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The Trailblazer Monthly Newsletter

February 2020

***Message from the Administration***

As our year continues to move forward, amazing things are happening in our classrooms. Our teachers continue to offer our students wonderful learning opportunities throughout the school. Our grade 6 students were recently presented with a wonderful gift of a copy of the book **“Hana’s Suitcase”,** a depiction of a young girl’s experience through the Holocaust. Their teachers are utilizing this opportunity to teach our students the importance of respecting all people of all races and religions and to erase hatred and racism in the world. While acknowledging the 75th Liberation of the Concentration Camps at the end of the Second World War, our students were given the experience to relive the lives of Hana and her family through a board-wide webinar that featured a member of Hana’s family who brought the book to life.

We would like to thank Ward 19 Trustee Zakir Patel for hosting his Ward Forum at Military Trail on January 30th, 2020. We also thank Sheryl Robinson Petrazzini and our other administrators from our area for attending the evening and especially those parents who attended. We are hoping that this evening was enlightening and informative for all our Ward 19 communities.

As we move into February, we would like to wish everyone a Happy Family Day and hope that you take the opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends. Please be reminded, that February 14th marks an opportunity for parents to contact their children’s teachers to set up an interview/phone call to discuss the progress of their child, as long as it falls within the reduced workday as per ETFO’s sanctions (30 minutes before the start of the instructional day and 15 minutes after the end of the instructional day).

Should you require any information regarding the current labour updates or the Coronaviris, please refer to the Toronto District School Board website [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) for regular updates.

Mr. Shaikh (Principal) and Mr. Lalonde (Vice Principal)Upcoming Dates in February:

**Weekly Activities**

**Activities are postponed until further notice**

Monday:

Intrmural Houseleague Play @ Lunch

Go Girls Group @ Lunch

Tuesday:

Boys’ and Girls’ Club Mentorship Program @ Lunch

Wednesday:

Intramural Houseleague Play @ Lunch

Thursday:

Intramural Houseleague Play@ Lunch

Friday:

Girls’ Basketball through Lay Up Program @ Lunch

February 5th – Constable Rowe and Gill Safety Presentations with Grade 2 and 8 classes

February 13th – Student Dress Down

February 13th – Intermediate dance in the afternoon

February 14th – Parent/Teacher Interviews

February 14th – Valentine’s Day

February 18th – Family Day

February 20th –Grad Photos

****Secondary Program Review and Optional Attendance

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is undertaking a review of secondary schools to ensure all students have equitable access to programs and opportunities, as close to home as possible. As part of the [Secondary Program Review](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Secondary-Program-Review), the TDSB is reviewing the **Optional Attendance** policy (P013), which allows students to apply to schools other than their designated school by home address.

A public consultation process for both the Secondary Review and P013 started in November 2019. Please visit the TDSB website for more information and opportunities to provide feedback: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Secondary-Program-Review>.

If you have any questions and/or comments, please email [SecondaryReview@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:SecondaryReview@tdsb.on.ca)

**Character Traits of the Month:**

***Teamwork***

**The following students received this month’s Character Trait of the Month Certificate for Teamwork.**

 **Kindergarten**/ **Primary Classes**

Mrs. Moxam: Usman Taaseen, Kulthum Arghoshi

Mrs. Burton: Taric Blackette

Mrs. Figueroa: Manusri Jeyakumar

Mrs. Madej: Aisha Jegarooban, Laith Al Mohammad

Mrs. Hestick: Omari Manley-Jack, Aeesha Kadiri

Mrs. Jacob: Varnan Jeyabalan, Farouq Fedlu

Mrs. Maricar: Zavon Tyrill, Saieshan Thiruvarudselvan

Mrs. Dickie: Namesius Nagendra, Avilon Bhatta

Mrs. Khandaker: Mahrus Tawsif, Aryan Lachman

Mr. Murphy: Urhum Qadir, Alex Chintaman

Ms. Thompson: Lilaf Bilal (pri), Blessing Adesotu (jr)

Ms. Alidina:

Ms. Brandon: Tawfiq Ahmadi, Maria Alefragkis

**Junior Intermediate**

Mrs. Storrod: Carl Murdock, Shambavie Thiruvarudselvan

Ms. Giza: Hassan Jimoh-Kuku, Suruthy Sanjeevkumar

Mr. Deslandes: Farazinn Baksha, Benjamin Nesan

Mr. Sharma: Kyron Bailey-Shallow, Rabia Noor

Ms. Luther: Joyce Koleola, Destiny Ehidiamen

Mr. Johnson/ Ms. Nelson: Diyar Ali, Sarah Hailu

Mr. Phillips: Umeshi Arulnithy, Kerlon Bailey-Shallow

Ms. Pellett: Hussain Abbas, De’Andre Augustin-Browne

Ms. Khan: Maram Al-Mohammad, Banan Najib

Ms. Jackman: Laily Quaderi, Jack Sanmugananthan

Mr. Gad: Adrien Rooplal, Ashwin Anuraj

Mr. Johnston: Abdullah Argoshi, Mishal Mansoor

Mr. Johnson:

Ms. Nelson’s French Class: Katie Barrow

Ms. Thineskumar: Alexander Chintaman

Mr. Deslandes (ESL): Abdulrahman Megahed

Making the Best of Winter Weather at our School   
  
Principals are often asked how we decide whether it's too cold to allow our students out in the schoolyard for recess.   
  
Fresh air and exercise are important for children. It keeps them physically fit, and helps them stay alert all through the school day. Parents can help by making sure their children come to school prepared to spend time outdoors. Hats, mitts, boots and a warm jacket are important to keep students comfortable during lunch and recess.   
  
But extreme cold can be dangerous, and parents want to know that their children will be safe. When the temperature is predicted to drop below -15C, the City of Toronto may declare a cold weather alert. Schools are very sensitive to the needs of our students and pay close attention to the weather, especially when the windchill is below -20 C.   
  
The TDSB Severe Weather Protocol is flexible, so that every principal can make a decision that meets the needs of his or her school. It sets guidelines for when to allow students outside for recess, when to make outdoor breaks shorter, and when to keep students inside altogether.   
  
Canadian winters can be wonderful but when the weather is cold, school staff keep one eye on the thermometer and the other on the needs of our students - a perfect balance of fun and safety.

**Kindergarten Registration**

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child at our school in September!   
  
To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four-years-old by December 31. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five-years-old by December 31. You may choose to register in person at the school or begin the process online.   
  
For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.