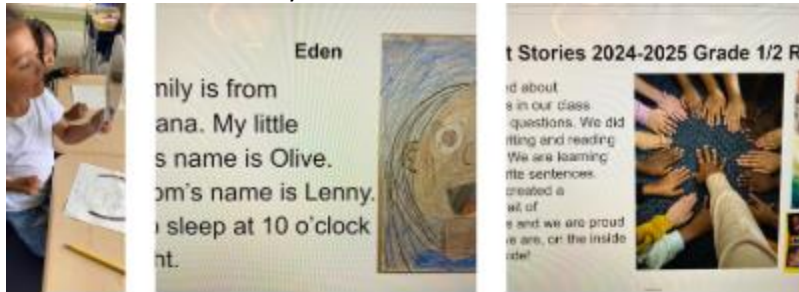


**Nelson Mandela Weekly Message**  
**Sunday September 30, 2024**

**Self-Portraits in Ms. Xavier's Grade 1/2 Class**

During the past 3 weeks, in Ms. Xavier's class Grade 1/2 class, we asked our friends questions and learned about our friends. We found out that students' families in our class are from 16 different countries!! Wow, we loved finding this out! Here are some of the favourite things that students liked; the colour light blue, the game roblox, French fries, and going to the park. We also did our self-portraits by reading some mentor books like "Skin Again" and "Shades of People". We matched our skin colour to our own skin with a variety of shades and created our self-portraits. We are proud of who we are and care about our friends in our classroom. We love ourselves on the inside and the outside. Students will each take home a class created book of Student Stories to read to their parents, siblings, friends, and other family members.



### **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Orange Shirt Day**

September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Together we recognize the legacy of Canada's residential school system and continue to learn the many truths of these institutions.

Orange Shirt Day, established in 2013 by Phyllis Webstad, recognizes the legacy of the Residential Schools System for First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities. By wearing orange, we acknowledge the truths of Residential Schools in Canada, we honour Survivors, and we remember the thousands of children who died, many of them buried in unmarked graves. This year, TDSB will honour Orange Shirt Day on Monday, September 30th.

Here is how students in Nelson Mandela will be marking and furthering their learning about Orange Shirt Day and Truth and Reconciliation. [Mandela Orange Shirt Day Project](#)

### **Mandela BBQ and Curriculum Night**

It was wonderful to see our community on Thursday night enjoying a BBQ before heading into the building to see the space and meet the staff. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this possible.



### **October Hot Lunch and Snack and School Cash Online**

We are excited to announce that the Snack program will start this Friday, and the Hot Lunch program will begin on Monday. Additionally, we are planning a family BBQ, school trips, new t-shirts, and other events. For all these events, payments will be made exclusively through [School Cash Online](#). Nelson Mandela Park and the TDSB are transitioning all payments and forms to online systems. Cash payments will no longer be accepted.

The **Hot Lunch** program is open to all students at any time during the school year. The cost for October is \$35. Participation in the Hot Lunch program is optional. [October Hot Lunch Menu](#)

**Breakfast** is available to all students at no cost. A Grab-and-Go cart will be set up at the school's front entrance between 8:20-8:55 AM.

**Snacks** are distributed in class each morning and are available to all students. We ask for contributions to help cover the cost of the Snack and Breakfast programs.

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