

**JUNE
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PRINCIPAL NOTES

Monday, June 3, 2024.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to another newsletter! 4 weeks of school left – that's hard to believe! Many events are happening this June. Please check our monthly calendar, posted on this website, for all the important events. website:

schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/lordroberts.

Staffing

As was stated in the last newsletter, we have been allotted 21.5 staff for next year. Once again, this is what our tentative set-up looks like for 2024-2025:

School Organization for 2024-2025

JK/SK – 4 classes
Special Education Resource: 1.0
Gr. 1 – 2 classes
ESL Resource : 1.0
Gr. 1/2
Gr. 2 – 2 classes
Grade 2/3 Library .5
Gr. 3 Music – 1.0
Grade 3/4 Gr. 4 Gr. 5
Gr. 5/6 Gym – 1.0
Gr. 6 French 1.0

As is usually the case, our numbers increase in September and, depending on which grades get the additional students, that will determine if re-organization is necessary. The projected enrolment for September is: **369**.


Staff Changes

The following staff members are leaving... (if known, the new position and school are in brackets)

Tiffany Storms; Aasha Nandalal;

Laura Fraser (Gr. 1/2, Norman Cook P.S.); Ken Trovato (Gr. 3/4, at Oakridge Jr. P.S.); Richard Dela Calzada (Gr. 4 at Oakridge Jr. P.S.); Foryda Akhtar; Karan Atri (Gr. 4/5 LOI and SERT, at Glamorgan Jr. P.S.); Afroza Akhter (ECE at Palmerston Ave. Jr. P.S.); Jessie Marshall (CYW); Simone Smith (CYW); David Boyd (Caretaker)

Christina Huang started out in our school in September of this school year but accepted another position as an ESL itinerant this past year and she will not be returning to Lord Roberts, rather she obtained another position at another school - Prep/Library FI teacher at Ecole Bannockburn PS. We wish her all the best in her new assignment.

We are really sad to see all these staff members go. We thank them for their dedication, commitment and service to the students, parents and the Lord Roberts community and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours. 

Our caretaker, **Mr. David Boyd**, is retiring, at the end of August, after 15 years with the Board! We wish him all the best – health, happiness and lots of fun as he finally gets the time to do all of the things he really enjoys. We thank him for all his hard work in keeping the school and surrounding property well-maintained and beautiful all these years.

Thank you
Mr. Boyd

[New staff coming to our school...](#)

Great news for our community! Guess who is coming back! From Wexford P.S., **Chris Georgiou** is excited to return, as he loves working with our students and community. We are thrilled to have him once again at Lord Roberts. We'd like to welcome **Shaista Tahir** from Ranchdale Public School. From General Brock Public School, welcome to **Samantha Zufelt**.

Hong Zhang was on a 4-over-5 leave this year and is coming back in September, which is terrific news. We are looking forward to having her back at Lord Roberts.

[Author-in-Residence](#)

Mrs. Caandeepan has been very busy this year, not only teaching her class, but leading the Terry Fox Run at Lord Roberts, managing the Kindness Leadership Club, teaching Indigenous studies with the Indigenous "Power of Words" healing tree and coordinating all the activities for Tamil Heritage Month as the Director in January. Also, Mrs. Caandeepan, with a team of teachers, helped train students to be leaders in an outdoor activities program during recesses called the PALS program.

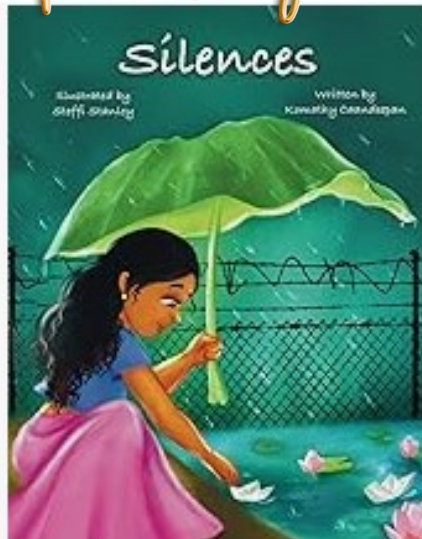
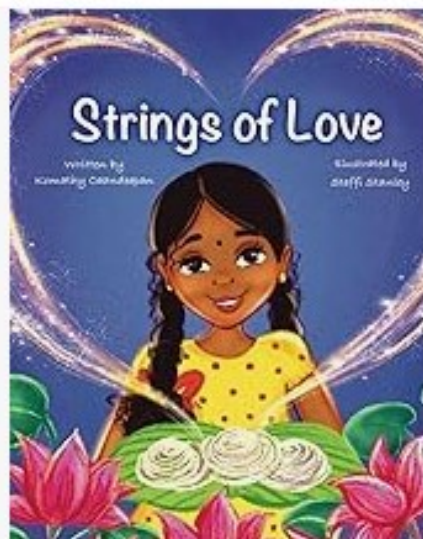
Working with our students, Mrs. Caandeepan has seen the need for student voices to be depicted in literature and therefore she wrote and published, not 1 book but 2 books! "Silences" and "Strings of Love", 2 of her books, were published this spring.

The illustrator for both works is **Steffi Stanley**, based in Chennai, India. She is a software developer who has done her master degree in Software Engineering. Mrs. Stanley's passion for creating illustrations started as a simple hobby but soon turned into something more fulfilling. Congratulations Mrs. Caandeepan, for writing these 2 beautiful books for children in our community and for readers all over the world.

Tamil Heritage Display



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Thank you



Author: Mrs.K.Caandeepan

Illustrator: Mrs.S.Stanley

School Council

A reminder that our monthly Pizza lunch is always on the last Thursday of the month, the final one being June 27. Thank you, **Mrs. Sankar, our School Council Chair**, for arranging and delivering pizza lunches to the students every month, all year. Our last School Council meeting of the year was May 30th. Thank you, Mrs. Sankar, for coming to every meeting and most of all, thanks to you for all the hours and hours of hard work you have put in, volunteering in so many ways to serve the students of Lord Roberts. We can't thank you enough for the 12 years of service – with no pay! – but hours and hours that you took away from your own time and family to help our students and their families. You have provided Lord Roberts with the voice of the community on so many issues and advocated for students, families and community members. As Mrs. Sankar's last child is graduating from gr. 6, we certainly hope that she continues at our school in the role of Chair, for next year. We hope that our parents decide to attend these School Council meetings next year, to help our school and volunteer their assistance in our many projects. It is an immense job for 1 person and Mrs. Sankar has done it on her own – she needs help, your help, next year. Please make it a priority to come to the School Council meetings in 2024-2025.



Celebrating Pride 2024

June is Pride Month at the TDSB!

Pride Month is an opportunity to celebrate diversity and raise awareness amongst all staff and students about the rich and varied intersecting identities, cultures and histories of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities.

Pride is a time for TDSB students, staff, and families to continue learning about Queer history, joy, excellence, and resilience; it is a time to celebrate the diversity that exists in every school community across the TDSB. It is also an opportunity to highlight the varied issues related to 2SLGBTQIA+ communities as well as the impact of homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia on TDSB students, staff, and community members.

Queer and Trans Pride center Two-Spirit, Indigiqueer, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual and agender (2SLGBTQIA+) people through the celebratory affirmation of their sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. The movement has three main premises:

People should be proud of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression

Diversity is a gift, and

Sexual orientation and gender identity are inherent and cannot be intentionally altered.

The abbreviated Gay Pride and Pride have since become mainstream and shorthand expressions inclusive of all individuals in various 2SLGBTQIA+ communities.

We look forward to celebrating Pride 2024 with all our 2SLGBTQIA+ students, staff, and allies!

[Italian Heritage Month at the TDSB - June 2024](#)

Toronto District School Board (TDSB) has proudly recognized Italian Heritage Month during the month of June since 2012. The Province of Ontario also marks Italian Heritage Month and passed the Italian Heritage Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/10i17>) in 2010.

This year's theme for Italian Heritage Month is Sharing Our Stories and Embracing Our Future/Condividere le nostre storie e abbracciare il nostro futuro.

[Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month at the TDSB](#)

Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month is proudly recognized during the month of June at the TDSB and has been since 2011. The Province of Ontario passed the Celebration of Portuguese Heritage Act in 2001.

This year our theme is Unidos/United! Please follow us on Twitter @TDSB_PSHM . Please visit our Heritage/History Month website at the following link: <https://tdsbweb.tdsb.on.ca/equity/Heritage-History-Months/2023-2024/Portuguese-Speaking-Heritage-Month>



[Summer Well-Being Guide](#)

The 2024 [Summer Well-being Guide](#) is now available! The [Guide](#) has resources, community connections, events and ideas for students and parents/ caregivers/guardians to promote mental and physical wellness during the summer months. The resources are culturally responsive with many resources for students with disabilities/special education needs. The [Guide](#) has been translated into the top 23 TDSB languages spoken and is accessible.

June 7 is a PA Day. There is no school for students.

Don't forget the JK/SK End-of-Year celebration will be on June 20 at 1:00 pm.



The Gr. 6 Graduation is on June 20, the same day, at 4:00 pm. Report cards will be sent home on June 24. The last day of school is Friday, June 28, with dismissal time at the regular time of 3:15 pm.


Class of
2024



That's all for now, everyone...
Feel free to call the office anytime if you have any questions or concerns at: 416-396-6420.

Sincerely,
T. Dillinger
Principal
Lord Roberts Jr. P.S.

Thank You!

