

**NMPPS Weekly Message**  
**Monday, January 22, 2024**

**Jazz FM Holiday Heroes Instrument Drive**

Thank you to Jazz FM for organizing a Holiday Instrument Drive to gather donated instruments for our students at Nelson Mandela and to support the instrumental music programs in the TDSB. Jazz FM organized the drive and with the help of FedEx two large cargo vans delivered them to our school on Thursday. We received over 80 instruments! Just look at the pictures below!



**Author Visit – Eric Walters**

Eric Walters visited our students on Thursday morning and it was a treat to meet a real author! He showed us dozens of photographs, and told us many stories that have inspired his books. Mr. Walters told Ms. Merkley that he was incredibly impressed with the students listening skills, their engagement and the questions many asked him afterwards. Next week, two lucky students will win a signed Eric Walters book - names will be drawn on Monday!



### **Nelson Mandela Skate Night**

Huge thanks to school council for organizing our family skating event on Thursday night! It was very successful with the skating library loaning out 65 pairs of skates and many more bringing their own. There were far too many cups of hot chocolate handed out to count! Excited to see many families stepping on to the ice for the first time.



### **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.

## School Council Meeting – Thursday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-6:30 PM

Thurs Feb 1 5:30 - 6:30 pm	Meeting Agenda:
Location: In-person in the school library	5:30-5:40 Welcome, introductions, and land acknowledgment
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.	5:40-5:50 Update from council co-chairs a) Reflecting on activities so far (survey, skating, gallery night) b) Plans for upcoming activities (Rise Up 3, movie night, t-shirt sales)
To learn more about School Councils, see <a href="https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-get-involved/School-Councils">https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-get-involved/School-Councils</a>	5:50-6:00 Principal/teacher update
	6:00-6:20 Introduction to new community partners in the school (Wanaseh, Dixon Hall, Boys & Girls Club)
	6:20-6:30 General Q&A

[See the attached flyer for more details](#)

### More Joy Reading Series Is Back!!!

A 30 minute after-school family literacy series. These sessions are hosted by TDSB staff from across the city and are open to all families with children of all ages.

- Monday, January 29th
- Monday, February 26th

Check Out [tdsbHUB.ca/calendar](https://tdsbHUB.ca/calendar) for more sessions and other events or [read the attached flyer](#).

### Community Support Worker Newsletter

[Read the attached newsletter](#) to see what supports are available to families at the TDSB. This newsletter includes topics such as “Understanding Your Child’s Report Card”, “Positive Mental Health and Academic Achievement in Children” and “Supporting Children in Our Digital World”

### Trustee Update

Trustee Deborah Williams’ latest newsletter, containing valuable information and opportunities for Ward 10 school communities, is now accessible through the following link: [Trustee Update: January 2024](#)

### 17th Annual Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) Conference

This year's PIAC conference is dedicated to empowering School Councils through leadership, support, and advocacy. Join PIAC for a day of insightful discussions, collaborative learning, and celebration of the crucial role School Councils play in the success of schools, children, and the community.

**Date:** Saturday, February 3, 2024

**Time:** 10 am - 3 pm

**Venue:** Earl Haig Secondary School

To join us, [please register here](#).