

NMPPS Weekly Message
Friday February 2, 2024

What Skills do Children Need to Learn to Read?

This visual demonstrates the relationship between children's understanding of spoken language and their word reading skills. Skills in both of these areas come together to create readers who read with understanding, joy, emotion, and motivation. [Read more about it in the TDSB Early Reading Instruction Guide for Families and Caregivers.](#)

Here are some pictures of learning in action from Ms. Xavier's class. Students are engaged with phonemic awareness and phonics work using Elkonin boxes. Students in all classes from grade 1-3 are learning in this way.



STEM Activities – FDKC Room G34

The FDKC Students are exploring STEM activities like creating snow and discovering the JOY in sensory activities with specific learning goals attached to them. We will be extending this learning / inquiry units by going out and collecting fresh snow and examining it's 3 forms as a group!!

Another favourite activity in the FDK C / Room G 34 / Kindergarten space is " co - construction "of objects and shapes using our bright connectors. This activity promotes language (oral expression) and cooperation with one another (belonging and contributing)!!



Kindergarten Registration

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child! Children who will be four by December 31, 2024, can start Junior Kindergarten in September 2024. [To learn more about Kindergarten registration read our flyer.](#)

To begin the registration process, proceed to this website

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/KindergartenMonth> and complete an Online Registration. Once you have submitted an online registration our Office Administrator Donna Cameron will contact you to set up a meeting to complete the registration.

Jazz FM Holiday Heroes Instrument Drive

I shared some of the story back in January. Read the full story here: <https://jazz.fm/holiday-heroes-2024-delivery-nelson-mandela-park-public-school/>

African Heritage (Black History) Month

The TDSB celebrates African Heritage (Black History) Month in February. This year's chosen theme is *Our Black Is...* Our Black Is Resilient, Community, Beautiful, Unity, Joy, Self-Determination, Excellence, Empowering, Purpose, Brilliance, Engaging, Creative, Belonging, Tenacious, Powerful, Faith, Audacious, Powerful, Me... [Learn more.](#)

Chinese Heritage Month

TDSB's Chinese Heritage Month is proudly recognized in February each year. This year we celebrate the *Year of the Dragon: Majesty, Brilliance, Confidence, Leadership.* [Learn More.](#)

Toronto Parks and Recreation Summer Camps – Registration begins February 7th!

Interested in summer camp for your child? Many in our neighbourhood are offered at no or low cost. See details below!

Registration for Summer Camp: February 7, 2024 at 7:00AM!

<https://efun.toronto.ca/torontofun/Start/Start.asp>

Daily Announcements

Each morning at 9:20 AM we have our daily announcements. At that time we listen to the Land Acknowledgement, O Canada, Allyship Pledge and information related to the Days of Significance and Heritage Months. This is followed by announcements about what is happening in the school such as clubs and sports. Click on the link and you can read the same announcements that are shared each day with our students.

[NMPPS Daily Announcements](#) Alternatively, you can go to the Nelson Mandela school website <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/nelsonmandelapark/> and you will see a link saying Daily Announcements Page on the top right corner.

[Ward 10 School Councils Meet & Greet with Trustee Williams](#)

DATE: Thursday, February 8, 2024

TIME: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: [Central Technical School](#) (725 Bathurst St)

Please join us for a Ward 10 School Councils Meet & Greet with Trustee Williams. This is an opportunity for Ward 10 school councils to connect and share best practices and ideas to support improved student achievement and well-being. [Ward 10 Schools.](#)

Refreshments and childminding are provided.

[Please RSVP for the Meet & Greet Here](#)