

NMPPS Weekly Message

Saturday November 30, 2024

Thrive & Shine – Art Project by Ms. Ardekanian’s Grade 5/6s

Grade 5/6 students in Ms. Ardekanian's class participated in an art project that highlighted the features of Regent Park through their eyes. Students considered themes of identity, inclusion, equity, and kindness that are visible in our community and showcased their perspectives by creating Zines (small booklets). The goal of this project was for students to share all of the features that make up our wonderful community. This project was completed in collaboration with the Thrive&Shine Foundation, and we partnered with the City of Toronto to exhibit the original pieces in an art exhibition at City Hall. Carter, a student in grade 6 from Ms. A's class spoke at the event opening on behalf of all of the students who participated in this project! We are so proud of our young artists!

THRIVE & SHINE: ART FROM TORONTO'S YOUNG MINDS



Free exhibition of artworks created by over 200 artists with various abilities aged 8-14 from equity-deserving Toronto communities.

A collaboration between the City's Arts & Culture Services and Thrive Youth Development Canada.

Opening Reception – November 20, 5–7 pm
for all artists, families, friends and educators



toronto.ca/ThriveAndShine

CITY HALL ROTUNDA
100 QUEEN ST W
NOV 19-23



Welcome to Regent Park. Zone of Inclusion, Diversity, and Empowerment
Ariel Cohen, MA Class at Nelson Mandela HS

Regent Park is an incredible patch of art that highlights the heart of one of Toronto's most vibrant and diverse communities through the creative lens of art-making. In this unique space, local young artists have come together to craft personal and powerful pieces, each telling a story of inclusion, diversity, unity, and the deep-rooted sense of pride that defines their neighbourhood.

The zone celebrates the beauty of Regent Park, a community known for its rich cultural tapestry and the resilience of its people. Through their creatively designed pieces, the artists explore themes of belonging, understanding, and compassion—creating moments of everyday goodness and kindness through their work when people in spirit and open to one another.

Each piece is an intimate reflection of the individual and the special art that Regent Park has made, a testament from the art of the streets, the stories, and photographs that tell the essence of a community that, despite its unique challenges, knows through unity and shared success.

The artist's intent is not only to honour the fabric and vibrant spirit of Regent Park but also to reflect on the importance of inclusivity and the power of positive change in any community. These are the kind of heart, love, and humanity that is essential in the goodness that can be found to help us connect and the best in each other and in the places we call home.

Just as we celebrate the spirit of Regent Park through the lens of living locally, an inspiring reminder of what is possible when diversity and inclusion are respectfully embraced and celebrated.



Last Last Last Chance to Buy Mandela Swag! – Closes Monday Dec 2 at Midnight!

All items do need to be purchased through School Cash Online and can be done so through the following link, <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>.

Don't have a student attending Mandela but still want a shirt, no problem, use this link:

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/287400/153/False/True>

NELSON MANDELA PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL (NMPPS)
PARENT COUNCIL IS EXCITED TO OFFER

SCHOOL SWAG FOR SALE!



Items must be pre-ordered through
TDSB School Cash Online

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>



Deadline EXTENDED TO Monday Dec 2nd!
LAST CHANCE! ORDER NOW!



*If you need help accessing school cash
online, please ask in the school office.*

**\$5 T-shirts
and
\$35 Hoodies**

Kids and adult sizes
in black and pink.

Save the Date – Nelson Mandela Family Ice Skating Night

On Thursday December 19th from 5 to 7 PM, school council has organize a repeat of least years Family Ice Skating Night! Free skates and helmet rentals available for kids and adults.



Notes from November 19 - Parenting Workshop!

Missed the parenting workshop for parents and caregivers of kids of all ages led by George Brown College's Nelson Mandela Child Care Centre, click the link to download a copy of the presentation.

[Limits and Routines - Parent Workshop Slideshow Notes](#)



Learning to Set Limits and Develop Routines with Your Child

Presented by:

Raizell Slobodsky
Simone Volpe
Penny Siskopoulos

Trustee Update: November 2024

Read the latest newsletter from Trustee Deborah Williams here: [Trustee Update: November 2024](#)