

NMPPS Weekly Message
Sunday April 13, 2025

Welcome 2025/2026 Nelson Mandela Kindergarten Families

We're so excited to welcome the newest members of the Nelson Mandela community—our incoming kindergarten families who will be joining us this September! Now that you're registered, you'll start receiving our weekly newsletter. It's a great way to stay informed about what's happening at the school, as well as community services and events you can take part in. We're glad to have you with us!

Making Jollof Rice - Ms. Sardinha's Kinders and Ms. Kamrad 2/3's

As an ongoing inquiry on food, culture and community. Ms. Sardinha's kindergarten class and Ms. Kamrad's 2/3 class joined forces to cook and share a meal together. We have been learning about different rice dishes around the world. We made jollof rice which is a dish



from West Africa!

Designing a Sustainable Park - Ms. Browns' Grade 4/5s

Ms. Brown's Grade 4 and 5 class designed a sustainable park, integrating multiple subjects into their project. They applied Science by exploring energy conservation, Social Studies through mapping, Math with measurement, and Art through basic drawing and painting. As

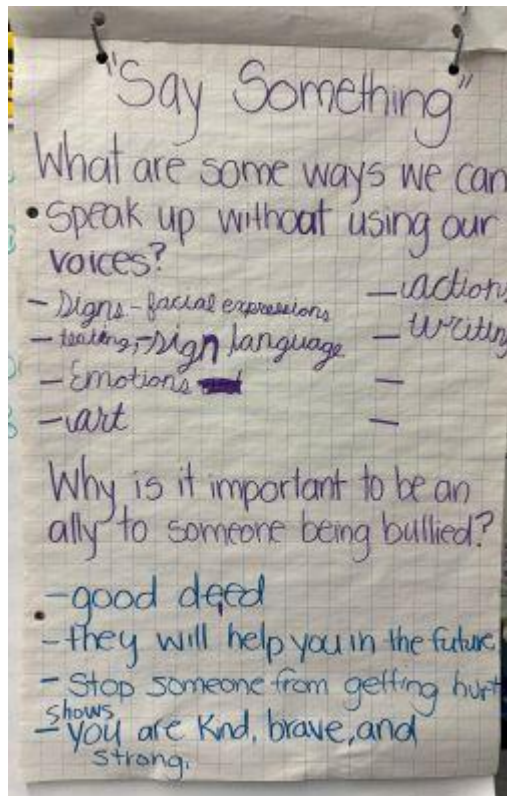
part of their learning, students identified various forms of energy and explored practical ways



to use them in everyday life.

International Day of Pink - Ms. Browns' Grade 4/5s

Ms. Brown's Grades 4 and 5 class has been engaging in important conversations about diversity, inclusion, and acceptance in honour of International Pink Day. Together, they read *Say Something* by Peter H. Reynolds, a story that encourages readers to use their voices to stand up for kindness, fairness, and what's right. Inspired by the book's message, students reflected on how small actions and brave words can help create a welcoming and safe space for everyone.



Raising Confident Eaters - Mandela Parent/Caregiver Workshop

Please register if attending the workshop so that the presenters can plan accordingly.

[Raising Confident Eaters Registration Form](#)

Raising Confident Eaters Flyers (Same as image below.)

Nelson Mandela Park Public School
(NMPSS) Council invites you to attend a
two-part workshop series by
Toronto Public Health



Raising Confident Eaters Workshop

When: Apr 29 & May 6 from 6:00-7:30pm

Where: NMPPS Library

Come meet other parents and learn how to:

- Choose healthy foods that reflect your culture
- Pack, prepare and store food safely
- Involve kids in making meals
- Talk positively to kids about food

Child minding and food will be provided.

RSVP to confirm your spot by April 22.



<https://forms.gle/YD5D6CZcyGBEDLrc6>



Parents/Caregivers/Guardians-Social Media and Safety: A Parent's Roadmap.

Tuesday, April 29th - Regent Park Community Centre (unfortunately same night as our Raising Confident Eaters Workshop)

Social Media and Digital Safety Flyer (Same as image below.)



JOIN US

Social Media and Safety: A Parents' Roadmap



PRESENTATIONS BY
Toronto Police Services Internet Child Exploitation Unit (ICE) and
Guest Speakers

Learn about:

- ▶ The risks of online exploitation
- ▶ Sextortion and AI
- ▶ Harmful digital behaviours
- ▶ Gain practical strategies to keep your children safe in the digital world.

- ✓ Food will be served
- ✓ Childcare is available



WHEN: Tuesday, April 29, 2025

WHERE: Regent Park Community Centre
402 Shuter St. Toronto ON M5A 1X6

TIME: 6 pm - 8 pm

FOR FURTHER INQUIRIES: Shameen Sandhu, Ph.D., RSW.

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**REGISTER
NOW!**

TDSB Summer Programs

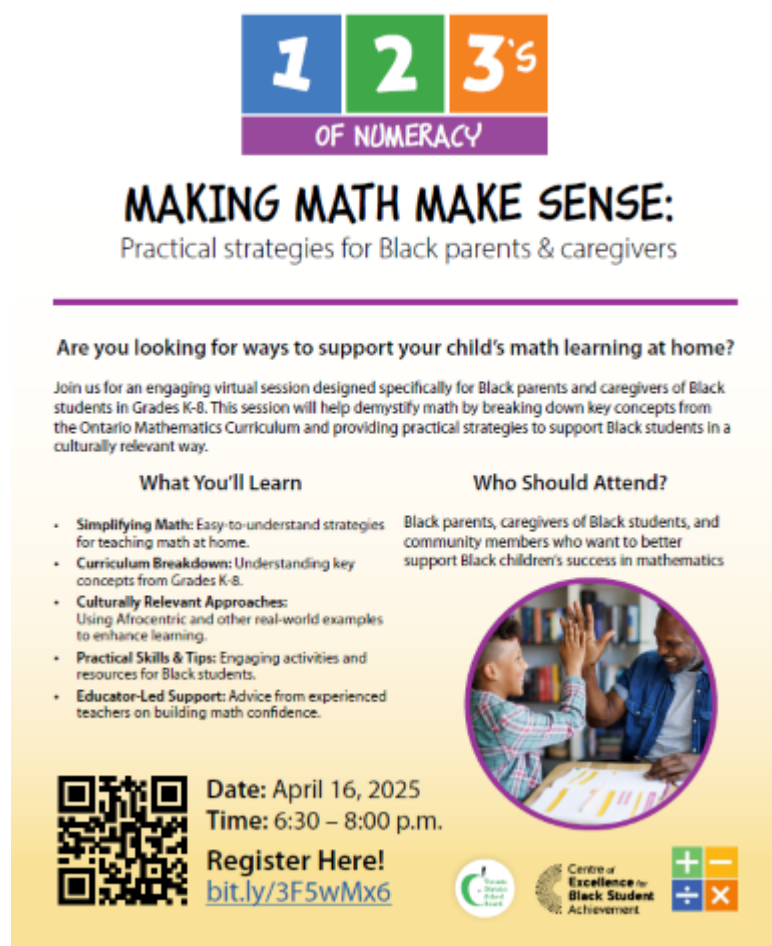
At the TDSB, a wide range of enriching summer programs are available to students! Check out what's happening for Summer 2025:

- Elementary Summer School – The Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program offers students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 the opportunity to continue learning over the summer. In-person programs run from July 2 to 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at various locations. Remote option available for students in Grades 6 to 8. To register, visit the [Elementary Summer School page](#).
- Special Education and Inclusion Summer School – Programs are offered from July 2-25 for students currently enrolled in the Developmental Disability, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Physical Disabilities Intensive Support Programs (ISPs). Applications must be submitted by April 25. [More Information and registration](#).
- Indigenous Student Summer Leadership Program – This July, First Nation, Métis and Inuit students can participate in a program that offers leadership opportunities, working with Indigenous mentors. [Learn more](#) and express interest by [completing this form](#).
- Nimkii-Kwe Akiing (Thunder Women On The Land) Summer Cultural Leadership Camp – Between July 2 and 18, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit secondary students from across the TDSB will have the opportunity to learn from Indigenous Elders and

Knowledge Keepers, engage in ceremony and celebrations, and learn from the land.
[Learn more](#) and [register here](#).

Making Math Make Sense: Practical Strategies for Black Parents & Caregivers

Making math Make Sense Flyer (Same as image below.)



The flyer features a header with three colored squares containing the numbers 1, 2, and 3's, with the text 'OF NUMERACY' below them. The main title is 'MAKING MATH MAKE SENSE: Practical strategies for Black parents & caregivers'. The body text asks 'Are you looking for ways to support your child's math learning at home?' and describes a virtual session for Black parents and caregivers of Black students in Grades K-8. It lists what attendees will learn, who should attend, and provides a QR code, date, time, and registration link. Logos for the Toronto District School Board and the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement are at the bottom.

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OF NUMERACY


MAKING MATH MAKE SENSE:


Practical strategies for Black parents & caregivers




Are you looking for ways to support your child's math learning at home?

Join us for an engaging virtual session designed specifically for Black parents and caregivers of Black students in Grades K-8. This session will help demystify math by breaking down key concepts from the Ontario Mathematics Curriculum and providing practical strategies to support Black students in a culturally relevant way.

What You'll Learn	Who Should Attend?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simplifying Math: Easy-to-understand strategies for teaching math at home.• Curriculum Breakdown: Understanding key concepts from Grades K-8.• Culturally Relevant Approaches: Using Afrocentric and other real-world examples to enhance learning.• Practical Skills & Tips: Engaging activities and resources for Black students.• Educator-Led Support: Advice from experienced teachers on building math confidence.	Black parents, caregivers of Black students, and community members who want to better support Black children's success in mathematics



 **Date:** April 16, 2025
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Register Here!
bit.ly/3F5wMx6

Reading with your Child

Please find attached a tip sheet for families and caregivers about reading with their child/children. There are tips for families who have early readers and older kids

Downtown Budget Town Hall on Tue Apr 15 at Harbord CI

[Downtown Budget Town Hall](#)

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. In-person at Harbord Collegiate Institute (286 Harbord Street, Toronto) RSVP: [Register](#)

Dear Ward 10 Parents, Guardians, Caregivers, School Councils, Student Councils, School Staff, and Community Members: Join Trustee Deborah Williams at the Downtown Budget Town Hall to learn more, ask questions, and share feedback about the TDSB Budget for the

2025-2026 school year. Please RSVP to [Register](#) if you plan to attend in person. Everyone is welcome.