

Lynnwood Family Newsletter February and March 2022



Principal's Message Joy Reiter

School Council News – Lynnwood Heights, thanks to the amazing effort of our excellent chair Miranda Ng, will be receiving a Parent Reaching Out (PRO) grant for \$1500 that will be used to affirm cultural identity and foster greater participating in School Council. More to follow shortly regarding amazing opportunities made possible by this grant. Please join our **School Council Meeting on February 24th at 6:30**, a zoom link and more info to follow.



Literacy

1. **Cuddle up and read.** Quiet times together are opportunities to bond...and read. The cuddling can be as important as the reading. Make it exciting: put some drama into your voice or let your child read every other page. As you go, explain any new words or ideas.

2. **Public libraries today are worlds to explore so try to go regularly.** Your library has great resources books, computer games, DVDs, CDs, magazines, newspapers and

Internet access. There are also terrific in-house programs such as reading circles for little ones and homework clubs for older children. If you have access to a public library, talk to the librarian about what is available.

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

For further information about Toronto Public Library activities, visit the Library web site at www.torontopubliclibrary.ca

or call the Library Answerline at 416-393-7131.

MATH

Use everyday activities. Your child's world is filled with everyday math problems that can be solved. For example, "There are four people in our family and we each need a knife and a fork to eat dinner. How many knives and forks do we need to set the table?"



Kitchens can be math zones. Bake some muffins or cookies and ask your child to help you measure out the ingredients. It may be a bit messy but it's fun family time and there's nothing like a fresh cookie as a reward. For younger children, have math fridge magnets available so children can start making number patterns and doing simple math problems.

Predict and compare. Start to measure and estimate things like how far it is from the driveway to the house or how long a trip will take and then measure and compare the actual

<http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/kingsview>

Winter Weather Still

The students at Lynnwood Heights JPS have been enjoying the winter weather and have been busy playing in the snow in the school yard.



Please remember that with the snow and colder weather it is important for your child to come to school each day dressed in warm clothing suitable for outdoor play. Students should wear a hat, mittens or gloves that are waterproof, snow pants, and warm boots to ensure that their outdoor play time is safe and enjoyable.

- Keep hands and head covered to prevent heat loss
- Wear warm, waterproof boots
- Wear a warm coat that deflects the wind
- Woolen clothing helps to retain heat
- On really cold days, wear a scarf over your face and mouth
- If possible, change wet clothes at school



Family Day – Monday, February 21st is a Statutory Holiday

There will be no classes on Monday, February 21 to reflect the province-wide statutory holiday called Family Day. The holiday occurs on the third Monday in February of each year for the purpose of emphasizing and celebrating the importance of families taking time to be together.

Students will also not be attending school on February 18 as this is a board-wide PA day. This means all TDSB students will not be at school on Friday, February 18 or Monday, February 21.

For more information about



the school year calendar visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Calendar/schoolyearcalendar>.

Join us for our next Conversation! This presentation is in collaboration with the African Heritage Month Committee and the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement.

The Pursuit of Educational Freedom for Black and Racialized Students, with Dr. Bettina Love

Thursday, February 17, 2022

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Dr. Bettina L. Love is an award-winning author and the Athletic Association Endowed Professor at the University of Georgia. Her writing, research, teaching, and educational advocacy work meet at the intersection of education reform, anti-racism, carceral studies, abolition, and Black joy. She is the author of *We Want to Do More Than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching and the Pursuit of Educational Freedom*. Learn more at www.tdsb.on.ca/conversation

February is Chinese Heritage Month

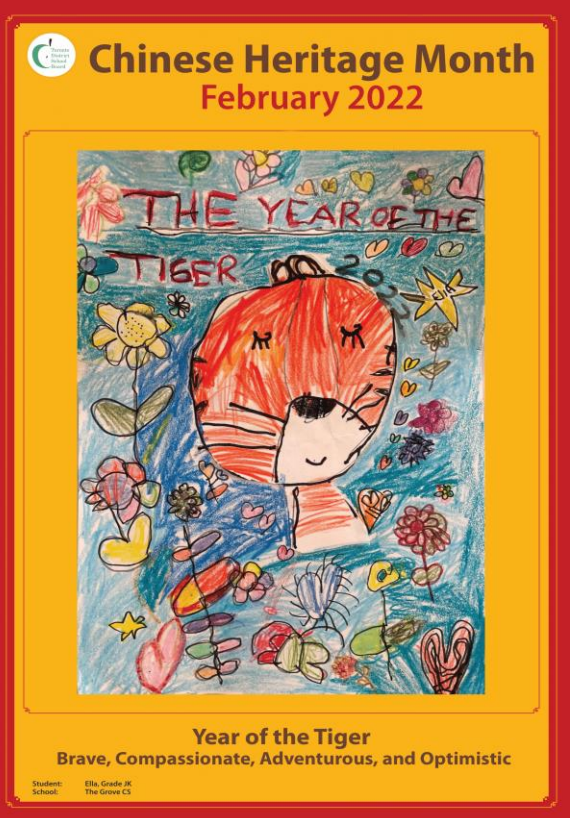
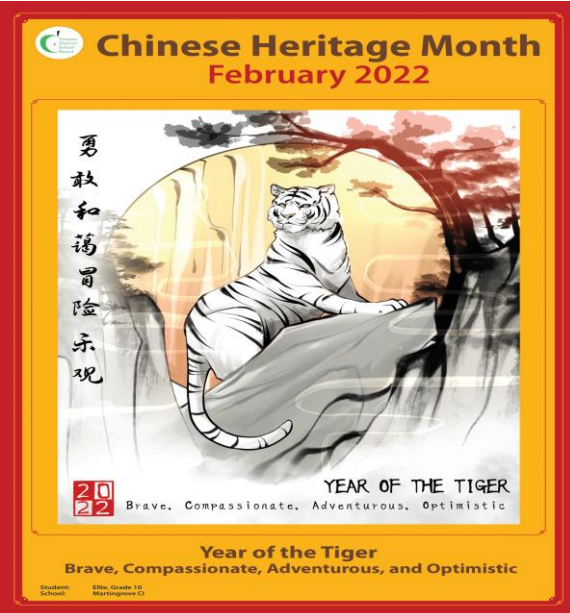
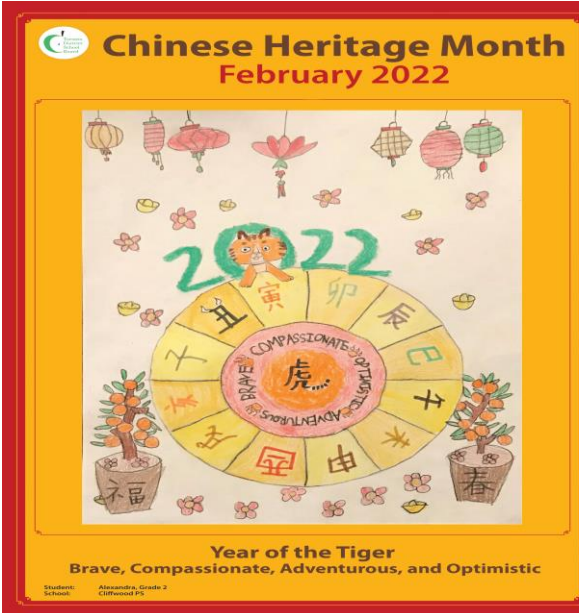
The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize Chinese Heritage Month (CHM) during the month of February.

This year CHM coincides with one of the most important Chinese celebrations, the Lunar New Year which begins on Tuesday, February 1st. Lunar New Year is also known as the spring festival and begins with the first new moon of the lunar calendar and ends on the first full moon of the lunar calendar 15 days later. We encourage everyone to participate and make our Chinese Heritage Month spectacular. This year's theme is ***YEAR OF THE TIGER– Brave, Compassionate, Adventurous, and Optimistic.***

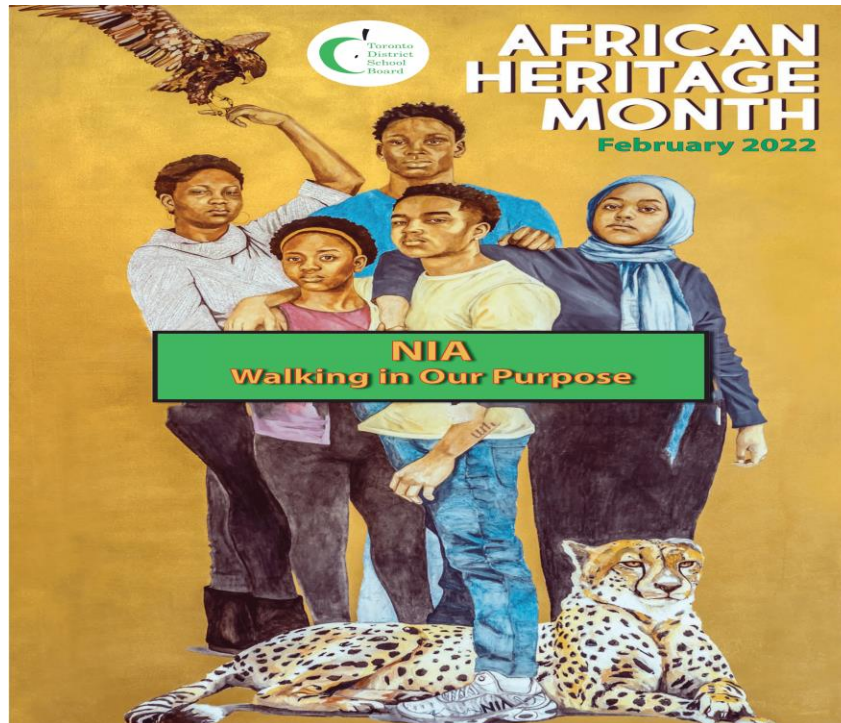
During the month of February, several activities will be shared to mark CHM. A poster contest was held and all students from the Toronto District School Board were invited to submit images that best reflected this year's theme. The selected images are posted below. All students and staff were invited to share their stories through the Chinese Canadian Memory Minute initiative (video link to be posted shortly). To learn about Chinese Heritage a [power point](#) was created highlighting the symbolism for various

foods that are shared at festivals celebrated by Chinese Canadians. Further a Kahoots Trivia challenge was developed by CHM members for students to explore their Chinese heritage knowledge.

Please follow us on twitter [@tdsbChineseHM](https://twitter.com/tdsbChineseHM)



February is African Heritage Month at the TDSB



During the month of February, the Toronto District School Board proudly recognizes African Heritage Month. It is an occasion to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of peoples of African descent to Canada and the world. The chosen theme for 2021-2022 is ***NIA: Walking in Our Purpose***.

The first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament, the Honourable Jean Augustine, introduced a motion to recognize February as Black History Month. The motion was carried unanimously by the House of Commons. In December 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada. At the Toronto District School Board, a motion to recognize African Heritage (Black History) Month was carried in January 2002 and reaffirmed again in January 2004.

An [artwork](#) created by students under the leadership of their teacher, Matthew Chapman, from Downsview Secondary Schools in 2020 has been updated to showcase this year's theme ***NIA: Walking in Our Purpose***. Five principles of Kwanzaa are presented in this painting:

- Umoja (unity) the tattoo
- Nia (purpose) the logo on the shoe
- Kuumba (creativity) the logo on the shirt
- Imani (faith) the brand tag on the hijab

- Kujichagulia (self determination) found in the fabric of one of the shirts.

There were almost 1.2 million Black people living in Canada in 2016. The Black population is diverse and has a long and rich history in Canada. This dates back as early as 1608 with Mathieu De Costa who came from Holland to Canada to work as a French interpreter. There was also a large settlement of Blacks in New French in and around 1734 with Marie Joseph Angelique. During the 1850's and 1860's many Blacks fled to Canada from the United States seeking refuge from enslavement because of the Trans Atlantic Trade.

Among the Black population born outside of Canada, the source countries of immigration have changed over time. More than half of this population who immigrated before 1981 were born in Jamaica and Haiti. Black newcomers now come from about 125 different countries, mainly from continent of Africa.

The African Heritage Month Volunteer Planning Committee continues to name, notice, and disrupt anti-Black racism through their organized initiatives shared throughout the TDSB and commitment to hold space for Black students, staff, parents, and families, to heal, to celebrate and to thrive. We are excited to share more information about African Heritage Month ([power point](#)).

Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement – Programming and Resources

Our February Newsletter is now live! Throughout February, the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement in collaboration with various community educators are offering learning experiences focused on honouring and affirming African, African-Caribbean and Black students' identities and embedding African-centred practices in instructional programming. A lineup of community educators are broadcasting programs that focus on enhancing joy, building positive racial identity development, and affirming students' experiences and identities. For additional information from the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement, visit tdsb.on.ca/cebsa or follow @tdsb_cebsa on Instagram and Twitter.

Kindergarten Registration Begins in February

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Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child at school in September!

To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four-years-old by December 31. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five-years-old by December 31. For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

[Insert school-specific registration information - e.g. dates, times, school phone number, etc.]

Early French Immersion: Parents/Caregivers who have already accepted placement in French Immersion via the central application process for 2022-2023, and whose children are not yet registered with the TDSB, will receive a unique link via email in order to register their child at the French Immersion school at which they have accepted placement. This email will come from TDSB Registration (noreplyregistration@powerschool.com). Please note: the deadline to apply for placement in Early French Immersion was November 26, 2021.

Music at Lynnwood

IMI - Itinerant Music Instructors

Evet Kim - Violins- Day 4 - Grade 5/6

Sean O'Connor - Ukuleles - Day 2 and 4 - Grade 4/5

Hanbing Hong - Orff - K1, Grade 1/2, Grade 3/4

How to Register for Kindergarten

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child!

Online Registration

Step 1

Access the online registration system at www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten to create an account, find your local school and complete an online registration form.

Step 2

Once you have completed the online portion of the registration process, you will receive a confirmation e-mail, including information about required next steps.

Make sure you have the following documents:

- Proof of age (birth certificate or passport)
 - Proof of address (two pieces of identification that show your address)
 - Proof of immunization (the card that shows a list of needles your child has received)
1. Report online www.toronto.ca/studentvaccines.
 2. If unable to report online, parents can provide immunization information to the school and the school will mail a copy to Toronto Public Health. Toronto Public Health accepts and translates foreign immunization records.
 3. If requesting an exemption, call 416-392-1250.
- Verification of date of arrival, if your child was not born in Canada.

Welcome to Kindergarten

Registration opens in **February**



Our Kindergarten program provides young students with a rich and safe learning environment that enables all children to learn and grow.

At the TDSB, your child will have many opportunities to learn through play, build new skills and enhance their curiosity.

Starting Kindergarten is a very exciting time. We are here to support you and your child in getting ready for school during this important transition.

To learn more, please visit: tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten



Registration

To qualify for Junior Kindergarten, children must be four years of age by December 31 of that year. Go to tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten or visit your local TDSB school to get started.



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.

Higher, faster-flowing water and extreme cold temperatures combine to create increased dangers on or near rivers, streams and ponds for people wishing to enjoy the seasonal changes. Parents and caregivers are being asked to keep children away from stream banks, ponds and lakes.

March is Greek Heritage Month at the TDSB

March is Greek Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board! It is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Greek Canadians to Canada, and an occasion to mark and enjoy the history of Greek culture.

The theme for this year is "Inquire, Innovate, Inspire - Σπουδή, Καινοτομία, Έμπνευση"

[RESOURCES](#)



TDSB Earth Hour 202

On Saturday, March 27, 2022 from 8:30pm to 9:30pm it will be Earth Hour. Schools across the TDSB are recognizing Earth Hour from 2 - 3 p.m. on Friday, March 25

Schools are asked to reduce their electricity usage for one hour.

During Earth Hour, our school will be using as little electricity as possible in the office, halls, classrooms, library, gym, cafeteria. Where possible, schools will also be reducing their electricity usage over the weekend.

More information is available on the EcoSchools website.

Millions of people show their support for our planet, raising awareness of nature loss and climate change.