

Lynnwood Heights JPS Family Newsletter



Principal's Message: I hope this finds everyone healthy. What a wonderful December and January it has been! We had a delightful Winter Concert and an amazing performance in honour of Chinese New Year and Lunar New Year.

During the last week of school prior to the Winter Break, we had great fun Carol Singing! On Tuesday, December 20th, we had Carol Singing plus our monthly Recognition Assembly whereby character certificates were given for demonstrations of kindness and caring.

Thank you also to our Lynnwood families for contributing to our Annual Food Drive that supports needy families in the Agincourt community! What a wonderful and tangible way to demonstrate kindness and caring!

Thank you to our exemplary School Council Chair, Mrs. Ng, for her constant and continued support of Lynnwood. Mrs. Ng has our website functioning beautifully and calendar updates will be available on the website. With Ms Ng's leadership we applied, and our School Council's Innovation Grant funding application has been approved.

We are excited that we will be receiving an artist placement in the [tdsbCREATES Residency Program](#). tdsbCREATES is a board-wide program that matches professional artists with classrooms, supported by the Toronto Arts Council and the TDSB Arts Department. It is an **arts engagement opportunity** for students, and a **professional learning opportunity** for teachers. Both Mr. Swire and Ms. Alexander's classes will be participating.

At the School Council Meeting, we heard about the service contributions to the community of Agincourt Village Community Association. Their website is: <http://www.avcatoronto.ca/> We also had a presentation by Agincourt Public Library. There is a page in the newsletter with links to library resources.

Best regards, Joy Reiter

JANUARY AT THE TDSB News from our Community Support Worker Colleen Huggins

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Anbu - For Parents/Caregivers of students living with Autism (session 1)

Thursday, January 26 from 6:00 to 7:30pm

Register in advance https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ve4QDRaswdD70UgG5sLkBnqLWQeor-8t32KUJtfx14k/viewform?edit_requested=true

Raise a Reader (part 2)

Tuesday, January 24 from 6:30am to 8pm

Register in advance <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJModemtrzgpG9aizk7bYlhX7D3PQHo-ZcLI>

Read to Succeed (session 2)

Wednesday, January 25 from 6:30pm to 8pm

Register in advance https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0vde2gqjwuG9zbPggowGrHAGkEIAZcc_B2

School Councils Guide

- [Parents SC Quick Guide 2022](#)

Elementary Alternative Schools Online Application Update

As you know, the TDSB has a wide range of **elementary alternative schools** available to students. This year, the application process is being managed centrally (in the past it has been managed by individual schools) and includes an online application form. The online application for admission for September 2023 will be open from Monday, January 16 at 4 p.m. to Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 4 p.m. Elementary alternative schools will hold information sessions and/or open houses for students and parents/guardians/caregivers in January and February. More information is available on the **[Elementary School Open Houses and Information Nights](#)** web page.



January 27, 2023: International Holocaust Remembrance Day: Special programs for the TDSB

Jan 27 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day and we're hoping you'll be able to join us virtually for an interview with survivor Pinchas Gutter and TDSB's Shari Schwartz-Maltz from 10:15 am - 11 am. This is a live webcast to all TDSB classes grades 6 and up who are interested. We're honoured to have the Grade 8 classes from Fern Avenue Junior and Senior PS in our boardroom at 5050 Yonge as our "live" audience and there will be at least 15 minutes for their questions for Mr. Gutter. Please see [attachment](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/stream/livewebcast-2023-01-27.html) for more information on resources. <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/stream/livewebcast-2023-01-27.html>



Honouring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) has a long-standing commitment to addressing issues of racial discrimination. We are committed to supporting educators in responding to historical and present-day acts of racism and injustice as they arise. Every third Monday of January, communities celebrate [Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day](#), a federal holiday in the United States of America. Martin Luther King Day commemorates the life experiences and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a prominent civil rights leader. It brings further awareness to the ongoing racial inequities experienced globally by Black-identifying communities, and the legacy of anti-Black racism in society.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2023

Registration for all TDSB English Kindergarten programs begins in February. Families have the option of registering their child online at www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten or in-person at the school. With both options, families will be invited to come to the school to validate registration information and participate in a Welcome to Kindergarten event hosted by the school. 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.

If you are receiving the emails in English and another language is preferable, Please let me know. joy.reiter@tdsb.on.ca



During the month of January TDSB is excited to be starting off the New Year by celebrating **Tamil Heritage Month**. Toronto has the largest Tamil population outside of the South Asian subcontinent with thousands of TDSB students and staff members heritage identified as Tamil. All have stories of their journey of how they or their families arrived in Canada, and how they continue to embrace this country as their home. **Tamil Heritage Month** coincides with one of the most important festivals celebrated by Tamils in South Asia and all over the world. Traditionally, during this month, Tamils, irrespective of their religion, celebrate Thai Pongal, a harvest festival that offers prayers of thanks to the sun and nature for giving bountiful crops.

The importance of building awareness, creating a strong self identity, and understanding one's own roots and rights are important objectives of the Tamil Heritage Month volunteer planning committee.

This year's theme for the poster design challenge is: **Community. Belonging. Joy.** Belonging comes with a sense of acceptance and inclusion for who you are, and there is great joy that comes from knowing you belong within any given community.

Continuing Education Programming

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Explore Continuing Education Programming at the TDSB!

Learning opportunities are available for children, families, adults and visitors:

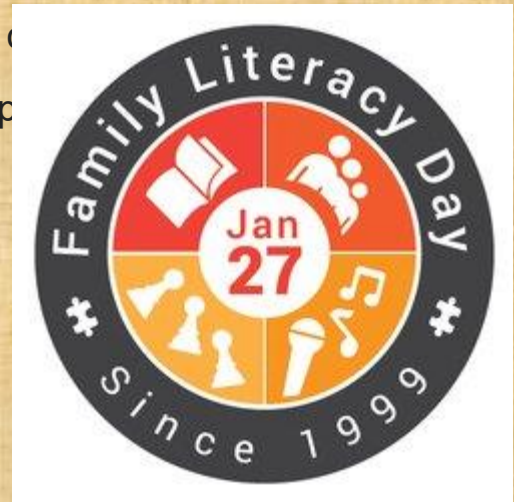
- **Secondary Credit Night School Program - Semester 2**
- **International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Program**
- **Learn4Life General Interest Winter Program 2023 - Adults 18+ and Seniors**
- **Continuing Education - Adult ESL Program**

Family Literacy Day

Family Literacy Day takes place every **January 27th** to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Since 1999, thousands of schools, libraries, literacy organizations and other community groups have taken part in the initiative. ABC creates free learning and promotional resources for anyone that wants to get involved. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is a key to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help them improve their skills as well.

Register now:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvfuGtqT0oGtyJ0EUJKaB7IYp64TyYEmGc>



Severe Weather

When temperature and/or wind chill measure -28°C or lower, children will remain indoors due to risk of frostnip and frostbite. When temperature and/or wind chill factor indicates -20 to -28°C , recesses may be shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess be 20 minutes depending on local conditions. Children should be monitored closely for signs of frostnip, frostbite or difficulty breathing. If a student's medical condition requires further consideration due to weather conditions, or if parents have other questions or concerns about how and when weather conditions affect your child's school day, please contact the school office.

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
- Warm socks to protect your ankles and feet
- Slip resistant, insulated boots
- Scarf and hat
- Snow pants
- Indoor shoes to change into from recess
- EXTRA pair of socks in case of need

Virtual Office Hours for educators and families with students in DD/DK/PD-ISPs

TDSB's occupational therapists and physiotherapists are excited to host our second professional development and virtual office hours for both parents/caregivers as well as educators of students with special education and inclusion needs for the 2022/2023 school year. Our upcoming session will occur on January 25th, 2023 with **a lunch session for parents/guardians/caregivers (12:30-1:30pm)** and **an after school session for educators (3:30-4:30pm)**. The format of these sessions include the provision of a brief education session from our TDSB OT/PTs followed by an open forum where attendees may ask questions, receive generalized strategies to support their student(s)/child(ren), and connect with one another. This month's discussion will focus on **Prioritizing Sensory Wellness Throughout the Day**. Translated versions of the parent/guardian/caregiver flyers are accessible in the **January 25th virtual office hours' folder**; We look forward to seeing you there!



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>

Please Note: While admission to the Early French Immersion (JK entry) or Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 entry) programs is guaranteed at the entry points to all eligible on-time applicants, admission to a specific school is NOT guaranteed. Applications to begin these programs is open to all students not already enrolled in a French program. **Transportation:** Where transportation is approved by the Transportation Department, students meeting the distance criteria for Kindergarten to Grade 5 will be transported by bus, and students from Grades 6 to 8 will be provided with TTC tickets, where applicable.

Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 Entry)

Applications to the Middle French Immersion program may be submitted, on behalf of students in the English program, the year the child is in Grade 3 for entry in September of Grade 4. It is an entirely online process. All communication will be sent via the email address you provide. Please check your email regularly, including junk mail folders.

Please visit the application site www.tdsb.on.ca/pars

- You will need your child's date of birth and OEN. The OEN is a 9-digit number found on any report card from the TDSB.
- For non-TDSB students, please select the "Non-TDSB Student" option and follow the steps to generate an identification number. You must then return to the PARS site and follow the application procedure with this number.
- Please select Middle French Immersion from the drop-down menu and complete the application process.

January 24, 2023 – 10 am

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE
WEBINAR ON JANUARY 24](#)

Webinar ID: 960 6455 6658

Canada: +1 647 374 4685 or +1 647 558 0588

On-time applicants will be offered a placement via the email address you have provided. You MUST take action to reserve a spot by the deadline requested when you are offered a placement. Offers of placement will be on-going through the weeks and months following the close of the application period. *Please check your email regularly, including junk mail folders, and follow any instructions.* **Deadline for applications: February 3, 2023**

Lynnwood is so proud of our students. What an amazing Winter Concert!

Please see the following photos of Lynnwood Heights students performing. Bravo!





















Spirit Days!!

Show your school spirit by participating in
Lynnwood's Spirit Days!!

Tuesday, December 20th:

Dress-Up Your Head Day!



Wednesday, December 21st:

Red and White! Celebrate our school colours!



Thursday, December 22nd:

Yellow or Light! Celebrate all the festivals of light!



Friday, December 23rd:

Pajama and Stuffy Day!



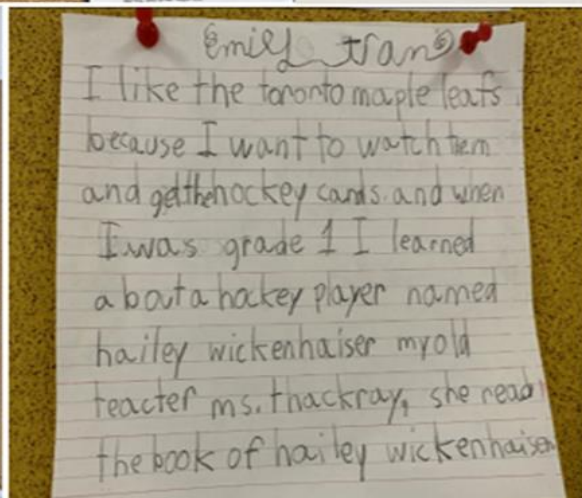
Ms. Ci's Class

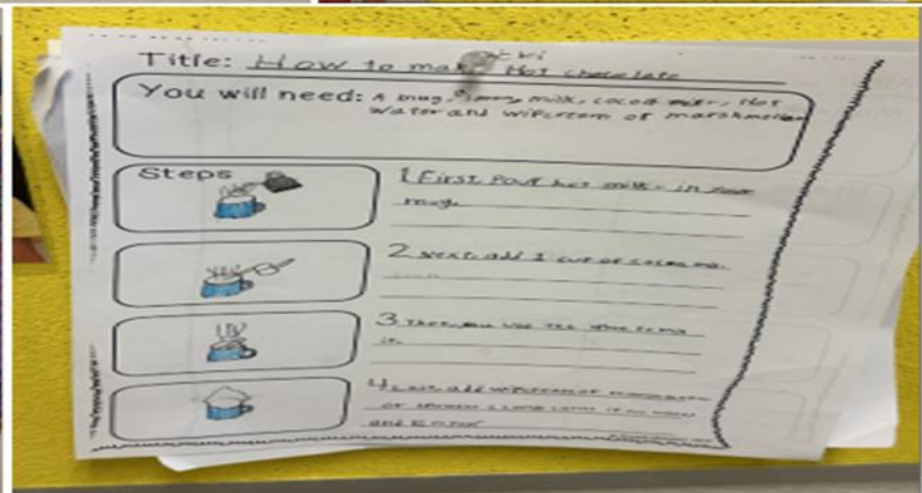
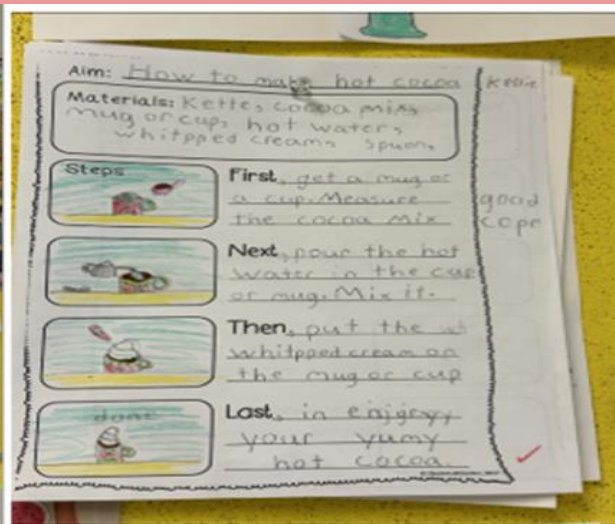
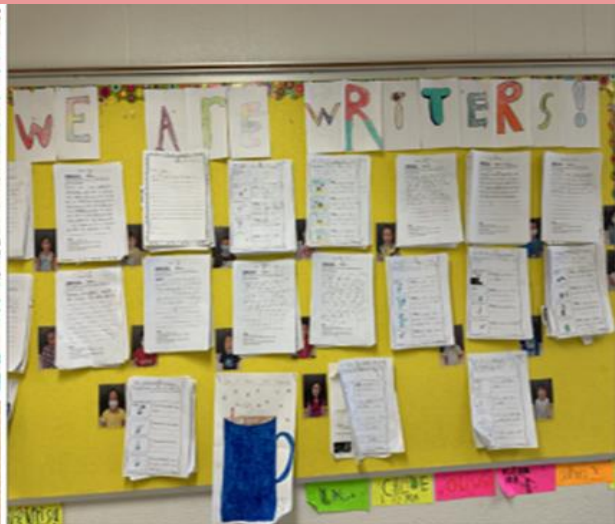
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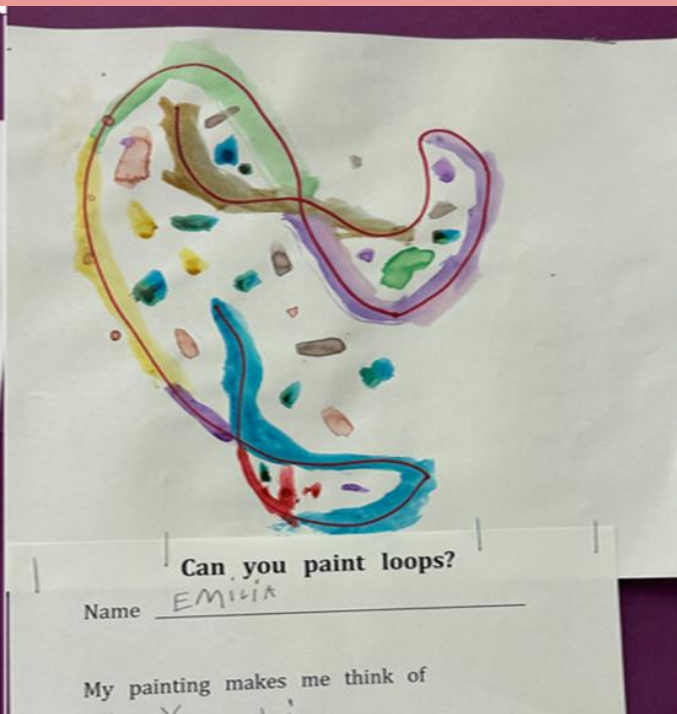
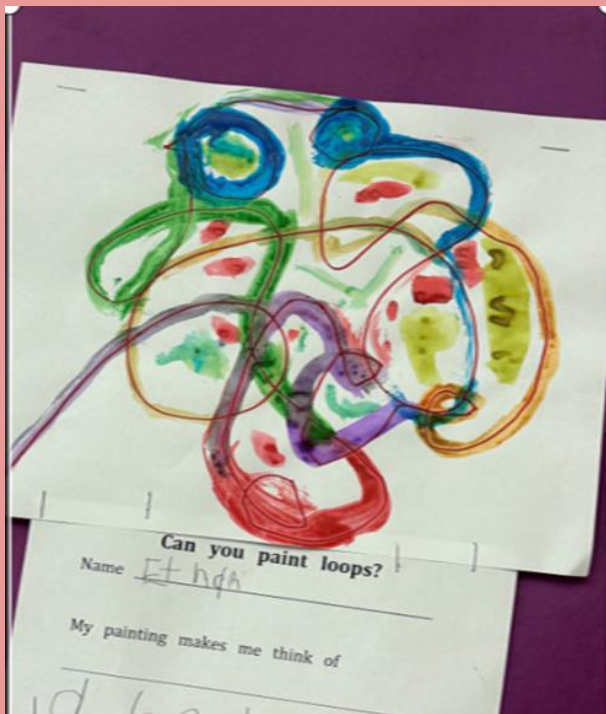


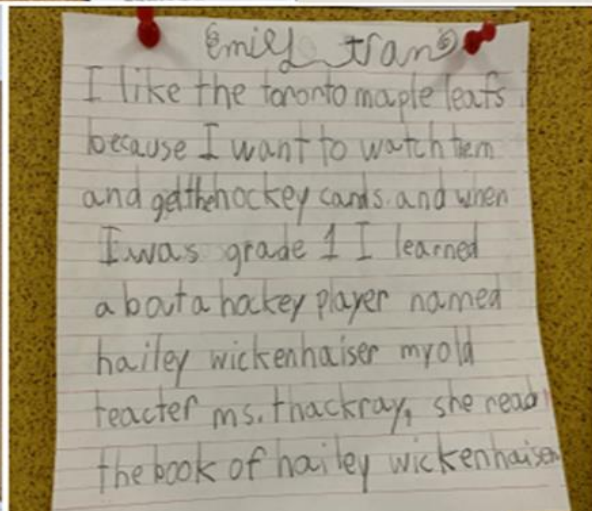
We are engaged in our learning.











Title: How to make Hot chocolate

You will need: A mug, ⁵ spoon, milk, cocoa mix, Hot Water and w/cream or marshmallows

Steps



1 First, pour hot milk in your mug.



2 Next, add 1 cup of cocoa mix.



3 Then, you use the spoon to mix it.



4 Last, add w/cream or marshmallows or sprinkles (candy coated) if you want and Enjoy!

Name: Ellie

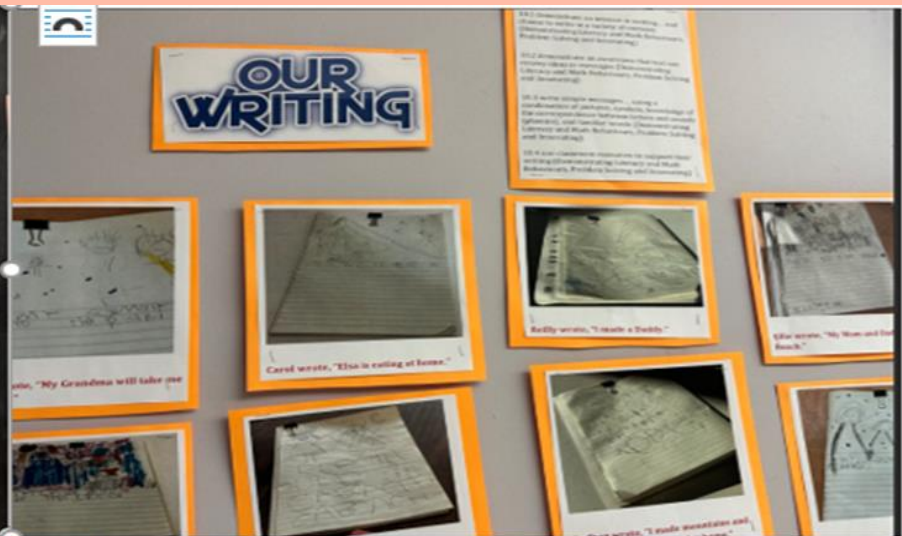
EMPATHY Name: _____

Name someone in our class who shows empathy and give three examples.

Someone who shows **EMPATHY** is Dean, because when ever I get hurt Dean always comes to me and says "Are you OK? Do you need ice? Do you need to go to the office?" Dean also shows **EMPATHY** by helping me get ice when where in the office. Dean also shows **EMPATHY** by saying "Do you want to go outside or stay in the office?" and Dean goes where ever I pick.

USED:

- CAPITAL LETTERS (I not i)
- FINGER SPACES / NEAT PRINTING OF LETTERS
- PUNCTUATION
- TOPIC AND CONCLUDING (ENDING SENTENCE)
- COMPLETE SENTENCES



**Our students are wonderful
artists. Mrs. Feldman is
fostering their creativity and
nurturing their talents.**

**Please see the students at work on their artistic
creations and the beautiful work they have produced.**



Van Gogh liked to experiment with colours. He would place **opposing** or **complementary** colours next to each other to bring their intensity.



After experimenting, Van Gogh realized that he liked using **hues of yellow** to paint his sunflowers with.













**Well done
and thank
you to
our
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Helpers!**

Student of the Month for December – Kindness and Caring

Kindness and Caring is:

- Showing understanding of others by treating them with compassion, generosity, and a forgiving spirit
- Being gentle, willing to help, friendly,, and considerate
- Showing concern or sympathy for others
- Being sensitive to the needs of others
- Offering support
- Giving your time, talents, and resources to help others
- Talking positively about others
- Considering the needs of others, not just your own

Please see photos of the students who were chosen by peers and teachers for displaying these qualities:



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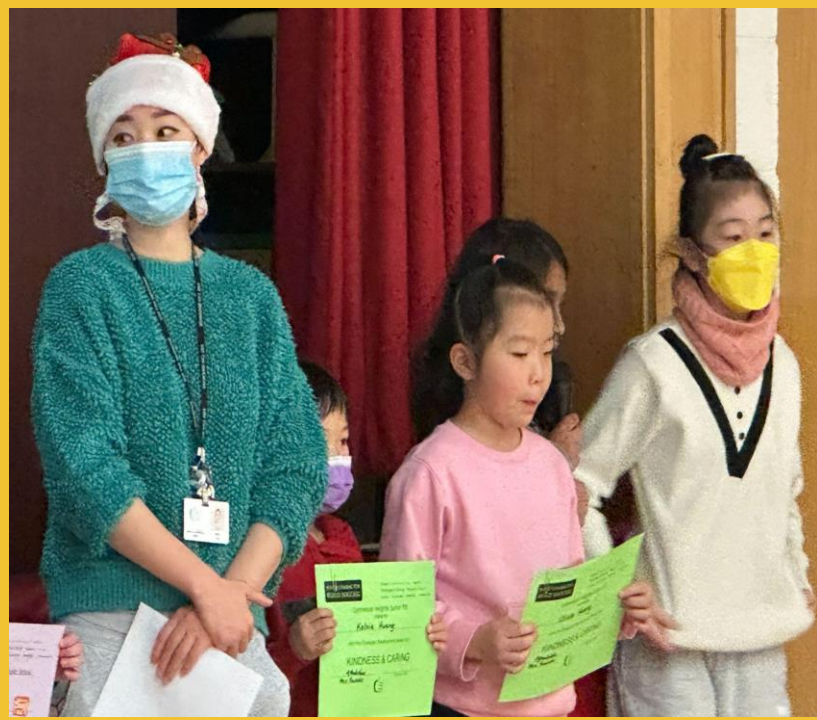
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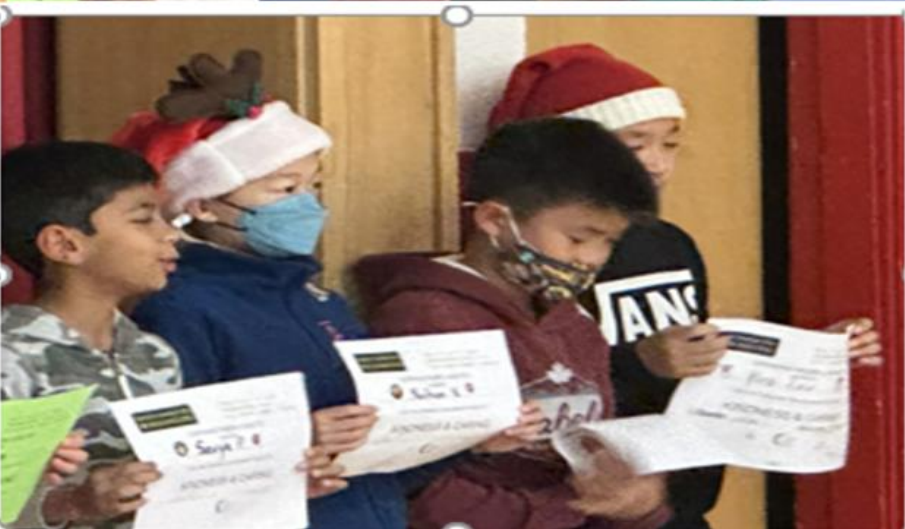
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Lynnwood Heights Celebrates the Year of the Rabbit.

When is Chinese New Year 2023?

Chinese New Year 2023 falls on Sunday, January 22nd, 2023, and celebrations culminate with the Lantern Festival on February 5th, 2023. Celebrations last up to 16 days, but only the first 7 days are considered a public holiday (January 22nd–January 29th, 2023). What is the 2023 Chinese Zodiac? Rabbit

[lunar new year 2023 - Search \(bing.com\)](#)

This [Lunar New Year](#), it's all about the Rabbit.

The holiday, which is also known as Chinese New Year and Spring Festival, is officially upon us, kicking off officially on Sunday, January 22.

Originating in multiple countries in east Asia, [the holiday is filled with rich culture and tradition](#) that centers around the hope for good fortune and prosperity.

Though the date differs each year based on the cycle of the moon, it always falls between Jan. 20 and Feb. 21 on the Gregorian calendar.

Each year also has a corresponding animal from the Chinese zodiac, based on ancient Chinese mythology; [last year was the Year of the Tiger](#), and 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit.

[Lunar New Year 2023: What to Know About the Year of the Rabbit \(people.com\)](#)







Well done and thank you to our Library Helpers!



