



## March 2026

### 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.



Thank you to our many families who attended the Iftar Dinner. It was an evening filled with gratitude, joy, and community spirit. Much appreciation to our many volunteers – staff, parents and School Council for all of their contributions towards making this evening a success. As well, much appreciation to our donors who supported this evening – Superintendent Gala, Mr. Fayeez at the Honest Butcher, Ather from Hyderabad Palace, Ms. Zaki and Khader, Ms. Rabab, the ICNA Sisters, Toronto Foundation for Student Success (Mr. Anthony) and the Humaniti Foundation. Much appreciation to our students for the beautiful decorations they created which were displayed throughout our hallways and in the gym.

### School Council

Our School Council will be hosting a Pizza Lunch in March to support our continued fundraising for transportation for school trips. Forms will be sent



home following March Break. Pizza Lunch will take place on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Our next School Council meeting is Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 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 2026



On Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM TDSB schools and offices are 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 turn off all interior lighting except necessary emergency lights, any non-essential electronics and powerbars. Energy reduction is 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 a 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 be 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](http://www.earthhour.org)

### March is Greek Heritage Month

The TDSB is proud to recognize Greek Heritage Month during the month of March. This heritage is also celebrated across the Province of Ontario through the *Hellenic Heritage Month Act, 2019*. The Act notes that March is significant for the Hellenic community, with Greek Independence Day observed each year on March 25.

Proclaiming March as Hellenic Heritage Month provides an opportunity to remember, celebrate, and educate future generations about the achievements and contributions of Hellenic Canadians. This year marks the eleventh year of recognizing Greek Heritage Month at the TDSB. The theme for 2026 is:

**Celebrating Identities: From Alpha to Omega**  
**«Γιορτάζοντας Ταυτότητες: Από το Άλφα στο Ωμέγα»**

To mark the month, several educational opportunities have been offered across the system. One highlight for Grade 6 students was “Making of Greektown,” a walking tour of Danforth Avenue presented in partnership with the Hellenic Heritage Foundation. This experience introduced students to the history and architecture of Greektown through a lively and engaging program.

We welcome students, staff, families, and community members to join us at the following Greek Heritage Month events:

- **Closing Ceremony on March 28 at the Greek Community of Toronto (30 Thorncliffe**

Park Drive) from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

*This celebration will feature music, dance, photo displays, and entertainment from TDSB students and community members. Light refreshments will be provided.*

- **Annual Greek Independence Day Parade on March 29 at 1 p.m.**, with the meeting place at Kapapamahchakwew – Wandering Spirit School (16 Phin Avenue).

### Join the Mental Health & Well-Being Parent Partnership Committee

Developed for parents to have voice and involvement in enhancing student mental health and well-being, this committee supports parents and caregivers in identifying and articulating mental health and well-being needs, resources and supports. Join the meeting which will take place on Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. [View Flyer.](#)

### Special Education and Inclusion Newsletter and Parent Engagement Sessions

The [March newsletter](#) is now available on the [Special Education and Inclusion site](#) and includes updates, tips, and resources to support students with disabilities and special education needs. Also, learn more about upcoming [parent and caregiver engagement sessions.](#)



### **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 2026 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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<b>School Bus Safety Presentations</b>	<b>March 2</b>
<b>Ms. Tharmarajah's Class: U of T</b>	
<b>Trash Team Presentation</b>	<b>March 3</b>
<b>Community Iftar Dinner</b>	<b>March 5</b>
<b>PALS (Playground Activity Leaders in Schools) Student Leader Training</b>	<b>March 6</b>
<b>Jr. Boys' Basketball Festival</b>	<b>March 6</b>
<b>Honesty &amp; Greek Heritage Month Assembly</b>	<b>March 9</b>
<b>GTHL Try Hockey Program: Grades 2-5</b>	<b>March 10</b>
<b>Ms. Tharmarajah's Class: U of T</b>	
<b>Trash Team Presentation</b>	<b>March 10</b>
<b>March Break</b>	<b>March 16-20</b>
<b>YMCA Before and After School Program Drop In Session</b>	<b>March 25</b>
<b>TDSB Earth Hour</b>	<b>March 27</b>
<b>Grade 6 Graduation Retakes &amp; Group Photo</b>	<b>March 30</b>
<b>Pizza Lunch</b>	<b>March 31</b>
<b>Good Friday (No School)</b>	<b>April 3</b>
<b>Easter Monday (No School)</b>	<b>April 6</b>
<b>Cooperation &amp; Sikh Heritage Month Assembly</b>	<b>April 8</b>
<b>Ms. Tharmarajah's Class: U of T</b>	
<b>Trash Team Presentation</b>	<b>April 9</b>
<b>School Council Meeting</b>	<b>April 15</b>
<b>Administrative Professionals' Day</b>	<b>April 22</b>
<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>	<b>April 27-May 1</b>

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<b>Principal</b>	<b>Andrea Lane</b>
<b>Vice Principal</b>	<b>Maureen Damian</b>
<b>Superintendent</b>	<b>Monday Gala</b>
<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Yalini Rajakulasingam</b>
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