



Principal's Message

Dear Families,

In February, we celebrated many special events including Valentine's Day, 100th Day, Pink Shirt Day, Chess Club, Coding Club, African Heritage Month and Chinese Heritage Month. It has been a great month at Lynnwood, and I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter.

Registration for Lynnwood's Kindergarten program is open. We very much look forward to welcoming your child and any other children you know in the neighbour to Lynnwood Heights for 2025-2026.

Best regards,

Joy Reiter

School Year Calendar



TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD H

Lynnwood Heights 2024 - 2025

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Activity Days: tember 27, 2024 ober 11, 2024 ember 15, 2024 ember 29, 2024 ary 17, 2025 Dates to Remember: Labour Day: September 2, 2024 Thanksgiving: October 14, 2024 Winter Break: December 23, 2024 -January 3, 2025 (last day of school December 20, 2024; school resumes January 6, 2025) Provincial Family Day: February 17. Mid-Winter Break: March 10 - 14, chool: 2025 mber 3, 2024 Good Friday: April 18, 2025 Easter Monday: April 21, 2025 chool for Victoria Day: May 19, 2025 tudents: Friday June 27, 2025 Total Instructional Days: 187



important dates

School Council

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April 16 (online);

June 4 (in person).



PIZZA DAY

Wed. Mar 26

Wed. Apr. 16

Wed. May 14



SCHOOL CALENDAR

To access the **School Year Calendar**, please click on the icon below for more information.



Bell Times

Before School Supervision: 8:25 – 8:40 AM

School Entry Bell: 8:40 AM

Morning Recess: 10:05 – 10:20 AM

Lunch: 11:30 AM – 12:35 PM

Afternoon Recess: 2:00 – 2:15 PM

Dismissal: 3:25 PM

After School Supervision: 3:25 – 3:40 PM

To report your son/daughter absence, please call 1-833-250-2290

School Council

School Council Elections

Co-Chair: Conrad Hartmann

Co-Chair: Grace Su

Treasurer: Tamie Tran

Secretary: Katherine Seiter

Secretary: Helen Yao

A huge thank you to these parents for volunteering for School Council.



Parent/Caregiver and Community Newsletter





Winter Weather Reminders

PLEASE send your child during the winter with the following...

Multiple layers, with the outer wear being waterproof

Mittens or gloves that are waterproof

Warm hat with ear protection since most of our body heat escapes from the head OR a hood that stays on securely

Warm socks to protect ankles and feet

Slip resistant, insulated boots

Snow pants

Indoor shoes to change into from recess

Extra pair of socks in case of need



Help Ahead is the centralized phone line to access child, youth and family mental health and well-being resources in Toronto. 1-866-585-6486 www.Helpahead.ca

Need immediate help?

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health or substance use emergency, call 9-1-1 or go to the emergency room of your local hospital.

If you need someone to talk to, consider reaching out to:

- Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000
- Kids Helpline 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868
- Bullying Canada 877 352 4497
- Suicide Line 833 456 4566
- Suicide Text 45645
- Canadian human trafficking hotline: 1-833-900-1010
- 2SLGBTQ Youth line 1-800-268-9688
- LGBT Youth line TEXT 647-694-4275 (4pm-9:30pm)



TRAVELLING FOR MARCH BREAK? STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH YOUR MEASLES VACCINES BEFORE YOU GO



2 doses of the MMR vaccine are recommended if born in 1970 or later.



Children get their 1st dose after they turn 1 and their 2nd dose at 4-6 years old.



Infants 6-11 months can get a dose if travelling.



Adults born before 1970 who are unsure if they had measles or were vaccinated can get an MMR dose.

Special Education and Inclusion Video Series: Guides for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

The TDSB's Special Education and Inclusion Department is excited to share their Guides for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers video series!

These videos provide an overview of our Guides to Special Education, designed to help families understand the programs, services, and supports available to students.

From learning about Individual Education Plans (IEPs) to navigating the Identification, Placement, and Review Committee (IPRC) process, these resources are here to support you every step of the way.

We encourage you to explore the full guides on the Special Education and Inclusion website, where you'll also find\ additional Special Education resources for families.

Travelling for March Break? Measles is just a plane ride away.

Measles continues to spread in many parts of the world and in Canada. If you are planning to travel over March Break, get the best protection for you and your loved ones by staying up-to-date with your routine vaccines, including the measles vaccine.

These vaccines are available from your health care provider or at a Toronto Public Health (TPH) community clinic for school-aged children, by appointment. Visit TPHbookings.ca for more information.

If you are unsure of your child's vaccination status, check their yellow card (Ontario Immunization Record), TPH's Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON) or by speaking with their primary health care provider. Questions? Contact TPH at publichealth@toronto.ca or 416-338-7600, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for more information. Service is available in multiple languages.

PLANNING TO TRAVEL? PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM MEASLES BEFORE YOU GO.



- Get your child up-to-date with vaccines.
- MMR vaccines protect against measles & are safe.
- Measles spreads quickly through the air & close contact.
- Symptoms are a red rash, fever, runny nose, cough, feeling tired or red eyes.
- Measles can be serious for babies & young children.

MToronto Public Health

toronto.ca/health

Traveling for March Break? Measles is still spreading around the world and in Canada!

Get vaccinated before you go to protect you & your loved ones.

If you return from travel with a rash & fever, speak to your health care provider before you seek out care about testing for #Measles:

toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/diseases-medications-vaccines/measles-fact-sheet/

@TOPublicHealth

No Smoking

Please remember there is no smoking allowed anywhere on TDSB property. Please do not smoke near the children, on the property or leave cigarette butts on the property. Thank you for setting a positive example for Lynnwood's students.

Please find a message from Toronto Public Health (TPH) below, with information about reducing the spread of respiratory infections in schools. Thank you.Re:

Reducing the Spread of Respiratory Infections in Schools

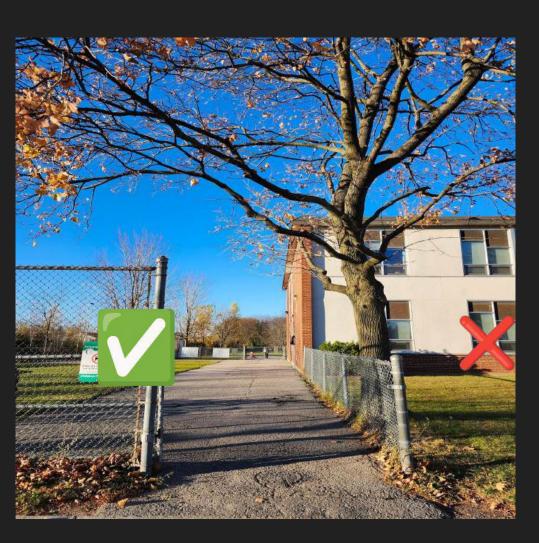
At this time of year, respiratory illness can be more common as people gather indoors. To help protect our school communities, staff, students, and visitors are reminded to:

- Check for symptoms of respiratory infection every day prior to school
- Stay home when you have symptoms, even if they are mild.
- Wash or sanitize your hands often.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with an elbow or a tissue.
- Get your influenza and COVID-19 vaccines at a participating pharmacy or your primary health care provider. These vaccines are the best way to protect against infection with influenza and COVID-19.
- Clean high-touch school surfaces often and when they are dirty.
- Avoid non-essential visits to high-risk settings such as hospitals and long-term care homes.
- Speak to your healthcare provider or call 8-1-1 if you have questions about you or your family's health or if you are unsure where to access care.

If you or your child have symptoms of a respiratory virus, stay home. This means:

- Stay home until you or your child have no fever and symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you or your child have gastrointestinal symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhea).
- The Ontario Ministry of Health advises that for 10 days after symptoms start, an ill person should wear a well-fitted, high-quality mask when out in public, including in school and childcare.
- Avoid visiting anyone who is immunocompromised or may be at higher risk of illness.

Safety





Special Education Department for

Families/School Community

2024-25 Drop-In Sessions

Special Education and Inclusion is pleased to offer drop-in sessions for parents, guardians, and caregivers. These sessions aim to provide information and resources for accessing special education supports and services. Participants can ask questions, share experiences, and connect with other families in a friendly environment. Please **see the flyer** for upcoming dates, times and links.

Culturally Relevant and Responsive Community Resources

Toronto is home to a wide range of services which can be overwhelming, and the TDSB Mental Health Leads have developed an easy-to-use tool featuring over 1,000 Toronto-based resources sourced from 211ontario.ca in hopes to make the navigation of community resources easier.

These resources are:

- Culturally relevant and responsive
- Organized by themes and locations, including East York, North York, Etobicoke, Toronto, and Scarborough
- Covering services such as youth shelters, food banks, and mental health agencies
- While this list is comprehensive and regularly updated, it is not exhaustive.

We encourage you to explore and share the <u>Culturally Relevant and</u> <u>Responsive Community Resources</u> widely within your school communities.

Winter Well-Being Guide

We are excited to announce that the <u>Winter Well-Being Guide 2024-2025</u> is now available. The Guide is prepared by the Mental Health and Well-Being Committee, in collaboration with the Mental Health Leads and the System Leader for Mental Health and PSS. The Winter Well-Being Guide 2024-2025 offers updated, culturally relevant, and responsive resources to support students and parents/caregivers/guardians in fostering mental and physical wellness during the winter months. It also includes specific supports tailored for students with disabilities and complex needs.

To ensure accessibility for our diverse community, the guide has been translated into the top spoken languages within the TDSB. You can access it here: The Winter Well-Being Guide

Winter Well-Being Guide 2024-25 (translated in over 20 languages)

Virtual Drop-In Hours: Pathways to Care for Mental Health

Did you know the TDSB offers drop-in hours for educational presentations that provide the knowledge and tools necessary to support the well-being of students at home and in school? <u>Visit the TDSB website</u> to view session dates and themes.

Mental Health (MH) Choice Boards for Parents/Caregivers

Parents/Caregivers: MH ChoiceBoard-Parents/Caregivers

Inclusive Education

February is National Inclusive Education Month, which promotes and raises awareness about inclusive education. Please access the following links for more information, learning, and resources.

Community Living Ontario Resources

New Resources available!

Kindergarten Registration for September 2025

Registration for Lynnwood Heights English Kindergarten programs is OPEN. We are opening the registration window a month earlier to better align with other system wide application processes such as Out of Area and Alternative Schools.

As in previous years, families have the option to register their child online at www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten or in-person at the school. With both options, families must validate registration information in-person at the school.



Welcome to KINDERGARTEN

Special Education and Inclusion Transitions

Special Education and Inclusion Transitions Supports Website for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers and Students – We are pleased to share a new <u>Transitions</u> Supports website with information and resources to assist students, families, and educators in navigating transitions for entry to school, from grade to grade, from elementary to secondary, and from secondary to post-secondary (and post-21) pathways. Connect with your child's teacher or principal for more specific transition information.

Students with a Developmental Delay

Students with a developmental delay finish schooling when they are 21. It is important for them to move toward independence and a plan needs to be generated early on.

Developmental Services Ontario (DSO) is an umbrella organization made up of nine social services agencies in Ontario, including Surrey Place in Toronto. The purpose of the DSO is to assist in planning for the future of adults with developmental disabilities.

They assist with:

- Residential services
- Community participation
- Caregiver respite
- Counselling
- Matching the adult with a Protective Services Worker
- Specialized and professional services funded by Ministry of Community and Social Services
- Passport services funding (i.e. paying for your own private services and being reimbursed by the Ontario government)

The DSO provides essential information for adults with DD and their caregivers.

Winter Weather and Student Transportation

From time to time, it may be necessary to cancel student transportation, classes and/or programs because of severe weather. On rare occasions, severe weather makes it necessary to close schools, administrative offices, or sites.

Should a cancellation or closure be necessary, information will be posted on the TDSB website and TDSB social media by 6 a.m. I encourage you to visit the website to learn about **Snow/Cold Weather** and the **Procedure for Severe Weather**.

Toronto Public Library Resources for Families:

eBooks and Online Content

https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/books-video-music/downloads-ebooks/

Programs for Kids and Families

https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/programs-and-classes/kids-and-families/

Youtube Playlists

https://www.youtube.com/user/torontopubliclibrary/playlists

Museum and Arts Pass

https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/museum-arts-passes/

Leading to Reading

https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/services/leading-to-reading.jsp

Dial a Story – 416-395-5400

https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/services/dial-a-story.jsp

Learning Opportunities Index Policy (P067) Consultation

The TDSB is currently reviewing its Learning Opportunities Index (LOI) Policy, which affirms the TDSB's commitment to achieve equitable academic opportunities. Your input is important and we want to hear from parents/guardians/caregivers, students, and community partners. To learn more, visit the policy consultations web page and share your thoughts, questions and recommendations on the draft Policy by March 24, 2025.

TDSB Schools Safe Arrival Calls Update

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 may call the school phone number directly or call 1-833-250-2290 and will receive the same options.

Special Education and Inclusion Drop-in Sessions for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

Learn more about navigating special education services, resources and supports, ask questions, and connect with other families. The next session is February 18th. Calendar of Drop-In Sessions for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Kindergarten



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Integrating with Grades 1 - 3 during Outdoor Classroom - BELONG



Playing and Building in the Outdoor Classroom - BELONG



Learning about Gears, Robots and Tools - ACHIEVE











Sensory Play with Kinetic Sand and Play Dough - THRIVE



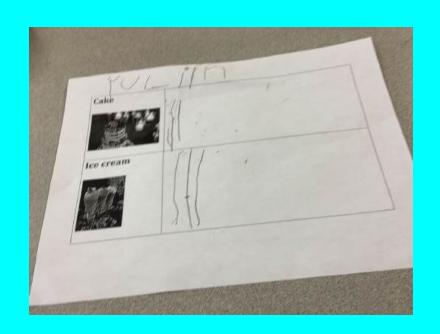


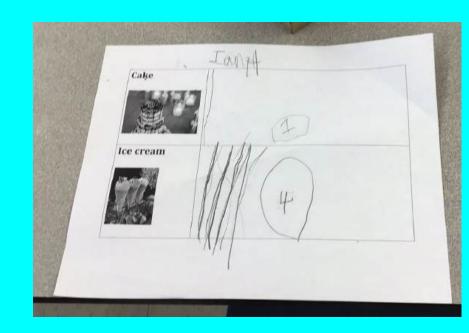


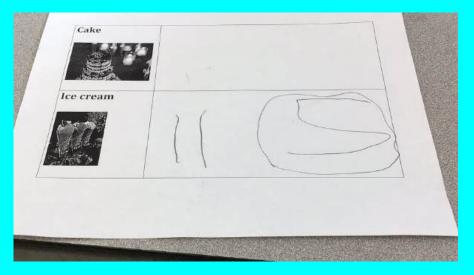


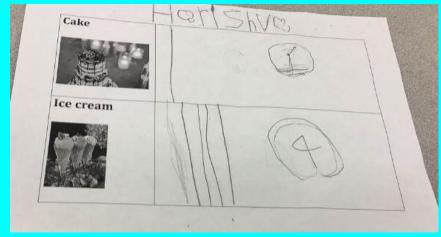
A slide and a ladder made out of kinetic sand

Learning about Collecting Data through Tally Charts in Math - ACHIEVE



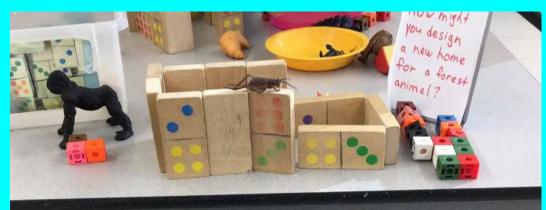






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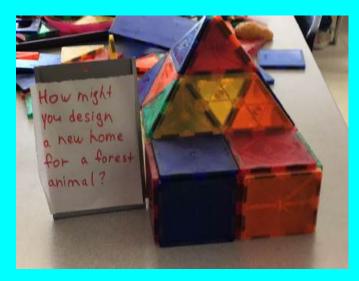
We built houses for animals whose homes were destroyed in a forest fire. This is based on the book, *The Little Hummingbird*.











Grade 1



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BELONG - Do you want to build a snowman?





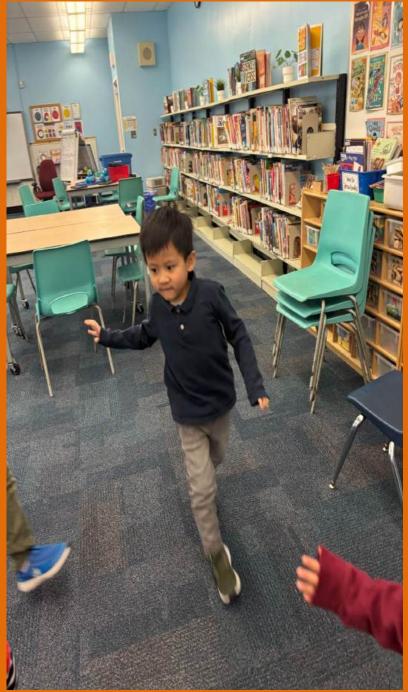








More Snow means more fun!!!! BELONG



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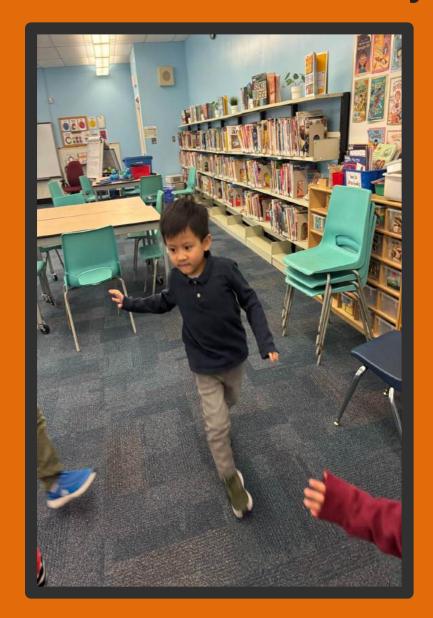


Grade one community in the library - BELONG





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Reading Buddies enjoying reading together - ACHIEVE













ACHIEVE Science experiments with snow rule!









ACHIEVE, sums and commutative property – Oh my!







Grade 2



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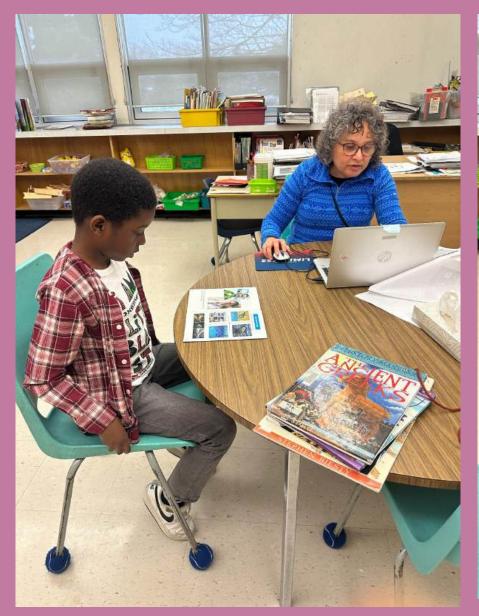
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Grade 2 is learning dance.
BELONG

Grade 2 Reading ACHIEVE



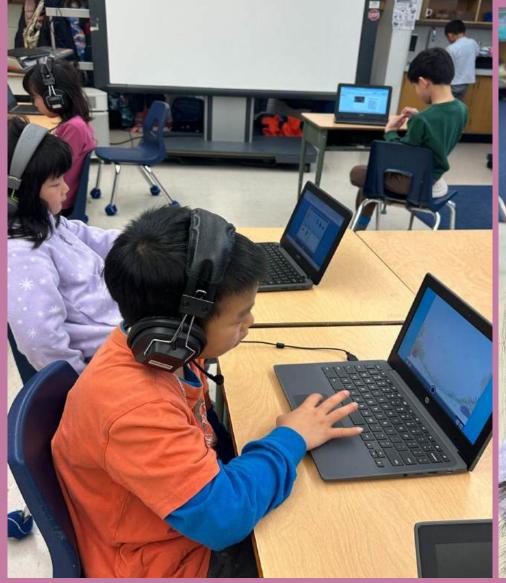


Grade 2 Reading ACHIEVE





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It is the 100th Day of School for this year!



Grade 2

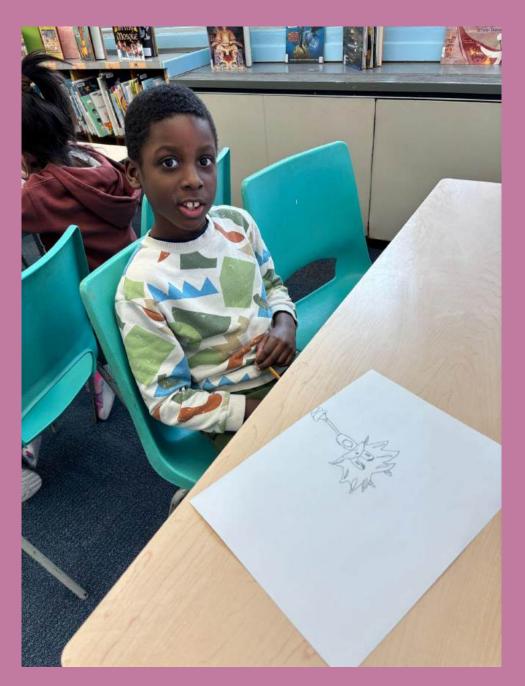
Celebrates
100's Day













Grade 2 feels pride in their creations. BELONG







BELONG

We are PROUD of OUR creations.

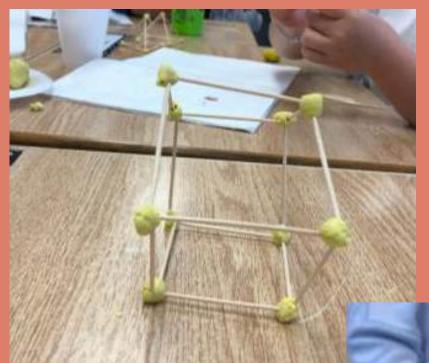


Grade 2/3

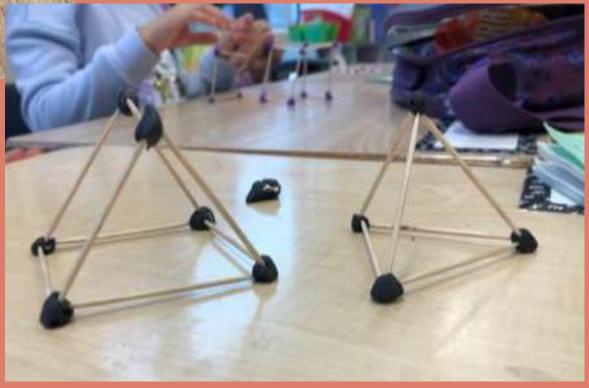


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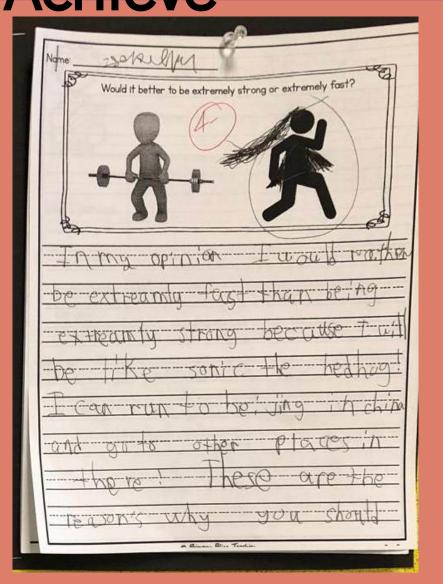
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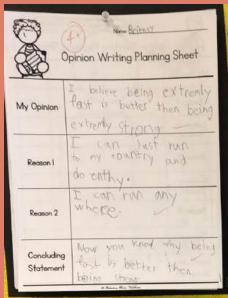


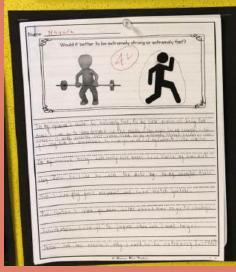
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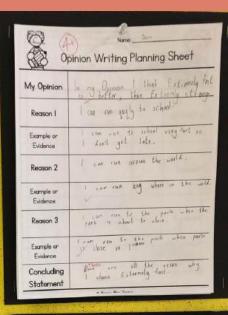


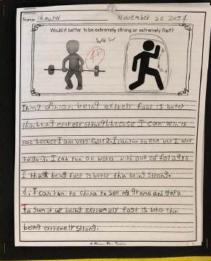
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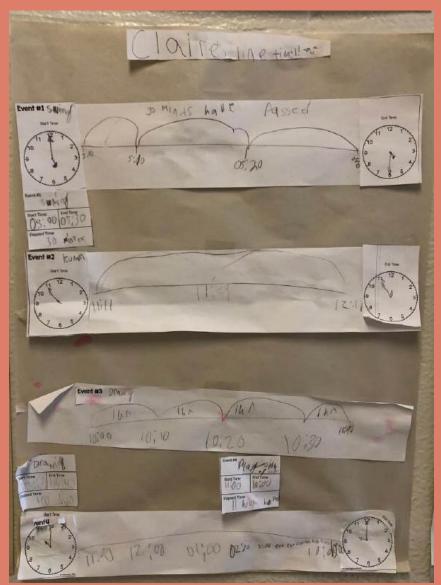


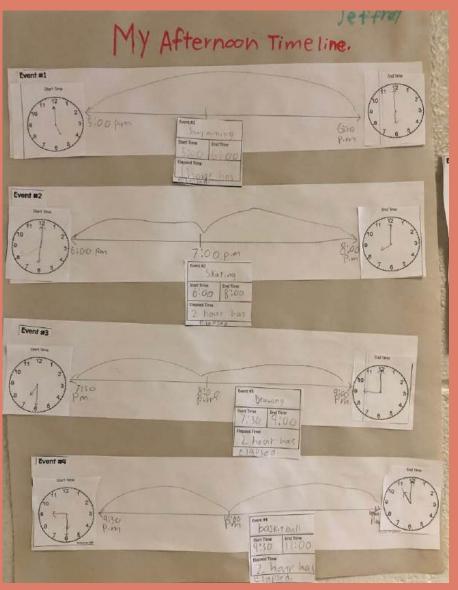


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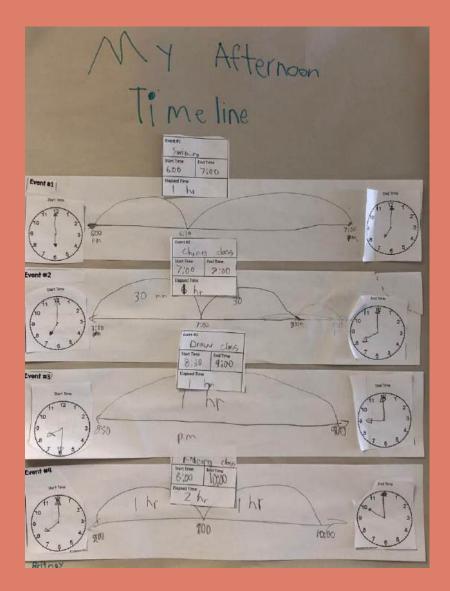
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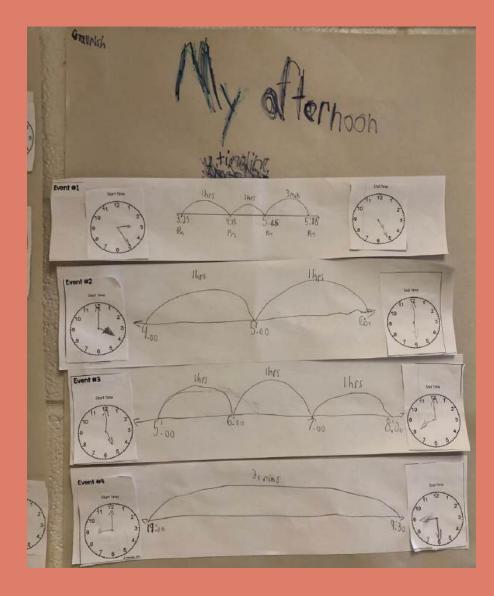
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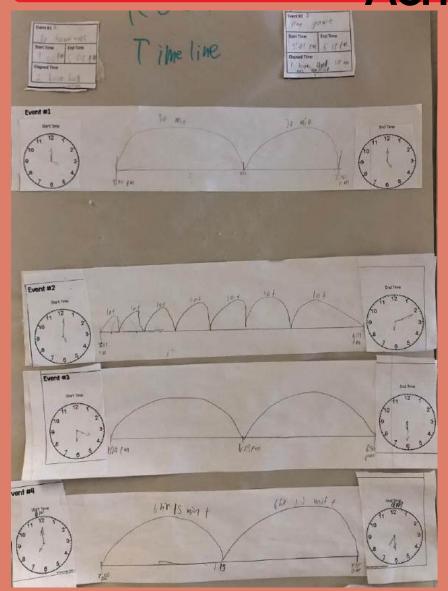


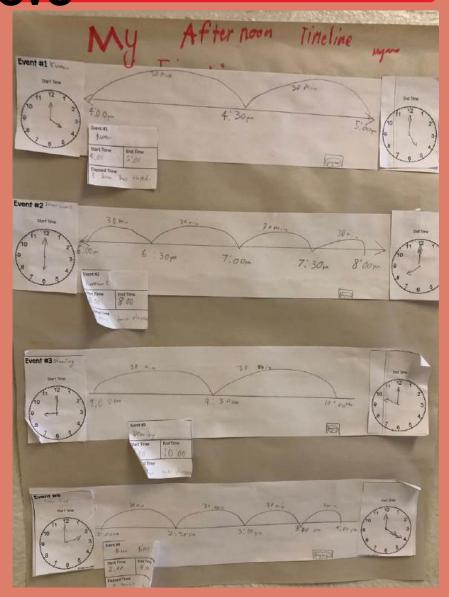
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100th Day: What will I look like at 100! Belong









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7 Sacred Teachings: Truth -Indigenous





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Grade 4/5



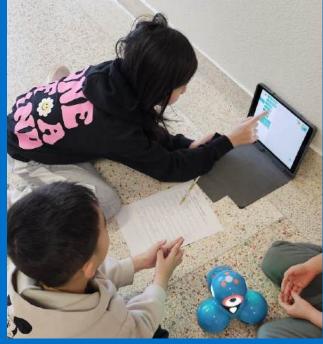
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ACHIEVE Coding with the Kindergarten Class

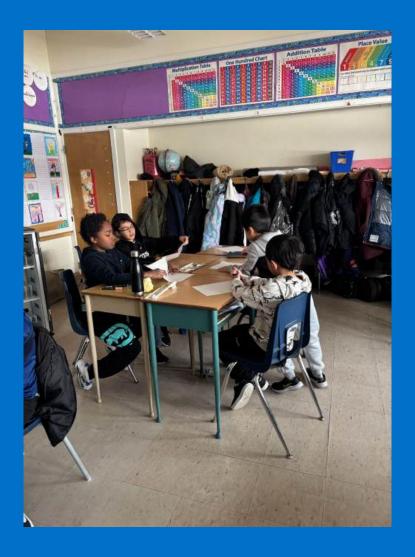


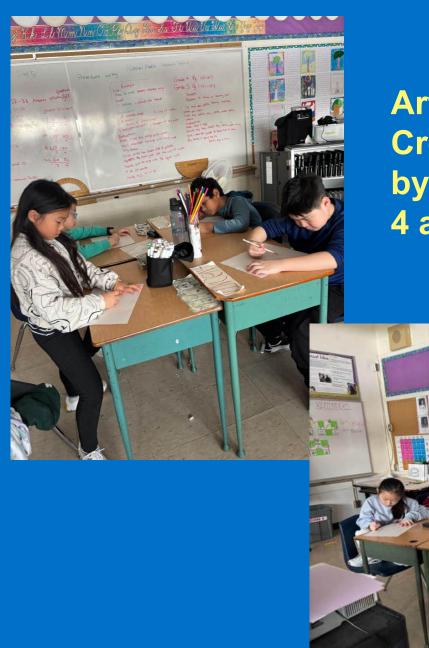




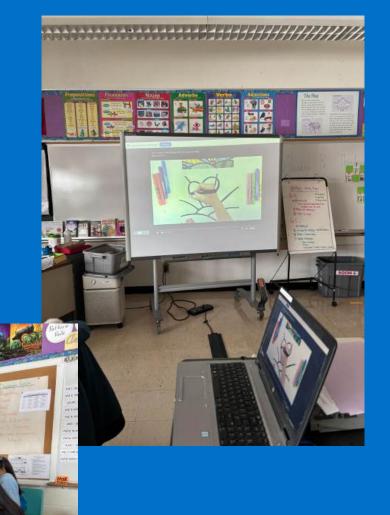
Grades 4 and 5 are amazing artists







Artistic Creations by Grades 4 and 5







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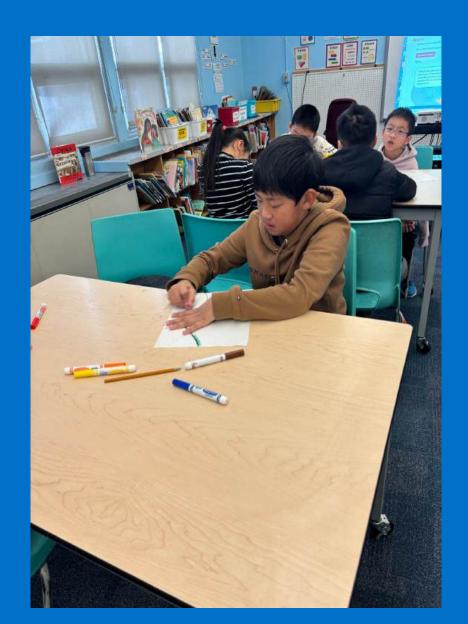


Art helps us to BELONG and THRIVE





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We are learning about repeating, growing and shrinking patterns.

ACHIEVE







Math Meets Art: Beauty in Every Pattern!



Team Work Makes the Dream Work! BELONG and ACHIEVE









Learning is Fun! ACHIEVE

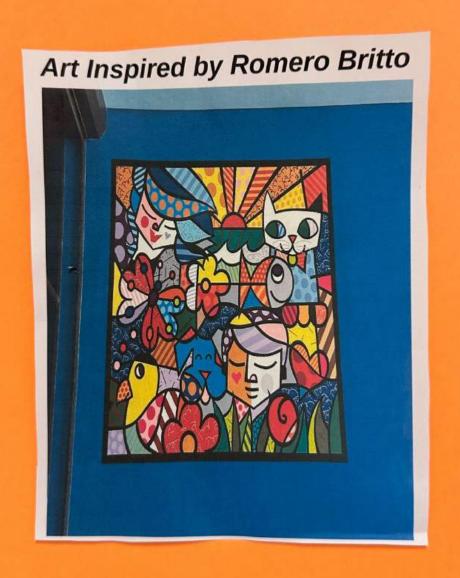




Grades four and five art inspired creations







Grade 5/6



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Grades 5 and 6 display their Genius Hour Creations THRIVE





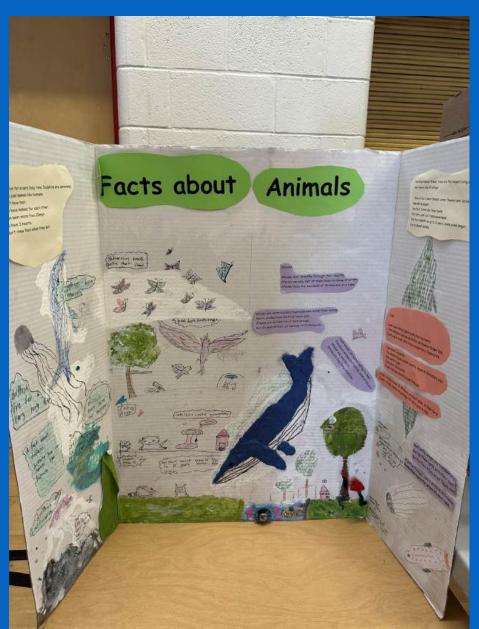


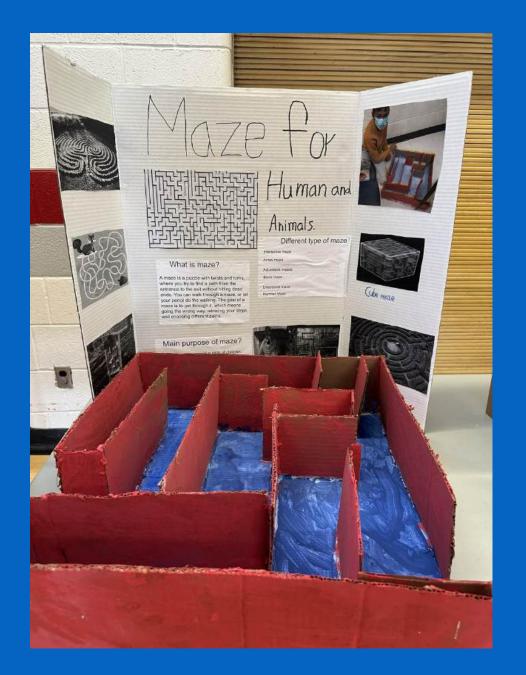




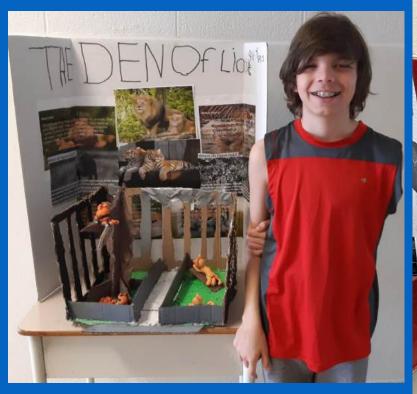
Grades 5 and 6 demonstrate their GENIUS! THRIVE

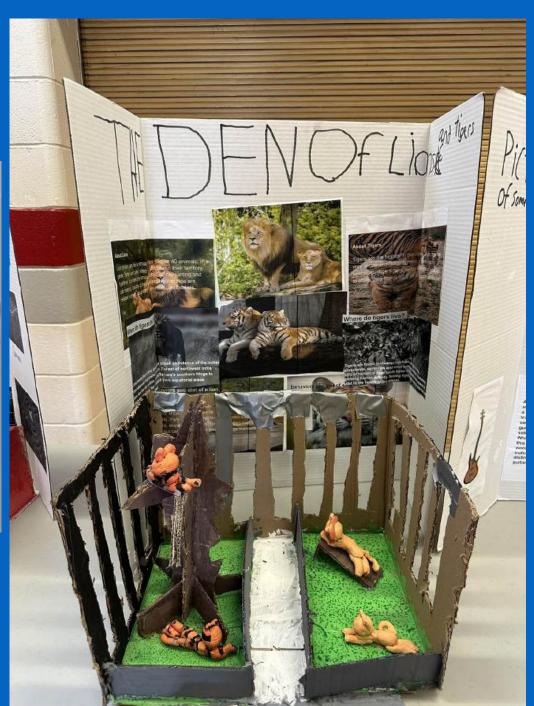


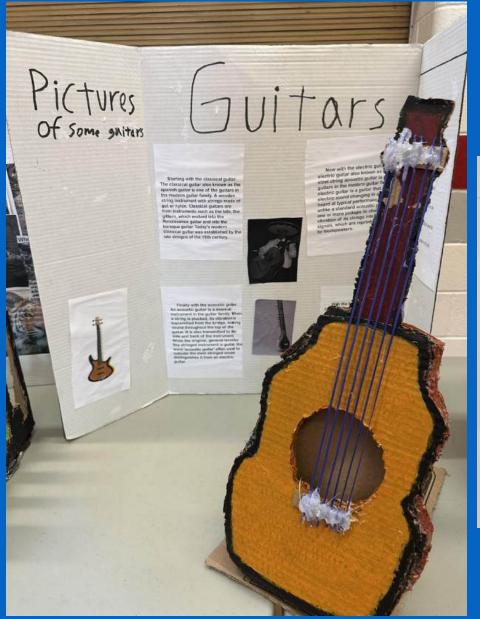


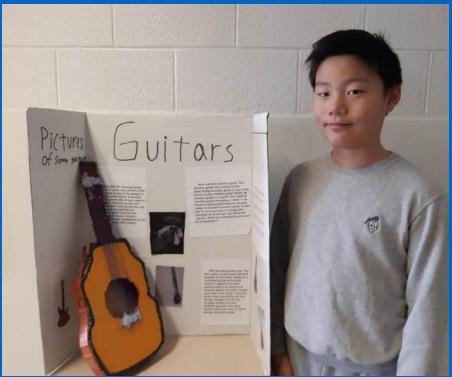


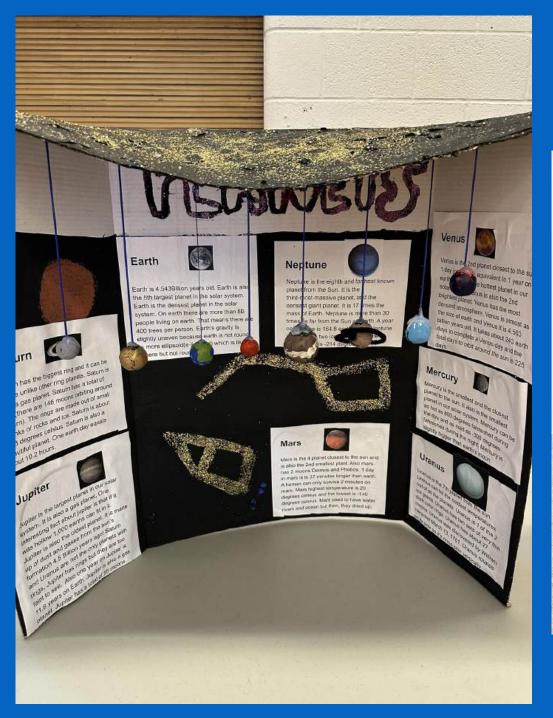






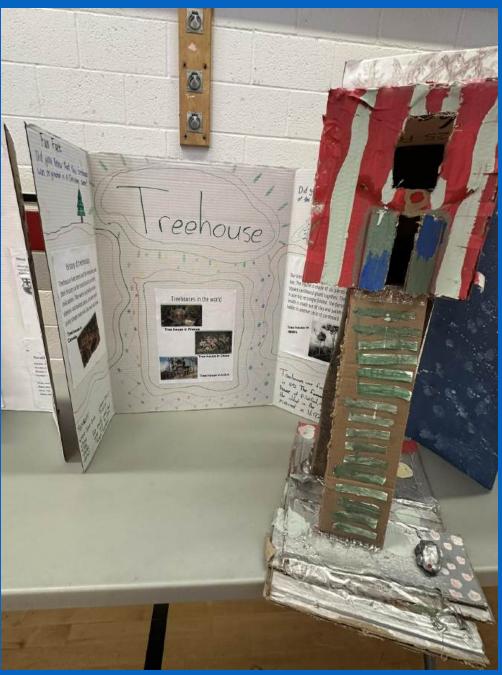


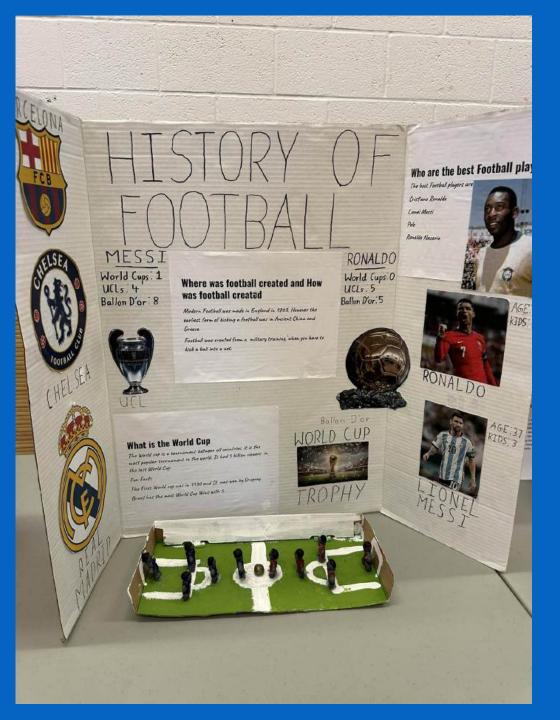






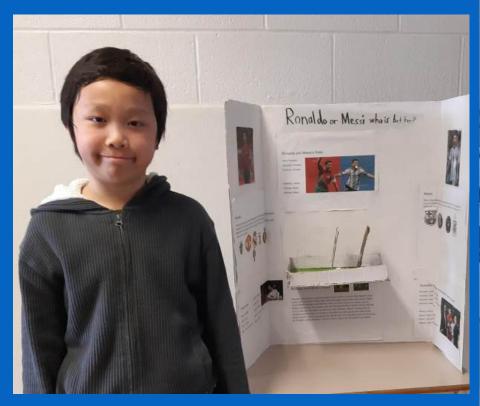


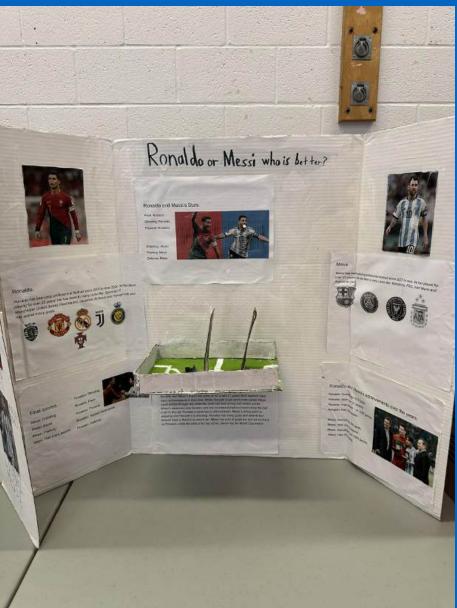






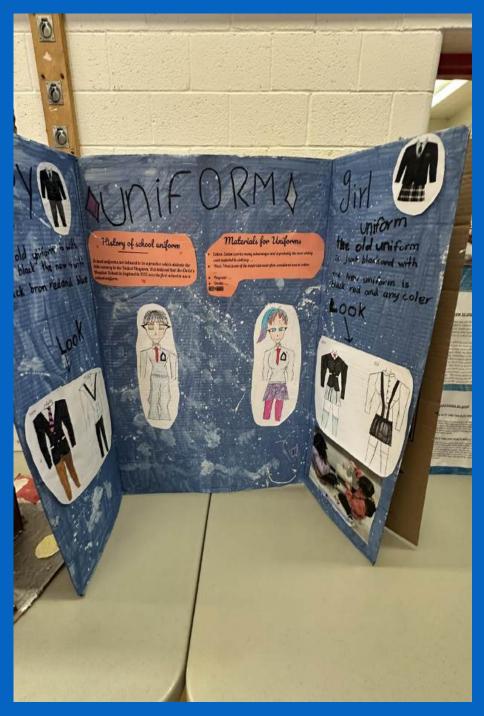
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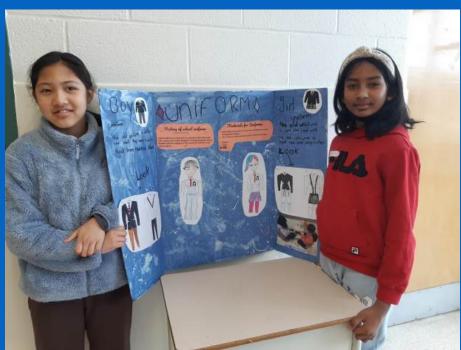






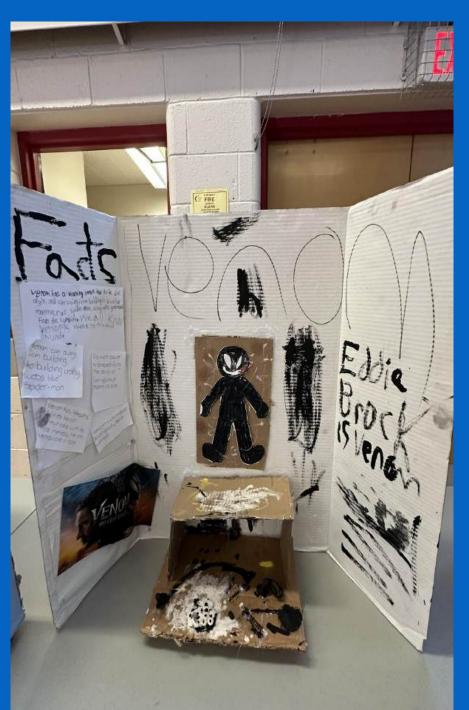




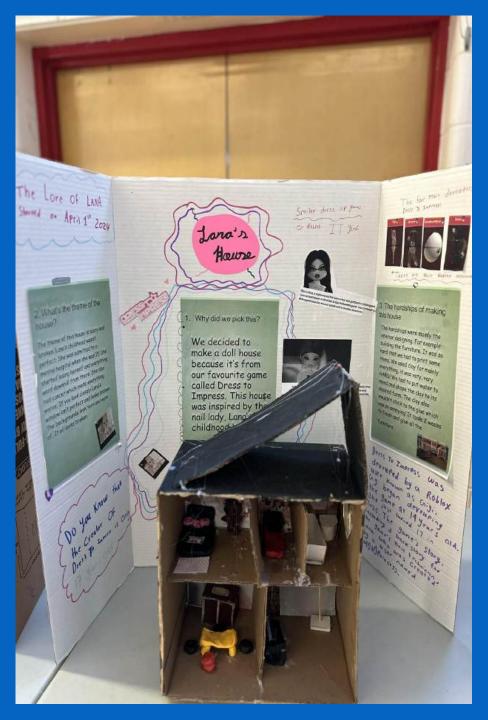










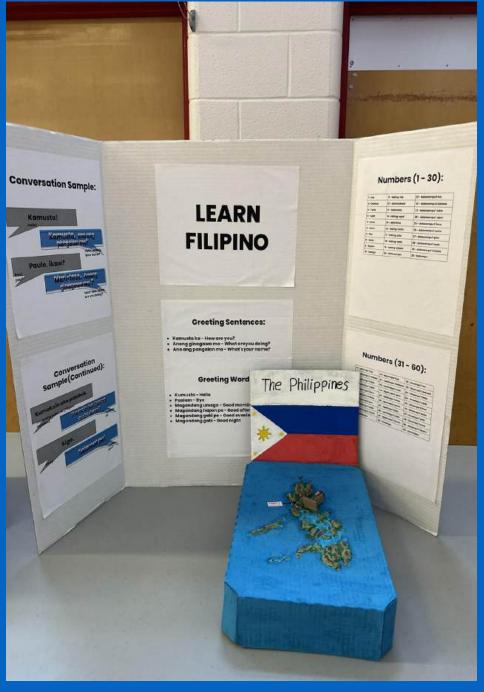


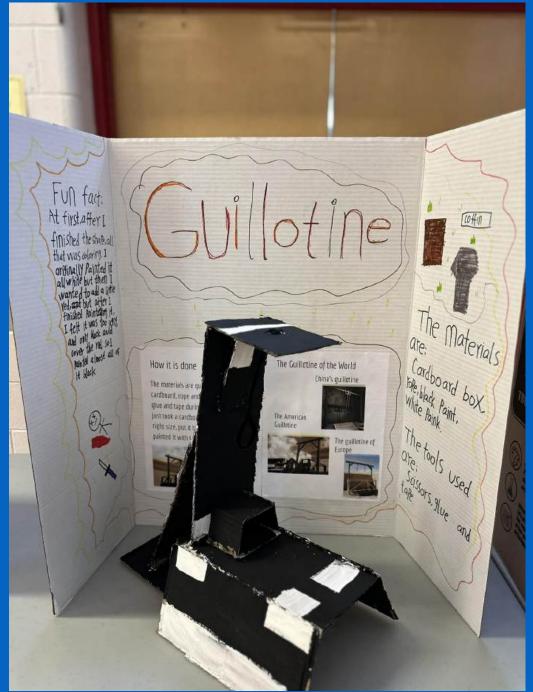
Genius Hour - We THRIVE



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Game on in Science!

ACHIEVE









Game on in Science!









We went to Kearney!

BELONG and THRIVE















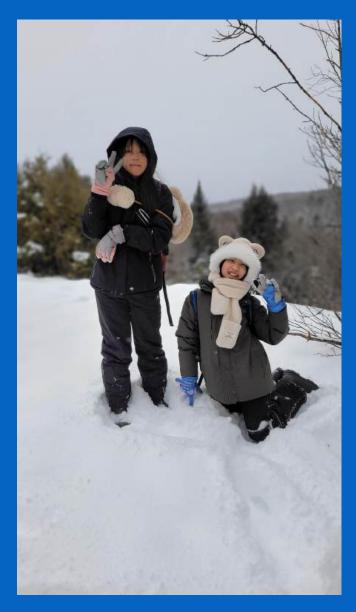


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Indigenous Learning

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Grade 1 to 3



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Happy Valentine's Day BELONG







Happy Family Day!











Snow Play





Riding Time





Riding Time





Riding Time





Grade 3 to 6

Celebrating 100th



Celebrating 100th





































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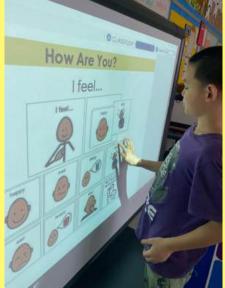






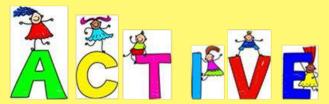










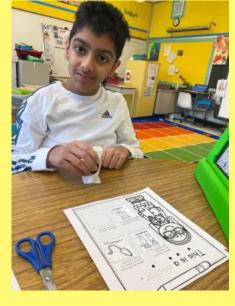


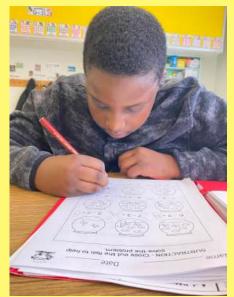
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Cooking Class

























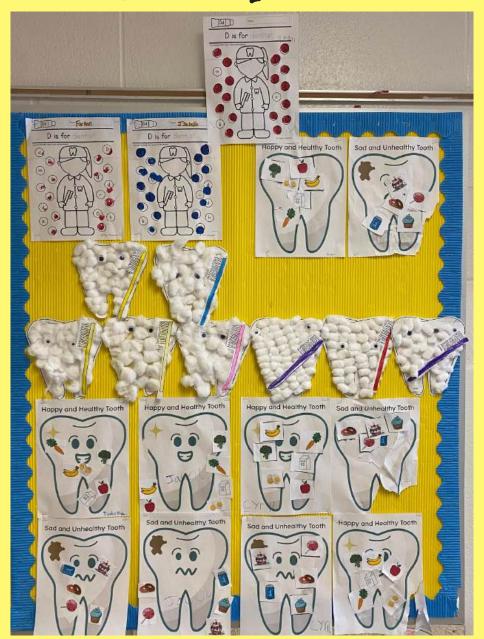






We made chocolate cupcakes with frosting and sprinkles.
We had a lot of fun!

Community Helpers - Dentist



Groundhog Day + Arts &





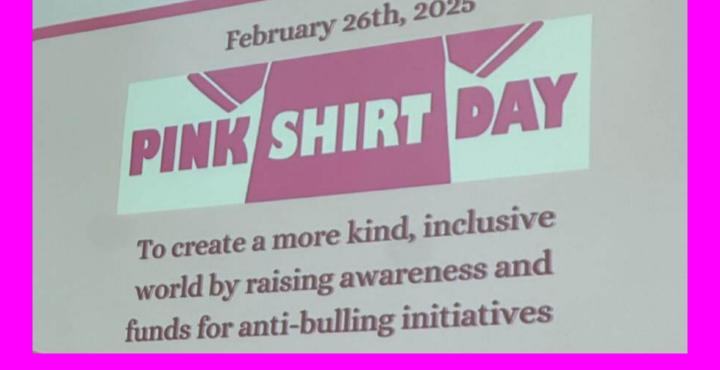












February 26 is Pink Shirt Day, a day to take a stand against bullying.

Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 in Nova Scotia when a grade 9 boy was bullied for wearing a pink shirt.

Two of his classmates organized a schoolwide protest, asking all students, teachers, and staff to wear pink in solidarity and to demonstrate there is no place for bullying.

Every Year, Pink Shirt Day is a reminder to create a more kind, inclusive world by raising awareness and funds for anti-bullying initiatives.









Pink Shirt Day



7 Sacred Teachings: Truth -Indigenous





Chinese Heritage Month 2025

The TDSB proudly recognizes Chinese Heritage Month in February each year. The Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most significant holidays of the Chinese heritage. This year, the first day began on Wednesday, January 29 as we celebrate the Year of the Snake: Tenacious and Transformative. We hope to encourage students, staff, and families to make impactful changes amidst challenges. Read the full Chinese Heritage Month message for details.









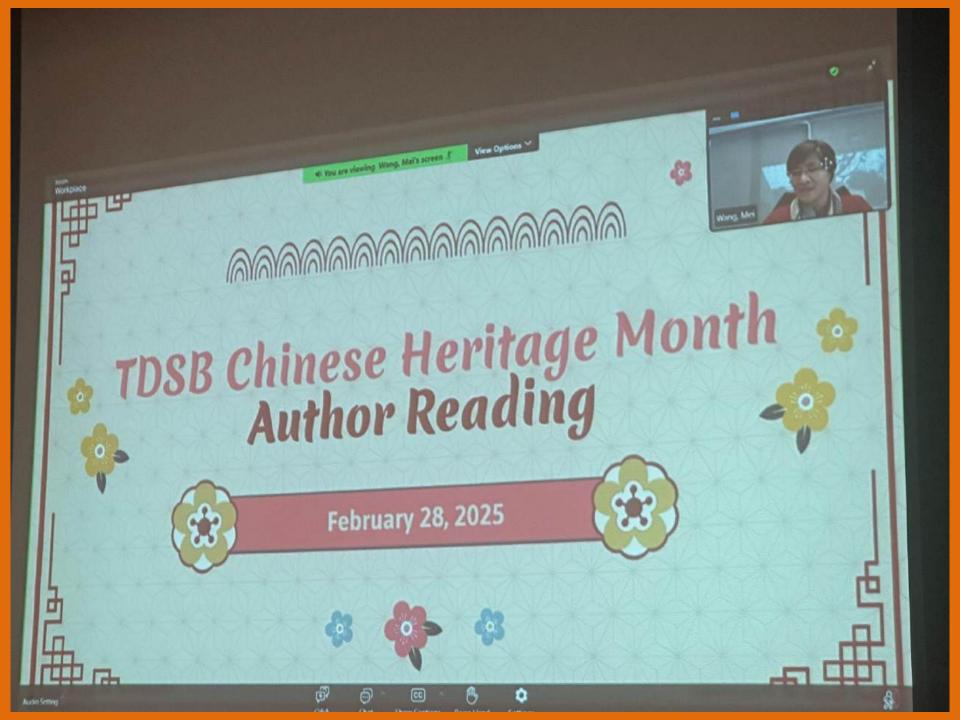
















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Chinese Heritage Month BELONG



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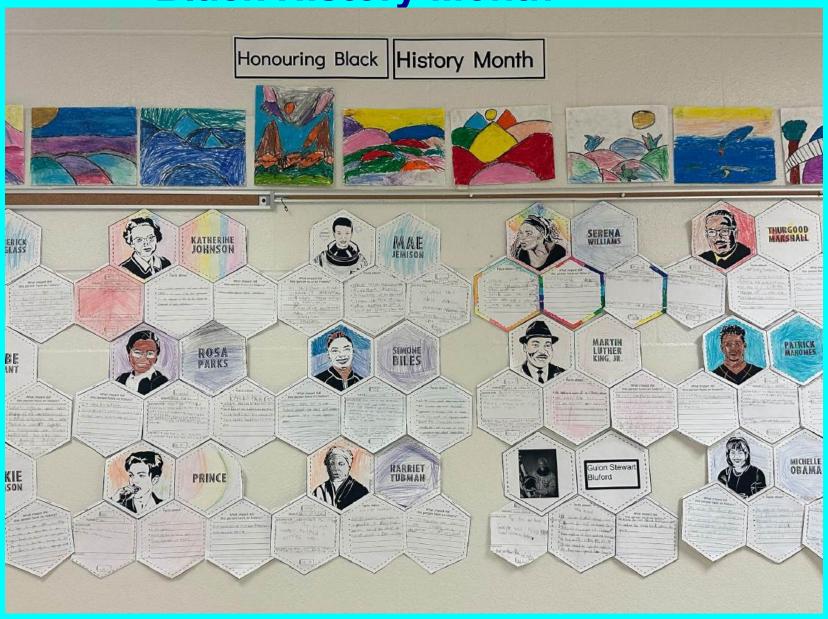




African Heritage (Black History) Month 2025

The TDSB has organized a variety of African Heritage (Black History) Month events to celebrate the rich heritage of the people and nations of Africa and the African Diaspora. The chosen theme for February 2025 is Lift Every Voice. This theme is drawn from the iconic first line of the Black National Anthem, and encourages collective strength, unity, diversity, and resilience. Students, staff, and families are invited to a Virtual Launch Celebration on February 4 featuring performances from Black artists, creators, and noteworthy speakers. Read the full African Heritage (Black History) Month message for details.

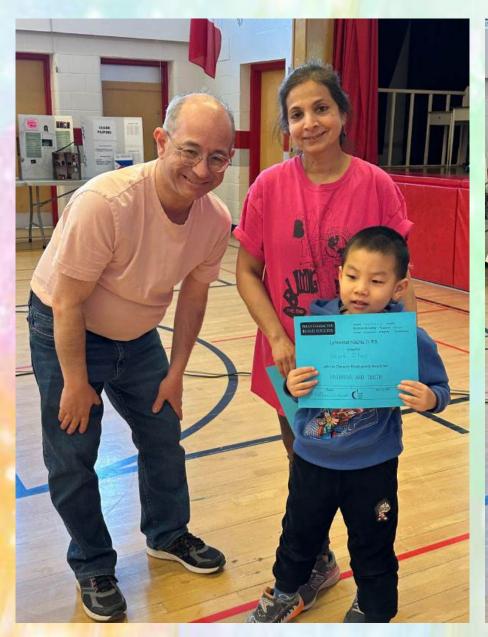
Black History Month

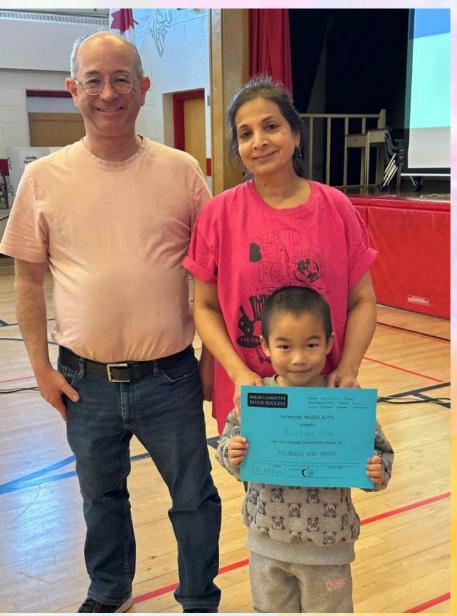


Black History Month



Kindergarten students show fairness and truth





Students in Grades one and two demonstrate fairness and truth







Students in Grades two & three demonstrate fairness and truth





Students in grades four, five and six show fairness and truth









BELONG

Hooray! We did it!

