

JOSEPH BRANT FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



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February is the month of Fairness

Each month, the TDSB focuses on a character trait to exemplify and strive for. This month, the focus is on Fairness. Students may practice being fair by: treating everyone with respect, valuing all people for their uniqueness, hearing both sides of the story, trying to reach compromises, giving second chances, taking turns, listening to others and playing by the rules.

February is African Heritage Month

During the month of February, the TDSB proudly recognizes African Heritage (Black History) Month. It is an occasion to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of peoples of African descent to Canada and the world. The chosen theme for African Heritage Month for 2022-2023 is *Black Joy*. [Learn More.](#)

February is Chinese Heritage Month

February is Chinese Heritage Month at the TDSB. This year, two significant events will be highlighted to mark Chinese Heritage Month: The Lunar New Year (Year of the Rabbit) & *Honouring a Legacy of Conviction and Fortitude* to mark the 100th anniversary of the *Chinese Immigration Act of 1923*. [Learn More.](#)

Virtual Learning 2023 - 2024

The TDSB will continue to offer Virtual Learning for elementary students in the 2023-2024 school year. The Elementary Virtual Learning Selection Form process for students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7 is currently open and **will close on Sunday, February 12**. This form is available to students currently in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7. The Elementary Virtual Learning Selection Form is located on the Virtual Learning website or this link: https://tdsb.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0THwRumLy12Foto

TDSB Schools Safe Arrival Calls Update

Updates have recently been made to TDSB Safe Arrival calls. Moving forward, the main school number will be displayed when parents/guardians/caregivers receive a call to report that a student is absent from school. Previously, a number beginning with 833 was displayed for callouts (some families may be familiar with seeing this number appear when receiving a call from TDSB). To report a student absence, parents/guardians/caregivers please continue to call our Joseph Brant Public School number at 416-396-6400.

2023-24 Before- and After-School Programs - Parent Interest Survey

The TDSB would like to better understand the Before- and After-School Program (BASP) needs of Kindergarten to Grade 6 children. The *2023-24 Before- and After-School Program Interest Survey* **will be available on the TDSB [website](https://tdsb.on.ca/BASP) (tdsb.on.ca/BASP) during February** for families with children in JK to grade 6 to indicate their

interest in a **fee-based, cost-recovery program** at Joseph Brant Public School. If there is sufficient interest at our school, we will move forward with next steps in this process through a licensed third-party operator. If you have questions about this survey or would like to speak to one of our TDSB Child Care Services team members, please contact them at 416-394-2072 or CCS@tdsb.on.ca

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for a September 2023 start is taking place at Joseph Brant on February 23 and 24 from 9:00 to noon. Visit the Early-ON Centre in our school, with your child, to register. We will also have an evening registration opportunity at school from 6 to 8 p.m. on February 23, 2023. For more information on how to register in-person (and what to bring) or how to register online, please visit:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/KindergartenMonth>

School Council

The Joseph Brant School Council's next meeting is on **March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom**. Thank-you to everyone who responded to the survey regarding availability and when to meet. The majority (48%) chose Thursday evening and Friday evenings as the preferred time to meet and 58% indicated the preference of a combination of in-person and virtual meetings. 35% indicated the preference of morning meetings. These results will be taken into consideration when setting the next meeting at our March 2st council meeting.

Painting Project at Joseph Brant

We are excited to have four of our classrooms painted during the week of Feb. 6 to Feb. 10. The classrooms will be rooms 108, 109, 110, 111. This is a project that was approved last year and taking place this year. Staff and Students of these rooms will be learning in alternate classrooms for the purpose of this project. The work will predominantly take place after school with appropriate health and safety measures in place.

Dates to Remember for the month of February

Feb. 7: Parent-Teacher Interview Request Forms go home with options of 15 minute interviews by phone, in-person or via Zoom (return by Feb. 10 if you wish an interview)

Feb. 8: Storyteller Rukhsana Khan visits Joseph Brant at 12:45 p.m. (kindergarten to grade 3), parents welcomed

Feb. 12: Virtual Learning Sign Up for 2023-2024 School Year Closes Today (see sign-up form below)

https://tdsb.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0THwRumLy12Foto

Feb. 14: Report Cards go Home (interview confirmation sent home)

Feb. 16: Parent-Teacher Interview Evening 4 – 8 p.m.

Feb. 17: Parent-Teacher Interview Day 8:45 -11:30 a.m.

Feb. 20: Holiday – Family Day

Feb. 23: Pizza Lunch

Feb. 23 & 24: Kindergarten Registration 9 – 12:00 noon

Feb. 24: Kindergarten Registration Evening 6 – 8 p.m.

Feb. 27: Last Day to complete survey for Before and After school care

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/Before-and-After-School-Program-4-to-12-Years>

March 1: Special Education and Inclusion information session for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers(see flyer)

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1NBtRSFJL_AFe-rzpFaboDcx71dRt-ohD/edit#slide=id.p1

March 2: School Council Meeting 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. via Zoom