

**NMPPS Weekly Message**  
**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

**Monday, October 9th - No School**

There is also no school on Monday, October 9th as it is the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Soccer Tournament**



On October 3, 2023, Nelson Mandela Park Public School participated in a one day tournament against Frankland Public and Davisville Public Schools. The players fought hard and showed great strength and character. Despite our strong will and determination, we will not be moving on to the next round. Congratulations to Frankland Public School on their win and advancement. We will work hard throughout the year at our Soccer Club to better prepare ourselves for next year!

**First School Council Meeting and Elections**

Our first school council meeting and elections will be held on Wednesday, October 11th at 5:30 at the school. The meeting will be in person only and child minding will be available. [School Council Flyer](#)  
We warmly welcome and encourage all parents to get involved. We will be electing new council co-chairs, secretary, treasurer and members at large. If you are interested in running for any position, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/BsSqZ68YSiimP2DD8>  
All parents/caregivers of children at NMPPS are welcome!

## Nelson Mandela Park Public School (NMPPS)

# School Council Meeting

Inviting all parents and caregivers

**Wednesday,  
October 11**  
5:30 - 6:30 pm

Location: In-person at the school (signs will be at the main entrance)

Child minding will be provided for children of parents or caregivers attending the meeting.

This meeting is for all parents/caregivers of children currently at NMPPS.

To learn more about School Councils, see <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/CommunityHow-to-get-involved/School-Councils>

### School Councils work to:

- Improve student achievement
- enhance the accountability of the school to parents and caregivers
- recognize that all parents/caregivers have an equitable place in our school's community

### Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and land acknowledgment
2. Elections for 2023/2024 council executive\*:
  - Co-chairs (2)
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Parent representatives (2)
3. Meet the new Principal – general Q&A
4. Results of election

*\*New members are welcome to run for council and all positions are available. If you are interested in volunteering for a council executive position, please review the description of the roles (see next page) and submit your self-nomination online prior to the meeting on Oct 11<sup>th</sup>.  
<https://forms.gle/pisaQwzcLN9GhR1Q6>*



All Ontario Council activities are governed by the Ministry of Education. Provisions set in place in the Human Rights Code are observed.

## Wanasah - Walk in Counselling

See the attachments for more details"

[Wanasah Information Sheet](#)

[You Matter Wanasah Flyer](#)

**Wanasah's  
Walk-In  
Counselling**  
**For Black Youth Aged 16-25**

Are you or anyone you know dealing with  
Trauma, Anxiety, Depression, or Substance Use?  
Drop by for free counselling!

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Start Date: August 1st, 2023  
When: Every Tuesday from 5:00-7:30pm  
660 Dundas St E, 3rd Floor, Unit 4  
Food & Refreshments will be provided

### **ReadUP in Regent Park!**

Families are welcome to join this free program to support children who are learning to read. A qualified teacher is present at each club. We lend books that are just right for each child's skill level, to ensure a successful journey on the path to reading. We also lend children's chapter books at various levels, and picture books for babies and toddlers. It's a drop-in, and no need to enrol in advance. Just come any Wednesday with your kid/s and sign up when you arrive.

[ReadUp Flyer for more Details](#)

### **Support Reading and Learning at Home**

Here are some websites and resources that families can use with their children to support reading and learning at home. If you want more information please connect with your classroom teacher.

- Learning Through Play
  - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/17aU02rdfjdz-UNn-iyhK7ILZbygjYrQs/view>
- TDSB Parent and Caregiver Reading at Home
  - <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/Family-and-Caregivers/Reading-at-Home>
- Virtual Library
  - <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/library/HOME/Read-Watch-Learn>

- Oral Language Development - (Huge part of reading)
  - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ITWNxSbfjY0L2hC1Nksnl093iabiwFO8/view>
- Phonics & Stuff SOR games - it's free and no need to set up an account. Kids really like it.
  - [Phonics & Reading Games \(phonicsandstuff.com\)](https://www.phonicsandstuff.com)
- IMSE.com Parent Section
  - [Reading and Literacy Support for Parents | IMSE](#) it's comprehensive

#### **CAT4 Information for Parents and Guardians**

Our school is one of the 150 schools that are part of the TDSB's Model Schools for Inner Cities (MSIC) program. The school board provides all MSIC schools with extra resources, programs and services in order to offer their students all-round support to succeed in school.

In the beginning of the school year, your child will take the Canadian Achievement Test (CAT4) in order to assess their foundation skills in reading, writing and math. The CAT4 test results will be reported to parents and classroom teachers for improvement purposes.

[Please read the attached letter for more details.](#)

#### **Staying Informed and Connected: Ward 10 News, Events, and Updates**

Read the latest Newsletter from Trustee Deborah Williams here:

[Ward 10 Trustee Update: October 2023](#)