it is listed for sale on the open market.

For further developments when they occur, you can visit www.tdsb.on.ca > community > Capital Plan.



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Grade 8 Girls Volleyball Team 1st in JSB Invitational

Both Senior Girls Volleyball teams competed in the annual James S. Bell invitational Volleyball tournament on January 20th. Other participating teams included Bloorlea, John English, Humbercrest, and Beaumonde Heights.

Tigers Gold came out strong and cruised to the Championship banner with an 8-0 record, going undefeated in the process. Excellent play from the following team members: Kaitlin M. (captain), Lexi M., Zoe S-L., Dalia S., Mira W., Olivia M., Madison Q., Yaila S., Madison H., Teshay M., Mr. Barnes (coach).

Tigers Black surprised a lot of teams by going 7-3. They won the consolation banner. Team members include: Tenzin K. (captain), Lily M., Tiana Y., Aliyah F., Mackenzie Q., Jessah B., Samuelle H., Maryana K., Fatemah H., Dariesa B., Ms. Morrison and Mr. Barnes (coaches) Way to go teams!!!! We were very impressed!!

Grade 5 Girls Volleyball Team 2nd in JSB Invitational

Congratulations to the JSB Grade 5 Girls Volleyball team and coaches Ms. Shears and Ms. Morrison for finishing second in the invitational tournament held at JSB on January 21st. Thank you to our participating schools - John D. Parker, Millwood JS, Sir Adam Beck, and Wedgewood - for excellent sportsmanship and a great day of volleyball. A special thanks to our Hot Lunch team for another amazing lunch for all of our visiting athletes and coaches!



Cricket Canada at JSB

Do you know that cricket is the second most popular sport in the world, after soccer? It was once the most popular sport in Canada until the early 20th Century before it was overtaken by hockey. It was declared the national sport by Sir John A. Macdonald, the first Prime Minister of Canada.



These are facts that students at JSB learned during a cricket demo on January 23rd. Cricket Canada community volunteer Oswald Jones coached two classes in batting and fielding. The demo generated much such enthusiasm that plans for forming cricket teams are now underway.



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We thank Jarif and Samit for sharing their passion of their Pakistani national sport with us, and Ms. Tanga for bringing in Cricket Canada.

EcoSchools Conference

On January 17th, four Gr. 7 students, Oliver B., Isa K., Daniel B., and Trinity L. represented JSB at an EcoSchools Conference at Downsview Park with Ms. Mok. At the leadership conference, the students participated in outdoor environmental challenges, and community building activities which were fun and exciting. They attended a Zero Waste workshop, and a Take Action workshop.



The EcoTeam leaders appreciated the valuable "one in a lifetime opportunity" and are eager to take action in promoting sustainable transportation to help protect air quality. Stay tuned for future notices!

Recess During Cold Weather

When temperature and wind chill measure -28°C or lower, students are kept indoors. Recesses and lunch hour may be

shortened if the temperature and wind chill reading is between -28°C and -20°C .



Please ensure your child is dressed warmly with winter jacket, snow pants, boots, hat, gloves and scarf for outdoor recess, and indoor shoes for class. An extra pair of socks would be desirable.

Report Card Interviews

First term report cards will be going home on Tuesday Feb 11th. This year teachers will be available to meet with parents after school on Tues. Feb 11th, Wed. Feb 12th, and Thurs. Feb 13th. A request form for interview time has been sent home.



Kindergarten Registration

February is kindergarten registration month. To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must be four-years-old by December 31. For registration in





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On the eighth day of Christmas my true
love gave to me 8 Swimming goggles
On the ninth day of Christmas my true
love gave to me 9 Bean bags
On the tenth day of Christmas my true
love gave to me 10 Yoga mats
On the eleventh day of Christmas my true
love gave to me 11 Twirling Ribbons
On the twelfth day of Christmas my true
love gave to me 12 Healthy Snacks

Character Trait for February - Fairness

What is fairness?

It is recognizing the uniqueness and value of each person within our diverse society, playing by the rules and not changing the rules to benefit ourselves, taking turns when playing a game or a sport, sharing our resources so that everyone has access to them, recognizing our personal biases and prejudices and not letting them influence how we treat other people, considering all points of view before making a decision, listening to others without judgment, or making efforts to compromise when there is a disagreement.



Your child can show fairness by:

- playing and working fairly with others
- treating family members with respect and without prejudice
- treating others in the family in the way that they would like to be treated

Projects to do together

• Watch a television program together or discuss something that is happening at home. Talk about the various ways in which certain characters acted unfairly toward each other. Discuss how the situation could have been avoided.

JSB SWA 2014 Registration

Online Sports and Wellness Academy registration for September 2014 is now open. Please go www.tdsb.on.ca/academies

JSB School Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 5th, staff room
Please note starting time is **6:30 pm**.
For child care service, please email sarah.rier@tdsb.on.ca

Ward Forums

February: "Understanding TDSB Report Cards: Harder Than It Sounds!"

Parents will learn how to read and understand the TDSB report card in advance of the February report cards and parent-teacher interviews

Thursday, February 6, 2014

**7:00pm - 8:45pm; Library
John English JMS, 95 Mimico Ave**

March: Dialogue with the TDSB Director of Education, Donna Quan

Monday, March 3, 2014

**7:00pm - 8:45pm; Library
Norseman JMS, 105 Norseman Ave**

Light refreshments will be served.

To register for Child-minding, please email: Debbie.Wagdin@tdsb.on.ca



James S. Bell February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <i>Day 5</i>	4 <i>Day 1</i> Gr.8 Hockey Hall of Fame trip	5 <i>Day 2</i> Gr.4-8 TDSB Day at Marlies Games, 9:30-3:10; School Council, 6:30	6 <i>Day 3</i> Police Talk, Gr.6, am; Sr. Girls volleyball; full day @ JSB Ward Forum, John English JMS, 7-8:45 pm	7 <i>Day 4</i>	8
9	10 <i>Day 5</i> Jr. Boys basketball, full day @ JSB Book Fair, pm	11 <i>Day 1</i> Sr. Girls volleyball, JSB; Book Fair till 6 pm Report cards go home.	12 <i>Day 2</i> Book Fair till 6 pm; JSB Ski Trip	13 <i>Day 3</i> Book Fair till 6 pm	14 <i>Day 4</i> Book Fair, am; Extreme Pita Lunch; Dance-a-thon	15
16	17 Family Day No school	18 <i>Day 5</i>	19 <i>Day 1</i> Gr.6 Volleyball, full day @ JSB	20 <i>Day 2</i> JSB Open House, 6:30—7:30 pm	21 <i>Day 3</i>	22
23	24 <i>Day 4</i> Gr.5 Volleyball, full day @ JSB	25 <i>Day 5</i>	26 <i>Day 1</i>	27 <i>Day 2</i> Terrific Tigers Assembly 9:20 am	28 <i>Day 3</i> House Day, am; Pizza lunch	



Etobicoke-Lakeshore TDSB

Trustee Pamela Gough

invites you to a

Ward Forum

on

Understanding

TDSB Report Cards:

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north of Lakeshore Blvd. W. and east of Royal York Rd.

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Ward Forum

Guest Speaker:
TDSB Director of Education

Donna Quan



Meet the TDSB's dynamic new director and engage in a dialogue on the future of education in Canada's largest and most innovative school board.

Monday March 3

7:00 to 8:45 pm

In the Library at Norseman JMS

105 Norseman Ave.

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