



May 2026

Administrators' Message

The warm weather is finally here and as usual at this time in the school year, Malvern JPS is a very busy place to be! Classes are looking forward to engaging in more outdoor learning experiences and physical activity and a variety of events are taking place throughout our school such as Family Wellness Night, Welcome to Kindergarten Events, EQAO and Rocks and Rings (curling in our gym).

Another exciting event that took place in April was our Scholastic Book Fair. Students always enjoy exploring the book selection and visiting the Book Fair. Thank you to Mrs. Cheong and her team of volunteers for all of your work running the Book Fair for our students. Thanks to your support, our school now has \$896 in Scholastic rewards that we will be using to purchase books for our library to support our school wide focus on reading.

In May, our Character Trait is Integrity – it serves as a reminder that our actions speak louder than words. We remind our students that we are all responsible for our own actions. From time to time, mistakes or poor choices are made, but the most important thing is that we take ownership for our own actions and we learn from mistakes and continue to make better decisions the next time.



We ask that our families please continue to check your email for updates and other important information as we head into this very busy time of the school year.

Children's Mental Health Week and Malvern JPS's Family Wellness Event

This year, the TDSB recognized Children's Mental Health Week (CMHW) from May 4 to 8, 2026. This year's theme, "***Come Together Canada***", emphasized the importance of the power of social connection and how meaningful relationships support our mental well-being. "Social connection is essential to our mental health. Research shows that loneliness has become a growing mental health crisis, affecting people of all ages and backgrounds. While technology helps us stay in touch, digital connection is not the same as real connection. Online interactions can support relationships, but they can't replace the depth, warmth, and grounding that come from being with others in person." During this week classes were invited to engage in a variety of activities to promote student wellness using the Choice Boards and activities that were provided to staff by the TDSB.

On Thursday, May 21st Malvern JPS's Healthy Schools Team comprised of students, staff advisors and our Toronto Public Health Nurse (Mohamed) will be hosting our 3rd Family Wellness Night. There will be a variety of activities for our families to engage in, from making fruit kababs, buttons and calming jars, to curling and cricket – there is something for everyone to enjoy. The team has been busy planning the activities and connecting with community partners who will be sharing resources with our families at this event. We look forward to a fun filled night with our MJPS families focusing on wellness!

Welcome To Kindergarten!

Our virtual Welcome to Kindergarten took place on Wednesday, May 20th and on Thursday, May 21st we will be hosting our Welcome To Kindergarten Family Event. We look forward to sharing more information about our Kindergarten program and welcoming our youngest Malvern JPS students and their families!



School Council

Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend School Council meetings as often as you can. Please look for dates and times on the school Google calendar, the links to our virtual meetings will be sent to parents via email. Our last School Council meeting for this school year will take place on Wednesday, June 3rd at 5:00 p.m.



Jewish Heritage Month

Jewish Heritage Month is recognized each May in Ontario following the passage of the Jewish Heritage Month Act in 2012, which acknowledges the important contributions Jewish Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political, and cultural fabric.

The TDSB proudly recognizes Jewish Heritage Month as an opportunity to celebrate Jewish history, identity, and culture, and to support learning that promotes understanding, belonging, and respect across school communities.

This year, schools can explore ***Being Jewish in Ontario***, an educational resource designed for middle and secondary classrooms. The collection includes a short film of approximately 10 minutes, along with lesson plans and supporting materials available in English and French. The resource explores what it means to be Jewish today through

the voices of Jewish youth and their family members, while also examining how Jewish immigrants across Ontario established a sense of community, belonging, and possibility during the first half of the twentieth century, despite experiencing societal exclusion. The resource highlights both specific Jewish historical experiences and broader, universal themes of identity, belonging, and collective action. The film and learning materials are available at www.beingjewishinontario.org.

Happy Jewish Heritage Month at the TDSB!

Asian Heritage Month

The TDSB has proudly recognized the month of May as Asian Heritage Month since 2007, following official recognition by the Province of Ontario in 2005 and the Government of Canada in 2002.

This year's TDSB theme is ***Asian Heritage: Roots, Connections, Innovations***. This theme underscores the deep roots that affirm identities, the strong connections shaped through collective cultural pride, and the future innovations that will continue to strengthen communities and create opportunities for Asian Canadians in Canada and around the world.

The TDSB is the largest and one of the most diverse school boards in Canada. Nearly one-quarter of students were born outside of Canada, and collectively, more than 120 languages are spoken across the system. According to the 2023 Student Census, 46 percent of TDSB students self-identified as Asian.

This May, the Asian Heritage Month Volunteer Planning Committee has assembled a range of educational opportunities. These include an author



reading for students, a panel discussion featuring TDSB educators, and a session focused on discovering traditional Asian heritage dance.

Happy Asian Heritage Month at the TDSB! Follow the Asian Heritage Month Volunteer Planning Committee on [X @TDSB_AHM](#).

School Year Calendar

We are pleased to share that the 2026–27 School Year Calendar is now available. Students will return to school on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026**. [Families can visit the TDSB website](#) to explore key dates, holidays, PA Days, and all school year calendars.

Panfest Vybz 2026

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement and TDSB Arts Department welcomes staff, students, and community to Panfest Vybz, a free evening community event that celebrates Caribbean Carnival culture through the Arts! The evening will include performances by student musicians from a variety of schools and the professional Impulse Steel Orchestra. **Panfest Vybz 2026 Flyer**

Date: Thursday May 28, 2026

Time: 6:30PM - 8:30PM

Location: Winston Churchill CI, 2239 Lawrence Ave E., Scarborough, ON M1P 2P7

Agenda: Reception from 6:30 - 6:50PM; Procession and Performances starting 6:50PM - 8:30PM

Registration: bit.ly/Vybz-26

This school year, our Grade 4/5 and 5/6 classes are delighted to have the opportunity to attend Panfest Vybz for the student event which will take place on Wednesday, May 27th.

General Community Safety

In our school community, our staff regularly reinforce safety precautions with students. We are fortunate to have a number of safety initiatives, programs, and policies that contribute to a safe and caring school. However, most incidents happen away from school, or outside of school hours. We want to

emphasize to all students, staff and parents the importance of awareness and the need for extra care in even the most ordinary and everyday routines, no matter where you are.

Of course, safety is a shared responsibility, and we encourage families to continue to review [Toronto Police street proofing tips together](#). By practicing these tips at home and at school, we can empower our students to make safe choices and look out for one another every day.

We ask everyone to immediately report any suspicious or unusual occurrences to the office, to one of our staff, or to police as appropriate. Together, we can help maintain a safe community for everyone.



Integrity and Asian and Jewish Heritage Month Assembly	May 6
Toronto Fire Safety Presentations (K-Grade 1/2)	May 7 & 11
Ms. Tharmarajah's Class: Student Authored Texts Session-Apple iPad Project	May 7, 14, 21
Gr. 1-6 Ontario Schools Cricket Association Cricket Sessions	May 8
CHR Student Showcase	May 14
Volunteer Readers Programme	
Last Day	May 15
Ms. Green's Class: Virtual Field Trip to the ROM	May 19
Ms. Green's Class: Virtual Author Reading – Sita Jit	May 20
Welcome to Kindergarten Parent/Caregiver Webinar	May 20
Grade 6 Visit to Hilliard	May 21
Pizza Lunch	May 21
Welcome to Kindergarten In Person Event	May 21
Family Wellness Night	May 21
Welcome to Kindergarten Classroom Visit #1	May 26
Ms. Green, Ms. Tharmarajah Mr. Greer & Mr. Melchiorre's Classes @ Panfest Vybz	May 27

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