



April 2024

Administrators' Message

Spring has sprung! The warmer weather is beginning to peak through and our students at Malvern JPS have been enjoying the sunshine and some slightly warmer temperatures.

In April, our Character Trait is Cooperation. At Malvern we know that "Team work makes the dream work!" When we all work together towards common goals, we can achieve great things!



We are excited about the variety of co-curricular opportunities that are being offered at Malvern JPS this school year – from Track and Field, to our Healthy Schools Leadership Club and House League, basketball and volleyball teams, and a variety of student leadership opportunities (Snack Program volunteers, Kindergarten leaders and Office Announcers) – there are many things on the go at Malvern JPS which makes things busy, but exciting! Go Malvern Go!

In April we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. When students saw the posters in the hallway, there was chatter and excitement about the upcoming Book Fair. Thank you to Ms. Cheong, who has been working hard to plan and organize the Book Fair for our school

On April 15th we welcomed Mrs. Demitra Zervas to our school as our Acting Vice Principal. Mrs. Zervas will be supporting our school until the end of May and we are excited to have her join our team at MJPS.

School Council

Much appreciation to School Council for organizing and hosting the Ramadan Bazaar. It was a big success! Thank you to our many families who attended and to our vendors who supported this event.



School Council is currently planning a Kernels popcorn sale. The date will be shared soon.

Our next School Council meeting will take place on Monday, April 29th at 5:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

Earth Day 2024

On Monday, April 22nd, it is Earth Day. Earth Day is a celebration of the Earth and our environment. We are all connected to the Earth and therefore, we all have a

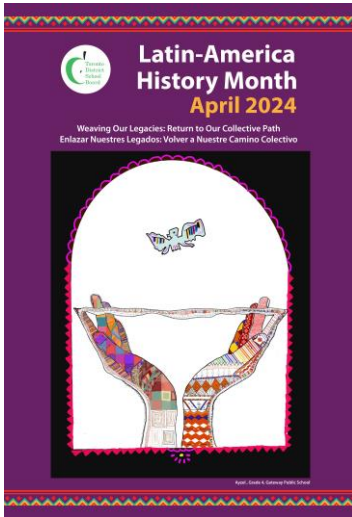


responsibility to take care of the Earth and reduce our environmental footprint as much as we can. At school, Earth Day will be recognized through a variety of classroom activities. The theme this year is "Planet vs Plastics".

We invite our Malvern JPS families to engage in discussions with your children about how your family can reduce your use of electricity, ways to reuse, reduce and recycle items where possible, and how you can reduce your environmental footprint. More information is available at:

www.earthday.org

April is Latin-America History Month



The month of April is recognized as Latin–America History Month at the Toronto District School Board. Since the creation of the Latin-America History Month Volunteer Planning Committee in 2016, the membership, which is comprised of educators, community organizers, parents/caregivers and TDSB staff and alumni, continues to ensure

that we are reflective of all intersectional differences within our communities of Latin-America / Abya Yala / Pachamama and its diaspora, including those right here at the TDSB.

This year’s theme is ***Weaving Our Legacies: Returning to Our Collective Path | Enlazar Nuestras Legados: Volver a Nuestro Camino Colectivo***. In alignment with this year’s theme, we are centering weaving individual and collective legacies of resistance, struggles, joy, love, and healing as peoples of the Latin-America / Abya Yala / Pachamama and its diaspora. While also focusing on the communal purpose of raising consciousness and moving towards reclaiming our whole authentic selves and a (re)commitment to reciprocal relations, solidarity, and action towards a just world.

During the month of April, several activities have been planned for students, staff, and community members. To learn more, visit the [Latin-America History Month Webpage](#).

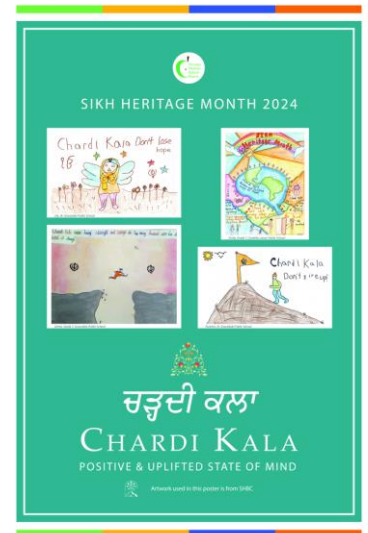
April is Sikh Heritage Month @ the TDSB

Sikh Heritage Month has proudly been recognized at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) during the month of April since 2016. The TDSB became the first school board in Canada to designate April of each year as Sikh Heritage Month. This designation

matches the recognition by the Province of Ontario that proclaimed the 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.

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 continues to be a vibrant part of every aspect of life of Canadians today.

This year’s the Sikh Heritage Month’s theme is ***Chardi Kala (The Positive and Uplifted State of Mind)***. According to Sikh beliefs, ***Chardi Kala*** is a state of mind that radiates positive energy, optimistic attitude, strong confidence, and virtuosity. With true belief in the supreme power of the Almighty and the oneness of humanity, this state of mind can pave a way for the well-being and happiness of all. To learn more about the events happening, visit [Sikh Heritage Month](#).



Summer School Registration & Summer Programs



Summer School Program registration is open! Spaces are limited, so the earlier you sign up, the better.

Click [HERE](#) for more information about 2024 TDSB Summer School options and for the online registration links.

The focus of the 2024 Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program is to continue student engagement through July. Programs, embedded in Literacy and Numeracy, are developed by the summer school principal to reflect the local school focus. Programs are offered in-person to students in K to Grade 8, from July 2nd to July 26th. This year, one remote program will also be available for students in Grades 4-8. For more information, including a list of schools and online registration forms, visit the summer school program page.

Other Summer School Programs that are available include:

- [Special Education and Inclusion Summer Program](#)
- [Summer Music & Art Camps](#)

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[Malvern JPS](#)

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Easter Monday (No School)	April 1
Grade 6 Graduation Photos	April 4
Ramadan Bazaar	April 4
P.A. Day	April 8
International Day of Pink	April 12
Spring Book Fair	April 22-26
Administrative Professionals' Day	April 24
EQAO Parent Webinar	April 24
Ms. Tharmarajah & Ms. DiRito's Class Trip	April 24
School Council Meeting	April 29
Family Math Night	May 2
OSCA Cricket @ Malvern	May 7 & 8
EQAO Assessment Window	May 8 - June 12
Grade 1-6 Track & Field Day	May 10
Welcome to Kindergarten Webinar for Parents/Caregivers	May 14
Welcome to Kindergarten Family Event	May 16
Grade 1-6 Track & Field	
Rain Date	May 17
Victoria Day – No School	May 20
Ms. Bloom & Ms. Topple's Class Trip	May 24
School Council Meeting	May 27
Family Fitness & Wellness Night	May 30
Ms. Ramnaraine & Ms. Rinsma's Class Trip	May 30
P.A. Day	June 7
Report Cards Sent Home	June 26
Last Day of School	June 28

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Vice Principal (Acting)	Demitra Zervas
Superintendent	Monday Gala
Trustee	Yalini Rajakulasingam
Office Administrator	Grace Romeo
Secretary (p.m.)	Mary Kloutas
Head Caretaker	Quang Lao

