



March 2025

Administrators' Message

This month's Character Trait focus is Honesty. We speak with students about the importance of always telling the truth, even if that means they, or someone else, may get into trouble for doing something wrong. We often remind our students about the importance of honesty and owning their actions at all times. We are always learning from the choices we make. We recognize that being honest and taking responsibility for what we do and say can be hard sometimes, but it is a very important life lesson.



At the beginning of March we welcomed Superintendent Gala and Executive Superintendent Addo to our school for a visit. We were proud to highlight the learning and teaching happening throughout our school and were excited to celebrate our amazing community of learners and our staff!

We would like to thank the ICNA Sisters for the wonderful Ramadan display that they created for students, staff and families to explore, learn and enjoy. We would also like to thank Ms. Syed for her presentations to our Kindergarten and Grade 1 and 2/3 classes.



School Council

Our School Council hosted their first Pizza Lunch in March which was a huge success! Thank you our many families for supporting this fundraiser. There are two more pizza lunches being planned for April and May.



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Our next School Council meeting is Tuesday, April 8th at 5:00 p.m. A link will be sent to families closer to the meeting date.

Student Mental Health & Well Being Resources

Supporting students and fostering daily positive mental health and well-being in all school communities is a priority at the TDSB. Visit [the MHWB website](#) to access mental health toolkits, identity affirming resources, and information about a variety of wellness topics. Whether you need immediate support, or want to learn more about a particular topic, there's information and support available.

Earth Hour 2025



On Friday, March 21st at 2:00 PM TDSB schools and offices were asked to go as electricity-free as possible for **ONE HOUR**.

Earth Hour presents a great opportunity to raise awareness focused on energy conservation and climate change. Wherever possible, our schools and offices turned off all interior lighting except

necessary emergency lights, any non-essential electronics and powerbars. Energy reduction was tracked at each TDSB school, with the top 25 Elementary and Secondary schools getting a shout out. Let's make this year our biggest energy reduction ever! To help maximize energy reduction, explore the [TDSB EcoSchools Earth Hour resources](#).

As an Eco School, we have practices that we intentionally use which are eco-friendly (e.g., recycling program, lights off in rooms that are not occupied, encouraging lunches for school made with reusable containers). These small daily habits help to make a difference. At home, you can discuss as a family what your family can do together to be more eco-friendly. We can all make a positive impact with small changes! For more information on Earth Hour you can visit: www.earthhour.org

March is Greek Heritage Month



The TDSB is proud to recognize Greek Heritage Month (GHM) over the month of March. This heritage is also celebrated across the Province of Ontario since 2019 with the implementation of the Hellenic Heritage Month Act. This Act reads, in part:

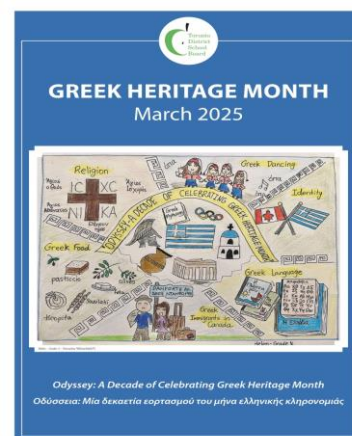
“March is a significant month for the Hellenic community and March 25 is celebrated each year as Greek Independence Day. Proclaiming March as Hellenic Heritage Month provides an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the outstanding achievements and contributions of the Hellenic Canadians in the province.”

2025 marks 10 years of recognizing GHM at the TDSB! For this reason, our theme for this year is:

Odyssey - A Decade of Celebrating Greek Heritage Month

Οδύσσεια - Μία Δεκαετία Εορτασμού του Μήνα Ελληνικής Κληρονομιάς

Several educational activities have been planned to help students, staff, and families mark the occasion. [Learn more.](#)



Excellence Awards 2024 Nominations Now Open

Every year, [the TDSB Excellence Awards](#) help share the untold stories of extraordinary staff commitment, and we are delighted to announce that nominations for the Excellence Awards 2024 are now open.

We want to know about the TDSB staff you know who are supporting the success and wellbeing of our students, as well as our school and work communities in so many different ways. We welcome nominations from anyone – staff, students, parents/caregivers or community members – so we encourage you to **submit nominations by Friday, April 4, 2025**.

For more information and to submit a nomination, please visit [the TDSB Excellence Awards website: tdsb.on.ca/excellence](https://tdsb.on.ca/excellence)

Special Education and Inclusion Video Series

From learning about Individual Education Plans (IEPs) to navigating the Identification, Placement, and Review Committee (IPRC) process, these videos were designed to help families understand the Special Education programs, services, and supports available to students. [Learn more and watch.](#)

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.

Learn4Life Adult Community Programs - Spring Registration Now Open!

Spring 2025 registration is now OPEN for Learn4Life's Adult General Interest Program! Open to adults 18 years of age and seniors, the Learn4Life program offers a unique and valuable opportunity for individuals to pursue their interests, expand their knowledge, and engage in lifelong learning with a wide range of courses and activities designed to cater to diverse interests and passions.

[Visit Learn4Life's program page for more information.](#)

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School Council Meeting	March 4
March Break	March 10-14
GTHL Try Hockey Program:	
Grades 2-5	March 19
TDSB Earth Hour	March 21
School Monthly Assembly	April 2
Grade 6 Graduation Retakes	April 4
Fire Safety Presentations:	
Kindergarten Classes	April 8
Grade 2, 3 and 2/3 Classes	April 9
Grade 3/4 and Grade 1 Classes	April 10
School Council Meeting	April 8
U of T Trash Team Presentation:	
Ms. Tharmarajah's Class	April 15&17
Good Friday (No School)	April 18
Easter Monday (No School)	April 21
Scholastic Book Fair	April 28-May 2

Principal	Andrea Lane
Vice Principal	Maureen Damian
Superintendent	Monday Gala
Trustee	Yalini Rajakulasingam
Office Administrator	Grace Romeo
Secretary (p.m.)	Shahana Gobimanoharan
Head Caretaker	Quang Lao