

Lynnwood Family Newsletter April 2022



Principal's Message:

Throughout the month of April, many of Lynnwood Heights JPS families will be observing special days. We wish all our families who are celebrating Easter and Orthodox Easter, a very Happy Easter during this holy time. Easter is one of the principal holidays of Christianity. Meaningful Pesach Seders to families celebrating Passover. Passover is a major Jewish holiday. Ramadan Mubarak to all our families celebrating Ramadan and may it be filled with joy, health, and wealth. Ramadan is one of the holiest months in the Islamic Calendar. Muslims around the world abstain from food and water from sunrise to sunset for 29-30 consecutive days. To those families celebrating the Hindu New Year, we hope that the new year brings peace, prosperity and success in your life. We wish for you a great start to the new year, more blessings throughout and Happy Hindu New Year.

Lynnwood JPS needs another lunchroom supervisor. The time of work is from 11:20 to 12:20. If you are interested in the position, and if you are able to be successful in supervising the grades 4-6, please email me to express your interest.

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Lynnwood Heights is one of the schools participating in summer school. Principal Lim will be back at Lynnwood Heights JPS to supervise summer school. I supervised summer school for the last twelve years and look forward to the summer vacation this year. 😊

As you know, TDSB schools will continue to share COVID-19 notification letters when they become aware of a positive case (as confirmed by PCR or Rapid Antigen Test), until the end of this school year.

Moving forward, TDSB will no longer be notifying only directly impacted classes. Instead, we have been instructed to send one letter at the end of each day that a person is COVID-19 positive to the entire school.

Sincerely, Joy Reiter

Summer School Elementary – Registration Now Open!

- The focus of the 2022 Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program is to continue student engagement through the month of July. Programs, embedded in Literacy and Numeracy, are developed by the local summer school principal to reflect the local school focus.
- Programs are offered to students in K to Grade 8, from July 4 to July 29, 2022. Most classes run for three (3) hours from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., except for four (4) full day sites that run 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration is now open! Click here for a full list of participating schools and registration information. [Elementary Summer School - Toronto District School Board](#)

Registration is on-line but if your parent would like a paper registration please let Angela Potter know and she will be able to provide it.

For more information, please visit the Elementary Summer School program page and registration at Lynnwood Heights summer school. Scroll down on the page until you see Lynnwood Heights.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Elementary-Summer-School>



[World Autism Awareness Day - 2022](#)

Celebrate World Autism Awareness Day with Us on April 1st.

World Autism Day, April 2nd, 2022, is on Saturday this year and will be celebrated on Friday, April 1st, 2022.

In previous years, the TDSB joined Autism Ontario and municipalities across the province in recognition of World Autism Awareness Day by holding a Raise the Flag ceremony at 5050 Yonge St. and in many schools.

The first Raise the Flag event was held in April 2010, when Shari Bishop-Hume of London, Ontario, thought about how a community could bring more awareness to Autism. With support from her family, the community, professionals, and advocates, it was proposed that we raise a flag in support of World Autism Day.

This year, we invite our staff and students to join a virtual Autism Ontario Raise the Flag ceremony at <https://raisetheflagforautism.com/>.

Let's help support TDSB students on the spectrum and increase awareness and understanding of autism.

Join the Conversation!

TDSB parents/caregivers are invited to join us for two new engaging and informative conversations on topics we heard you want to learn more about. Hear from leading experts and participate in question and answer sessions online. Our next sessions are:

Nurturing Children's Gender and Identity, with Presenter Vivek Shraya
Thursday, May 19, 2022
6:30 - 8 p.m.
Join at www.tdsb.on.ca/conversation

Join the Conversation: Parent Reboot Recorded Session with Dr. Shefali Tsabary

TDSB is pleased to be offering parents/caregivers FREE access to this great three hour recording Reboot session with Dr. Shefali Tsabary who will help answer parents/caregivers questions and concerns on 5 stressors for parents/caregivers (1) screen addition, (2) children disrespect (3) lying (4) tantrum and (5) anxiety. The session provides golden nuggets to address the 5 stressors. Visit www.tdsb.on.ca/conversation to sign-up for free access to the recording.

These conversations are jointly hosted by the TDSB's Parent and Community Engagement Office and the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee and generously

supported by the Ministry of Education's Parents Reaching Out Grants. Learn more at www.tdsb.on.ca/conversation

Sikh Heritage Month at the TDSB - April 2022



Sikh Heritage Month is proudly recognized at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) during the month of April since 2016 as the Board of Trustees voted to designate April of each year Sikh Heritage Month making the TDSB the first school board in Canada to do so. This designation matches the recognition by the Province of Ontario that proclaimed Sikh Heritage Month Act in December 2013, and the recognition proclaimed by the Government of Canada on April 30, 2019. Sikh Heritage Month is recognized nationally across Canada.

This year our theme is come to learn, go to serve; the goal of education is to serve humanity.

Sikh Canadians have lived in Ontario since the turn of the twentieth century. They have made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of Ontario and their traditions and culture continue to be a vibrant art of every aspect of life for Canadians today.

We are inviting all TDSB community, students, and staff to join our virtual Sikh Heritage Month launch to recognize the contributions of Sikh Canadians. Join us for a remarkable afternoon of information and celebration (see below and the attached flyer for full details).

To learn about the Sikh Heritage, a Power Point (will be posted shortly) was created to provide insight about the culture and traditions of the kind, selfless and honourable heritage of the Sikh community. Further, an interactive slideshow is available that provides numerous books/resources and other items to gather information about the Sikh heritage. Please see

link: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1sv1YxVBkzTa8C6s7DbPeH8eK0wHRoZKnjtV51nuV3VI/edit?usp=sharing>

Lastly during the month of April Sikh Canadians celebrate Vaisakhi which is also known as Khalsa Day across Ontario. During the past few years, a parade was organized within the City of Toronto to mark this day. This year a celebrations will be taking place at Nathan Phillips Square on Sunday, April 24, 2022 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Please follow us on twitter @TDSB_SHM

TDSB Sikh Heritage Month Virtual Launch Celebration

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Time: 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Link: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/stream/LiveWebcast-Sikh-HeritageMonth.html>

Hispanic Heritage Month at the TDSB



During the month of April, the TDSB recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month. In March 2010, our TDSB Board of Trustees voted that April be designated as Hispanic Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board.

As stated in the Hispanic Heritage Month Act, (May 5, 2015): "Ontario is home to more than 400,000 first-, second- and third-generation Canadian of Hispanic origin. As early as 1914, Canadians who originated from 23 Hispanic countries began immigrating to the province and today the Hispanic community is one of the fastest growing in Ontario. Hispanic-Canadians represent a dynamic community that has made significant

contributions to the growth and prosperity of the Province of Ontario. By proclaiming the month of October as Hispanic Heritage Month in Ontario, the province recognizes the rich contributions of Hispanic-Canadians to our social economic, political and multicultural fabric. Hispanic Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the outstanding achievements and contributions of Hispanic people in the province."

Latin-America History Month at the TDSB - April 2022



Latin-America History Month is proudly recognized at the TDSB during the month of April as a result of a motion passed through our Board of Trustees in 2016. This year the theme to mark Latin-America History Month is (DeColonizing) Latin-America History Month & Beyond: Learning about our collective pasts through the art of healing.

Since its creation of the Latin-America History Month Volunteer Planning Committee in 2016, the membership continues to expand searching every year for more intentional ways of working in solidarity with Indigenous Nations of Turtle Island (Canada) and ways to bring Elders, Knowledge Keepers, educators and families together to decolonize understandings of Latin-America. The Latin-America History Volunteer Planning Committee is comprised of TDSB staff, former students, parents/caregivers, and community members.

During the month of April, several activities are being planned for students, staff, and community members. We invite everyone to join us to kick-off Latin-America History Month with a virtual launch (see below & flyer for details). We're pleased to share with you the results of a Creative Arts Contest (to be posted shortly on the TDSB website) where all TDSB students were invited to participate from all grade levels. Elementary students will also be provided with the opportunity to learn about the art of healing and the powerful tool that music brings with Ruben Beny Esguerra, a Canadian musical

artist and poet based in Toronto. Ruben Beny Esguerra has been nominated twice for a JUNO Award (2018 JUNO Awards in the World Music Album of the Year category and for the 2022 JUNO Awards in the Global Music Album of the Year category.)

Learning about careers in various fields, our students will have the opportunity to connect with accomplished Latin-America leaders and acquire information about their educational and professional journey to success. In addition, secondary students will further their learning on art as a form of healing by attending a workshop hosted by a member of the Afrolatinx community.

Please follow us on twitter @TDSB_LAHM.

TDSB Latin-America Month Virtual Launch Celebration

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Link: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/stream/LiveWebcast-LatinAmerica-HistoryMonth.html>

Please join us!

High Water Levels Brings Increased Risks

The Toronto and Region Conservation monitors hazardous ice conditions as thaw begins and are reminding everyone to be very careful around all bodies of water. The first hint of warming weather and the promise of spring thaw can bring extreme danger to the shores and surfaces of streams, rivers, ponds and lakes, according to Toronto and Region Conservation.

As warmer temperatures arrive, stream banks become increasingly slippery and unstable. Lake and river ice weakens, becoming thinner or with higher flows breaking with little or no warning. During this time, the potential for flooding and ice jamming is high.

13 International Day of Pink (2nd Wed. in April) Parents and caregivers are being asked to keep children away from stream banks, ponds and lakes.



April 13 International Day of Pink (2nd Wed. in April) marks the International Day of Pink. It is a day of action whereby communities across Canada and the world unite in celebrating diversity – a commitment to being open minded, to being understanding of differences and to learning to respect each other.