



# MALVERN JUNIOR P.S NEWSLETTER



## December 2024

### Administrators' Message

In December, our Character Trait is Kindness and Caring. For many, it is a time for holiday traditions, giving to others and spending time with family and friends over the winter break.

Thank you to Mrs. Simos and Nabeela's classes for a wonderful December assembly which reminded us of the many ways we can respect, take care of, and give to others in our school community and beyond.



During the week of December 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting a Food Drive with donations going to a local Food Bank. Ms. Tharamarajah's class is organizing this school wide initiative and students have been visiting classrooms to share information about the purpose of the Food Drive and the type of items that can be donated. As well, we are looking forward to hosting our Winter Concert which will take place on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Our classes have been eagerly preparing for the concert and are looking forward to bringing joy to others through their performances. Last but not least, we will be hosting a Spirit Week the week before the holidays with a different fun theme for each day.

As we prepare to head into winter break, we would like to wish all of our Malvern JPS families a happy Winter break and holiday season!

### School Council

Thank you to our School Council and parent volunteers for their work on fundraising thus far, and to our Malvern community for your donations and support.

After our Krispy Kreme fundraiser, Mrs. Magoffin surveyed each of our classes to find out what they wanted for recess equipment. Thanks to our MJPS community, each class received \$50 towards purchasing recess/outdoor play equipment for their students. In addition, the Bake Sale raised \$303 towards booking buses for school trips.



### \*NEW - Kindergarten Registration Begins in January

Registration for TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in January this school year. We look forward to welcoming our new Junior Kindergarten students in September!

To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four years old by December 31, 2025. To register for Senior



Kindergarten, children must be five years old by December 31, 2025. The registration process will be completed online and a meeting will also be booked with the school office staff to complete the registration process.

For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten).

Kindergarten Registration Begins on Monday, January 6th. Once you complete your registration forms online, the office will review the registration forms and will call you when they are ready to book an appointment with you to complete the registration process.

Our office staff will let you know what documents you will need to have available for your registration appointment and are also able to provide guidance with completing the registration forms online if you have any questions.

#### Early French Immersion Program/Application Process

The Early French Immersion program begins in Junior Kindergarten (JK). For September 2025 entry, **the deadline to apply was November 29<sup>th</sup>**. Applications that are submitted after this deadline will be marked as late and accommodated if space in the program is available.

In February, only those families who applied by the deadline and have accepted an offer of placement for their child via the [central application process](#) can register in Early French Immersion.

#### **Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 Entry) Application Process**

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide French Immersion Program, we offer an online process to apply for Middle French Immersion (begins in Grade 4). To apply to the Middle French Immersion Program for September 2025, applications must be completed online between **January 6 and 31, 2025**. Families with an older sibling currently in a Middle French Immersion program are still required to complete an online application for the new student. For more information and to access the application, please visit the [Middle French Immersion web page](#).

#### **Out-Of-Area Admissions Process**

Online applications for both elementary and secondary [Out-of-Area Admissions](#) opens on **January 6, 2025**. This is the process whereby students can apply to attend a school outside of the school designated to serve their home address. Acceptance is subject to space availability and transportation is the responsibility of the applicant. The **Elementary** application deadline is **January 31 at 4 p.m.** and the **Secondary** application deadline is **January 24 at 4 p.m.**

#### **Reminder from the City of Toronto: E-scooters are Illegal and Unsafe (especially for youth under the age of 16)**

Electric scooters are not allowed on public roads, sidewalks or paths in Toronto, regardless of age. In Ontario it is illegal for children under the age of 16 to operate an electric scooter or e-bike.



This past summer, The Hospital for Sick Children saw a notable increase in patients with significant injuries from e-scooter use.

Choose kick-scooters and bicycles that are not battery operated, and ensure children and youth wear a helmet when they ride.

Learn more at [toronto.ca/e-scooters](http://toronto.ca/e-scooters).

**Special Education and Inclusion Drop In Sessions for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers**

Special Education and Inclusion is pleased to once again offer a number of drop-in sessions for parents, guardians, and caregivers. These sessions aim to support parents/guardians/caregivers by providing 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 this [flyer](#) for upcoming dates, times and links.

**Continuing Education Programming**

Explore learning opportunities available for children, families, and adults at the TDSB:

- [Learn4Life General Interest - Adults 18+ and Seniors](#) – Classes begin Saturday, January 11, 2025
- [Secondary Credit \(Night School\)](#) – Registration for Semester 2 Night School closes on January 31, 2025.
- [International Languages Elementary and African Heritage](#) –

Still looking to register? Contact:

ile\_ah@tdsb.on.ca. [Adult ESL](#) –

Contact: [adultESL@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:adultESL@tdsb.on.ca).

**Free Glasses for Students**

We are able to help families get free eyeglasses for students as long as we have a copy of your child’s prescription. It is important to note that you are able to, and are encouraged to take your child(ren) to an



optometrist for a yearly vision check. This is at no charge to parents/caregivers as it is covered by OHIP for children. If your child needs glasses and you do not have coverage, please call the school and let us know and we will assist you.



<b>Heritage/Character Education Assembly</b>	<b>December 4</b>
<b>Ms. Tharmarajah’s Class: U of T Trash Team Presentation</b>	<b>December 5</b>
<b>Swim to Survive Program</b>	<b>December 3,4,10</b>
<b>Boys’ Volleyball Tournament &amp; Girls’ Basketball Tournament</b>	<b>December 9</b>
<b>Malvern Food Drive</b>	<b>December 9-13</b>
<b>Winter Concert</b>	<b>December 12</b>
<b>Spirit Week</b>	<b>December 16-20</b>
<b>Hat Day</b>	<b>December 16</b>
<b>Winter Sweater Day</b>	<b>December 17</b>
<b>Winter Art Day</b>	<b>December 18</b>
<b>Holiday Colour Day</b>	<b>December 19</b>
<b>Pyjama Day</b>	<b>December 20</b>
<b>Winter Holidays</b>	<b>December 23-January 7</b>

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<b>Principal</b>	<b>Andrea Lane</b>
<b>Vice Principal (Acting)</b>	<b>Monday Gala</b>
<b>Superintendent</b>	<b>Yalini Rajakulasingam</b>
<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Grace Romeo</b>
<b>Office Administrator</b>	<b>Shahana Gobimanoharan</b>
<b>Secretary (p.m.)</b>	<b>Quang Lao</b>
<b>Head Caretaker</b>	

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