



September 29th,
2023

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

It has been a great week at Lescon. Our students thoroughly enjoyed soaking staff with buckets of water on Tuesday, in celebration of the \$500 raised for Terry Fox Foundation. Thankfully it was a beautiful day to get soaked!

Our cross-country runners have been practising at lunch time. This week our student announcers began doing the morning announcements. They have done an awesome job. We also have a team of responsible grade 4/5 students who have shown leadership this week with the distribution of snacks. This team of students are part of our "Special Operations Team." They are older students who are responsible and enthusiastic to help in different areas in the school.

This week students in every class have engaged in conversations and learning about Truth and Reconciliation as we prepare for September 29th, Orange Shirt Day. This important learning and rich dialogue is an essential part of the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action. While participating in one of these conversations with Ms. Reyes' class this week, one grade 3 student contributed her reflection about TRC by stating, "I was always so proud to be Canadian but now I see that we have also done some bad things that make me sad." The students were able to reconcile these feelings by then discussing our responsibility as Canadians to learn about past mistakes and make sure we create a better future for Indigenous people.

I am happy to share that Greenwood College is once again going to support an afterschool program for students in grades 3-5. This program will begin in the next few weeks and it will be held on Tuesday nights from 3:15 to 4:30. Greenwood College students will be joining our students to lead them in collaborative games and Board games. If your grade 3-5 child would like to sign up to participate in this afterschool program, please complete [this application](#). The application process will end on October 10th and only 25 students will be selected to participate.

October is Walk to School Month!! Our Walking Wednesdays will return!! On Wednesday October 4th, I am inviting EVERYONE to join me at 8:20 at NYMARK and LESLIE to walk to school together. Let's show some Lescon spirit and walk through the community together for the Official Walk to School Day!!

Yours in education,

Shauna Small



OCTOBER 4th

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WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

October 5



WALK BIKE & ROLL TO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 4th

International Languages Elementary and African Heritage
Open to all students from Kindergarten to Grade 8, the International Language Program offers language learning with engaging activities like games, songs and dance. Activities will be focused on building students' abilities in oral communication, reading and writing and no language background is necessary to participate. The African Heritage Program connects students, from Kindergarten to Grade 8, to the contributions of people of African descent, their histories, cultures and traditions, through inquiry and experiential learning.
[Visit our program page for more information including registration details.](#)

Learn4Life - Adult General Interest Community Program
Fall registration is still open for our Adult General Interest Program with courses in business, languages, art, music, sports, dancing, and more! Open to adults 18 years of age and seniors, the Learn4Life program offers a unique and valuable opportunity for individuals to pursue their interests, expand their knowledge, and engage in lifelong learning with a wide range of courses and activities designed to cater to diverse interests and passions.
[Visit Learn4Life's program page for more information.](#)

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER

4th - Walk to School Day

6th - PA Day

9th - Thanksgiving

Teaching children: kindness, empathy and compassion are not simply a lesson learnt in the classroom.

They are values that children need to see and experience frequently.

www.easypeasykids.com.au

Reporting



Absences

**Please
inform the
school if
your child
will be late
or absent!**



Our first Council meeting for this school year is next week.

Come join the conversation and have a voice.

School Council Elections: October 2nd

Please see our website for information about candidates.

School Council Meetings

Monday Oct 2nd

Monday Dec 4th

Monday Feb 5th

Monday April 8th

Monday June 17th

6 pm in the library

All are welcome

TDSB Virtual Community Fair: For Parents/Caregivers of Children, Youth and Young Adults with Special or Complex Needs

Topic:

Come meet with our very own TDSB Professional Support Services and Special Education and Inclusion Consultants who will discuss crucial support at your child/youth/young adult's school. Get an opportunity to talk to a TDSB Psychologist, Occupation Therapist and Physiotherapist, Speech and Language Pathologist, Social Worker and a Special Education and Inclusion Consultant.

Guests: TDSB Professional Support Services and Special Education and Inclusion Consultants.

When: Monday, October 16th, 2023, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon and the same information will be repeated on Monday, October 23rd, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. ([flyer](#))

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 255 846 447 429

Passcode: 3BWFVF

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

Congratulations to **Ms. Wei's** class for earning the first Golden Garbage Can award for the year.



"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."

Jane D. Hull

Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference - October 21 & 22, 2023

Join us at our annual Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference on October 21 and 22, 2023. Parents, guardians, and caregivers are invited to participate in a weekend of learning, connection, and engagement and to learn strategies to support your child throughout the year.

Last year, we partnered with the TDSB's Outdoor Education team and the City of Toronto to bring a unique experience to the conference. All of the in-person sessions are scheduled between 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Transportation from central sites is available to all venues, leaving the location at 1:00 p.m. and returning at 3:30 p.m. More information will be provided as we approach the date.

The virtual conference includes a keynote address on Saturday, October 21, 2023, by Dr. Gholnesar (Gholdy) Muhammad, an Associate Professor of Literacy, Language, and Culture. On Sunday, October 22, 2023, Sarah Baldeo, an accomplished neuroscientist, technologist, corporate strategist, and a successful entrepreneur, will be our keynote.

Visit www.parentsaspartners.ca to register and for more information.



**DIVERSITY
OUR
STRENGTH**

*We wish all our staff,
students and families a
meaningful holiday!*



SEPTEMBER 30
**NATIONAL DAY FOR
TRUTH &
RECONCILIATION**



Mehregan Fall Festival

A day in Persian culture marked with love, light, friendship, and kindness.



WELCOME TO LESCON'S LIBRARY

Hi Lescon Staff, Students, & Families,

I'm so excited to be Lescon's Teacher-Librarian for the 2023/2024 school year. This year, the space will include some new opportunities for learning, exploration & growth. Our library is more than a place to check out amazing books - it's the heart of our school, a place where you and your students can experiment, explore, question, think critically and be creative. My hope is that our learning hub fuels curiosity and for it to be an engaging, dynamic, safe space where students work collaboratively. My goal is that students feel represented and develop a love for reading. Throughout this month, it has been a great pleasure welcoming classes to the library for orientations. Thank you for reinforcing respect for our learning environment and books within our library. Each class has been given 2 library passes. Feel free to send 2 students to the library during PM recess to enjoy some reading or activity time. Each month, we will have an Author of the Month. Some authors will be geared more towards primary students while others, junior students. We already have a very eager group of library helpers ready to help keep our library neat and organised! Every month, we will have a Lescon Library Challenge! This month the students did an amazing job creating book covers of their favourite books or their own made up books.






Partnering News: The juniors have been focusing on Digital Citizenship. Their culminating task is to present why being a responsible digital citizen is important to the grade 3 classes. Their next focus will be on Non-Fiction Text features. Our primary partnering will start the week of October 9th, starting with Ms. Creswell's grade 1/2 class. We will rotate through the primary classes month by month. Our first focus will be on the 7 Sacred Teaching of Indigenous People and writing sentences with details. I look forward to learning together with you and your class throughout the school year.

Always feel free to connect with me via email or in person with any questions or comments!





Kindest regards, Mrs. Concessao
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HAPPY READING!

WHAT'S NEXT?

-  October's Author of the Month will be Robert Munsch
-  October's Lescon Library Challenge will be creating a bookmark
-  Ms. Creswell's grade 1/2 class kicks off primary partnering starting the week of October 10th
-  and finally...
Library book circulation will start October 10th - let's start with 1 book per student for the month of October
-  Every Wednesday and Friday, a very small excerpt from a Robert Munsch book will be read during morning announcements. Can your class guess which book it's from?

AT HOME SUGGESTIONS!

-  Take turns reading with your child
-  Point out environmental print, can your child recognize HomeDepot? McDonalds? No Frills?
-  Model reading - if your child sees YOU reading, they will be likely to want to read
-  Play I Spy Alphabet games, turn to a page in a book and see how many times your child can find a certain letter!

LET'S CHAT!

What are some wishes that you have for the Lescon Library this year?



Parent/
Caregiver
Workshop

Digital Media Literacy Skills in the Age of AI



It can be challenging to sort fact from fiction online, and an increase in hate speech, alongside ChatGPT and other artificial intelligence tools, have made it even harder.



This virtual workshop is designed to help parents and caregivers learn simple skills for spotting misinformation in the context of social media platforms and AI.



Two available date options:

- Thursday, October 12th from 6:30 – 7:30PM
- Wednesday, October 18th from 6:30 – 7:30PM

To register, visit: <https://CTRL-F-TDSB.eventbrite.ca>

Please note: registration is free and will be limited to 300 spots

PRESENTERS



Kim Davidson is a teacher-librarian and digital media literacy specialist who has been with TDSB for 22 years. She is also a member of CIVIX's Board of Directors.

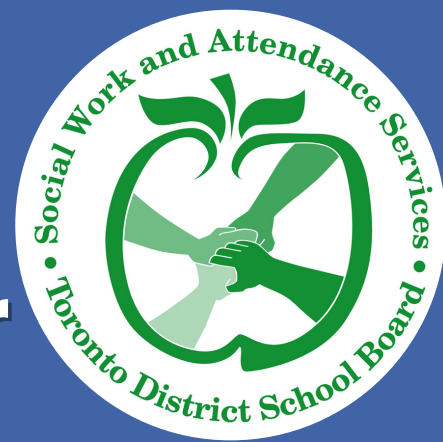


Ken Boyd is Director of Education at CIVIX, a charity dedicated to building the habits and skills of active and informed citizenship among youth.

TDSB Social Workers

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Virtual Community Fair



For Parents/Caregivers of Children, Youth and Young Adults with Special or Complex Needs

WHEN:

OCTOBER 16 , 2023

9:30AM – 12PM

AND A REPEAT ON

OCTOBER 23, 2023

5:30–8PM



**Psychological
Services**



**Occupational Therapy &
Physiotherapy Services**



**Special
Education &
Inclusion**



**Microsoft
Teams**



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Meet with TDSB Professional Support Services and Special Needs and Inclusion Consultants who provide services for your child/youth/young adult with Special /Complex needs.

- **Occupational Therapist & Physiotherapist**
- **Speech and Language Pathologist**
- **Special Needs and Inclusion**
- **Social Worker**
- **Psychologist**

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