

**MAY  
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# PRINCIPAL NOTES



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Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to another newsletter! Two more months of school left – that's hard to believe! Lots is happening within the next two months. We will keep you up-to-date on our events. Do check out our school monthly calendar within our website:  
[schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/lordroberts](http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/lordroberts).

### Staffing

Right now we are in the process of planning the classroom organization for next year. We have been allotted 21.5 staff for next year. 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**.



### Education Week is going Back to Basics

The theme this year for Education Week is Back to Basics in Education which takes place during the week of May 6 to 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Education's goal is to raise awareness about the importance of boosting student success in classrooms with a back-to-basics approach focused on reading, writing, math, and STEM disciplines in both elementary and secondary school.



### Gr. 6

At this time of year families are often booking vacations and ask when the grade 6 graduation is being held. As a heads-up, we are having it on June 20, at 4:00p.m.

On May 30, at 6:00 pm, Charles Gordon Sr. P.S. will have their Parent Information Night for our gr. 6 students who will be attending next year. More details will follow closer to the date.

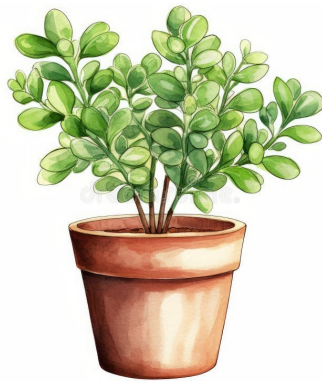
### Upcoming EQAO Assessment

#### EQAO

Just a reminder that Gr. 6's will be having their EQAO testing on May 21, 22 and 23. The grade 3's will be having their EQAO testing on May 27, 28 and 29. It's important that all students in those grades are available for testing during that period. Please ensure that all doctor's appointments are scheduled outside of those dates. A good night's sleep and a good breakfast are the only prerequisites for the students on the day of the test. All they have to do is try their best!

### Welcome to Kindergarten

Our "Welcome to Kindergarten" program will be held in-person at the school on May 30, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for our new families to bring their children and learn all about our kindergarten program – how to prepare your child for school in September by finding out all the things that require their independence to ensure a great start to the school year.



### School Council

Our next School Council meeting is Thursday, May 2, at 6:00 pm, in-person, in the staff room. Our Fun Fair, is happening on Thursday, June 6 at 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm in the backyard of the school. We will need lots of parent volunteers to help run the events. Your participation would be greatly appreciated. Do come out and find out how you can help. There will be an **additional** School Council meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup> to finalize Fun Fair plans. This will be at 5:00 pm, a different time from the usual, to accommodate the "Welcome to Kindergarten" event at 6:00 pm that same night. This is a great chance to help out the school by attending the meeting and offering to volunteer at the Fun Fair, our most popular and well-attended event of the year. Our last one was several years ago – pre-Covid. Do mark the Fun Fair on your calendars and plan for the entire family to attend.

A reminder that our monthly Pizza lunch is always on the last Thursday of the month. Thank you, Mrs. Sankar, our School Council Chair, for arranging and delivering pizza lunches to the students every month.



(June 10, 2019)

## Sight and Sound Program

The **Sight and Sound Program** provided by Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TSS) is back to serve the school community. They have served Lord Roberts JPS in the past (prior to COVID) and they are offering the program again this year. The Sight and Sound Program, a vision and hearing screening program for TDSB non-Model Schools, involves nominal fees which are covered by the participating families. The fees collected help cover some admin costs in bringing the service to the school. The students identified at the screening as having vision and hearing problems are referred to the healthcare professionals for further evaluation and management. The program is open to all students. This is an optional service and at the discretion of the parents/guardians if they want to avail the services for their children. Fees are as follows per child:

Vision screening only: \$15.00

Hearing Screening only: \$15.00

Both Vision and Hearing Screening: \$20.00

Our clinic date is: May 24<sup>th</sup>.

The other support that they extend to the school is providing free prescription glasses to the needy students through their Gift of Sight and Sound Program.



Toronto Foundation for Student Success

[Athletics](#)

Athletics at Lord Roberts is heating up for the spring. We are currently running an intramural European Handball league for Gr. 1-4, which will culminate in the playoffs next week. On May 10 (raindate May 13), we will hold our Lord Roberts Track and Field day for junior students, in preparation for the annual event at Birchmount Stadium on June 10. Later on in June, we will have a Play Day for the primary grades. Go Rockets! (Mr. Russell)



## PALS Program

The PALS program is officially underway! Every morning recess, there will be cooperative outdoor games happening in the school yard led by PALS Leaders. These are our 2023/2024 PALS leaders:

(Alphabetical Order) Amritha, Aneska, Anuhas, Anvi, Arishan, Bethel, Dan, Demi, Gianne, Ihina, Kavinaya, Lakshan, Lokith, Maham, Maliya, Maria, Nidesh, Sahana, Shigany, Thaksika, Thushan, Vaibhav

Public Health Supervisor: Mr.S.Chung

Staff Supervisors:

Mrs.Caandeepan, Ms.Polidoro, Mrs.Viera and Ms.Williams



## Community Parenting/Caregiver Connections

Parent/Caregivers are even more effective when they are able to be supported by a community that understands their parental needs and those of their child, youth or young adult with Special/Complex Needs. For this Virtual Community Fair, parents/caregivers will get the opportunity to build connections with community agencies that offer supportive programs such as parenting groups, family resource sharing groups, and also to discuss supports related to; Behaviour Support, ASD Supports, Life Skills Programs and Respite/Summer Programs.

Guests: Family Services Toronto, Extend-A-Family, Woodgreen Community Services, Holland Bloorview, Lumenus Community Services and Dream Serenade.

When: Monday, May 6th, 2024, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon and the same information will be repeated on Monday, May 13th, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 255 846 447 429

Passcode: 3BWFVF

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For more information send email to [virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca)

Or call Larena Case at 416-570-3314 or Maria Antonia Aymerich at 416-524-1930 or Vanessa Wong at 647-229-0730.



## Jewish Heritage Month - May 2024 - The Mouse who Danced The Hora

Jewish Heritage Month is recognized at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) during the month of May. The TDSB's Jewish Heritage Committee's (JHC) program for 2024, as in previous years, is part of the committee's commitment to plan annual educational opportunities and enrich the curriculum for further learning about Jewish heritage and culture. Each year we choose one grade or division to focus on with a program and in some years, we have been fortunate to work with other organizations to provide larger scale programs.

## Victoria Day

On May 20, it is Victoria Day, a federal Canadian public holiday observed on the last Monday preceding May 25 to honour Queen Victoria, who is known as the "Mother of Confederation". The holiday has existed in Canada since at least 1845, originally on Victoria's natural birthday, May 24. There is no school on May 20.



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

Sincerely,

T. Dillinger