



Dear Knob Hill families,

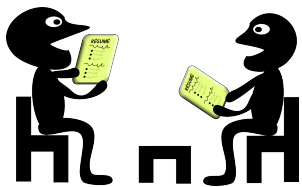
Farewell and Best Wishes

On October 30th we wished Ms. Andress, our afternoon secretary, a Happy Retirement after 20 years of service to the TDSB. We wish her the very best of health and happiness in this new chapter of her life.



It is also bittersweet that we announce that Mrs. Earle, our Office Administrator is moving schools. After 8 years at Knob Hill, she has become an integral part of our school community kindly helping everyone to the best of her ability. Her last day with us will be November 20th. We wish her a smooth transition to her new school and we wish her all the very best in her future endeavors. Students, staff and families will certainly miss her.

Report Cards and Parent Interviews



Progress Report Cards will be going home November 17th, 2020. They are a snapshot of your child's progress up to this point. Teachers will be sending home either a paper form or Google form to set up an interview time with you. Please note that interviews will take place virtually or by phone on November 20th unless another time has been arranged with the teacher.

The P.A. Day for Interviews:

Friday November 20th, 2020 (School is closed)

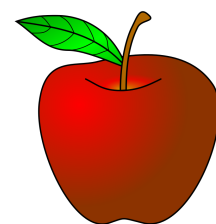
Covid Update

Thank you to the community for assisting us in keeping everyone safe and well from ensuring your child's Health Assessment is signed, to wearing masks when on the property. Although we have had a couple of classes closed temporarily, as a result of parents and the school being proactive, the time in isolation was significantly reduced. If you know you might have been exposed to COVID-19 please remember to isolate and follow the directions of Toronto Public Health (TPH). It is also wise to keep your children home as well depending on exposure and pending the results of your test. Please keep Knob Hill in the loop.



Snack Program

Great news! Our snack program will begin on **Monday November 23rd**. The snack will be delivered differently this year to adhere to Covid safety guidelines. Each child will receive a pre-packaged snack bag that consists of 3 food groups (dairy, fruit/vegetable and grains). As we are practicing Litterless snack, packages with any uneaten items will be sent home with your child.



Heritage Months in TDSB

In 2016, the Government of Ontario declared, that each year, the month of November as **Hindu Heritage Month**. Further to this, on April 18, 2018, the TDSB Board of Trustees voted to recognize the month of November as Hindu Heritage Month.

Canadians of Hindu faith have greatly contributed to civic life in Canada for decades, and are a vibrant part of the growth and prosperity of Toronto, Ontario and Canada. November is an opportunity to celebrate the Hindu way of life, examine its impact and contributions to the world culture, and recognize values which promote compassion, mutual respect and inclusion - and hey, it is the birthplace of the number zero, without which the binary code in computers could not exist!

The theme chosen this year to recognize Hindu Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board is OM Shanti: Living Together in Peace. The Sanskrit words OM Shanti are

considered to be one of the most important mantras or sacred sounds in Hinduism. OM, or AUM, is energy, a vibration from which all the universe originates. Shanti refers to peace in many levels of existence. For example, OM Shanti refers to experiencing peace at the level of the body, mind and spirit. From a wider perspective, it is a prayer for peace in the whole world, including the environment and in our relationships with friends, family, communities and countries - indeed in the entire creation. The word Shanti is chanted three times, in the belief that the desire to attain peace will come true. OM Shanti, Shanti, Shanti! The power point available on our public site www.tdsb.on.ca provides an explanation of OM Shanti.



In November, we **honour Indigenous Education Month** at the TDSB. This month reminds us to centre First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives, histories and contemporary realities. In classrooms across the TDSB, it is an opportunity to learn about treaties, Indigenous leadership, achievements, and resistance.

This month, students, staff and community members recognize a number of important days to deepen knowledge, to learn together about our shared history, and to build stronger relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. See [attached](#).

Over the course of November, students, staff and community members recognize a number of important days to deepen knowledge and to build stronger relationships between non-Indigenous and Indigenous peoples in Canada. This includes Treaty Recognition Week (Nov. 2-6), Inuit Day (Nov. 7), Aboriginal Veterans' Day (Nov. 8), Louis Riel Day (Nov. 16), and an opportunity to Rock Your Mocs (Nov. 15-21). [Learn more](#).



Mental Health and Well-Being

[*Math Anxiety Is Real. Here's How To Help Your Child Avoid It - MindShift*](#)

211 has done some amazing mapping for community supports around your school. It is very easy to navigate, click the link below (your school's name is in the link), there is a pin right on your school. On the left side of the screen you will find topics of support. Click the topic that is needed and all community agencies within the community will pop up on the map.

Knob Hill - <https://211central.ca/knob-hill-public-school/>

French Immersion

Important Information for Families of JK Students (Early French Immersion Application Process – SK Entry)

We kindly ask that the information below is included in any local school communications to JK families. Please note that a central school messenger email with attachment will be sent to all Junior Kindergarten families in virtual schools and in-person schools as well. In addition, this information is being shared via digital advertising and print media, amongst other forms of communications.

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's [Early French Immersion Program](#) (begins in Senior Kindergarten), we offer an online process to apply. [Attached](#) please find an important information package.

To apply for the Early French Immersion Program (SK entry) for September 2021, applications must be completed online between [November 2 and November 27, 2020](#).

An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants and will be made in the weeks following the close of the application window.

Please note: Families with an older sibling currently enrolled in the same French program and who will be in attendance next year are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Please select the “sibling option” within the online application.

For more information about the Early French Immersion (SK) application process, please join us for a [Virtual Information Session](#) on one of the following date:

- November 19, 2020, 10 a.m.

For more information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and important dates, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french.

Celebrations and Commemorations

Remembrance Day

Lest We Forget - A day to remember and thank those who have and will protect our country in the past, now and in the future.

Knob Hill held a virtual commemoration this year - with thanks to Mrs. Gull. Please see the link below that we shared with our students.

[Canadian Department of National Defense - Veterans Day](#)

[14 Facts You May Not Know About Contributions of Indigenous Veterans](#)

Happy Diwali, Divali and Deepavali to those who celebrate the



Festival of Light! For five days, the triumph of good over evil is celebrated with huge celebrations, lavish meals, and spectacular firework displays. Every household will be lit up with special clay lamps called Deepavali, with vibrant designs made of coloured rice or flour, or rangoli, decorating the entrances to

welcome visitors. Diwali is a celebration of family and togetherness.

Day of the Dead



Each year on November 2nd, Day of the Dead is celebrated throughout [Mexico](#) with extravagant parties and parades, colourful decorations, and elaborate costumes and makeup. Contrary to what many might think, Day of the Dead is not the Mexican version of Halloween, but a celebration of life and death that's unique in the

world. Celebrations can be quiet and intimate or loud and festive, but always serve to honour deceased loved ones and welcome them back as they reunite with the living, for one day only, to celebrate together.

Loi Krathong

Thailand's fall festival is one of the most picturesque and awe-inspiring sights in the world, where small candlelit floats are released into rivers and waterways in a mesmerizing act of exchanging the old for the new.

