

NMPPS Weekly Message
Friday, October 13, 2023

TDSB Statement Re: Attacks on Israel

Our thoughts are with all those impacted by the deadly attacks on Israel over the weekend and the ongoing violence in the region. At the Toronto District School Board, we serve many students, staff and communities, including Jewish, Palestinian and Israeli, who have been impacted by decades of conflict in the region. [Please read the entire statement shared by the TDSB.](#)

History of Counting and Writing System – Grade 3 Room 224

The Grade 3 students of room 224 have been learning about the history of numbers and counting. Students shared and learned from each other how to write numbers 1 - 10 in writing systems they know such as Arabic and Chinese. While reading *The History of Counting* by Denise Schmandt-Besserat students highlighted some key learnings.



"A long time ago people used egg shaped pieces to keep track of how much oil they traded and the circle pieces were used to trade sheep." -Kaeden Grade 3

"People in Papua New Guinea, used to use different parts of their bodies to count, like their shoulders, fingertips and elbows. The highest number they counted was 28." -Umma Grade 3

"A long time ago, some people in Russia used different words for numbers if they were counting flat things or round things or non-flat or non-round". -Sydney and Ayat Grade 3

Cross Country

This week Nelson Mandela runners represented our school at the district cross-country meet in Sunnybrook Park. It was a beautiful sunny day and all of our students ran well and represented us in fine Mandela spirit! We congratulate so many students for the early morning practice dedication and their great attitudes. Looking forward to the Track and Field season (in the spring already)! Thank you coaches for working with our team preparing for the meet. Thank you, Ms. Ardekanian and Ms. Merkley, for supervising the trip.



Library News

The Morning Book Club is up and running! Students are welcome to come into the Library at 8:45am, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday if they would like to read, relax quietly or exchange a book.

Most classes have now had the opportunity to start checking books out of the library. Students are practicing book borrowing skills and will only bring books between the library and classrooms right now. Next week, students will start bringing books home. Please remember:

- keep library books in a special spot
- keep the library books clean and treat the books with care
- return the books on your child's library day each week
- have fun reading as a family

Happy reading!

First School Council Meeting

Our first School Council meeting was held this week with 15 parents in attendance. This is FIVE times the number of parents we had in attendance 3 years ago. A special thank you to Ms. Cameron, Ms. S, Mr. Sanyal, Ms. Karrin and Duane for the extra support in making this meeting happen.

In our discussion, we focused a lot on community building. We want to engage more of our parents and one way to do that is by connecting with each other. It is our intention to plan a Potlatch (potluck) where folks can bring cultural foods to share, and perhaps wear culturally significant clothing.

Congratulations to our Executive School Council members:

- Co-Chairs: Joanne Herbert & Laura Anderson
- Secretary: Rachel DiSaia
- Treasurer: Siheng Wang
- Members at Large: Nassim Williams and Daren Herbert

We look forward to connecting soon.

In partnership,

Your Executive School Council

Early French Immersion Application Process/Timelines



**Early French Immersion
Begins in Junior Kindergarten**

Applications Open: November 6, 2023
Deadline to Apply: December 1, 2023



Apply Online at www.tdsb.on.ca/french

TDSB Virtual Community Fair For Parents/Caregivers of Children, Youth and Young Adults with Special or Complex Needs

Topic: Let's Talk about your Child/Youth/Young Adult's Special or Complex Needs Supports at TDSB

Come meet with our very own TDSB Professional Support Services and Special Education and Inclusion Consultants who will discuss crucial supports at your child/youth/young adult's school. Get an opportunity to talk to a TDSB Psychologist, Occupation Therapist and

Physiotherapist, Speech and Language Pathologist, Social Worker and a Special Education and Inclusion Consultant.

Guests: TDSB Professional Support Services and Special Education and Inclusion Consultants

When: Monday, October 16th, 2023, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon and the same information will be repeated on Monday, October 23rd, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Join on your computer, mobile app, or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 255 846 447 429

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