

NMPPS Weekly Message

Sunday February 2, 2025

Diversity City - Ms. Kamrad's Grade 2/3 Class

On Monday visiting artist Barb Liliker came to room 223 where she helped us build 3D Cityscapes. The scenes used patterns and images from our favourite holidays to decorate the buildings and design structures and features of the cities. There were cities featuring Diwali, New Years, Ramadan and more!



Food Around the World Art - Ms. Brown's Grade 4/5 Class

[Click the link to see the artwork.](#)

Foods Around the World Ms. Brown's Grades 4/5 Class

Learning Goal: We are Learning to...

Art:

- to create detailed works of art using elements of design such as line, colour, shading, and texture to express ideas and emotions
- focusing on still life drawing and watercolour painting
- explored colour theory and colour mixing, creating paintings of various fruits

Health:

- Identify the important nutrients in different foods, and explain how they help your body grow, keep your mind and body healthy, support learning, and improve physical activity.

Social Studies:

- describe some key actions taken by both industries and citizens to address the need for more sustainable use of land and resources (Discussions about fair trade, food security, and global food systems).]

Chinese Heritage Month - February 2025

The TDSB proudly recognizes Chinese Heritage Month in February each year. This year, we celebrate the Year of the Snake: Tenacious and Transformative. We hope to encourage students, staff, and the TDSB community to make impactful changes amidst challenges.

The Lunar New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most significant holidays of the Chinese heritage. The date is determined by the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar, and the celebration lasts 16 days. This year, the first day began on Wednesday, January 29. Festivities can include family gatherings, decorations, and of course, a feast!

Mandela's Lunar New Year Celebration

[Watch the video to see how we celebrated the Lunar New Year in Mandela.](#)

African Heritage (Black History) Month – February 2025

The chosen theme for 2024-25 is Lift Every Voice. This theme is drawn from the iconic first line of the Black National Anthem, and encourages collective strength, unity, diversity, and resilience.

Whether you identify as Black, African, African-Caribbean, Black 2SLGBTQI+, or African-Indigenous, this powerful phrase invites us to acknowledge and celebrate our shared heritage, recognize our historical and ongoing struggles, and honour our achievements. It also serves as a call to action, encouraging inclusivity, collaboration, and solidarity, and reminding us of the impact we can make when we raise our voices together for justice, equity, and the greater good.

February Hot Lunch and Snack

Thank you for all the contributions to our lunch and snack program. Payments for Hot Lunch and donations for the Snack and Breakfast Programs are through [School Cash Online](#).

[Menu for February Hot Lunch program.](#)

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Lunch Menu FEBRUARY 2025				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Pizza Fruits/Vegetables Water	4 Rice and Meatball Curry Fruits/Vegetables Water	5 Macaroni and Cheese Fruits/Vegetables Water	6 Shepherd's Pie and Garlic Bread Fruits/Vegetables Water	7 Grilled Cheese Fruits/Vegetables Water
10 Macaroni and Cheese Fruits/Vegetables Water	11 Chicken Wings and Mashed Potato Fruits/Vegetables Water	12 Veggie Burgers Fruits/Vegetables Water	13 Samosas Fruits/Vegetables Water	14 PA DAY
17 FAMILY DAY	18 Pasta Fruits/Vegetables Water	19 Grilled Cheese Fruits/Vegetables Water	20 BBQ Chicken and Rice Fruits/Vegetables Water	21 Samosas Fruits/Vegetables Water
24 Macaroni and Cheese Fruits/Vegetables Water	25 Veggie Burgers Fruits/Vegetables Water	26 Grilled Cheese Fruits/Vegetables Water	27 Shepherd's Pie and Garlic Bread Fruits/Vegetables Water	28 Pizza Fruits/Vegetables Water

REMINDERS

- \$35.00 (THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS) FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.
- MENU MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

Family Reading Activities

See the [February calendar of activities](#) that parents can do at home to support their child's early literacy development.

Sent on behalf of Trustee Deborah Williams, TDSB Ward 10 University - Rosedale and Toronto Centre

[Your Questions Answered: Transportation/ Bussing of Students – from Spadina Fort York and Toronto Centre to Dundas PS](#)

Monday, February 24, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. via Zoom

Join Trustee Alexis Dawson, Trustee Deborah Williams, and Trustee Sara Ehrhardt for a special virtual joint ward forum. This will provide an overview of student transportation and planning for the downtown area and include discussion and Q&A on the redirection and bussing to Dundas Public School including Long-Term Program and Accommodation Strategy (LTPAS) updates on the new Sugar Wharf (Lower Yonge) school, the Block 9 (West Donlands) site, and new elementary school in the Keating Precinct.

Parents/ guardians/ caregivers, students, staff, and members of school communities in Davenport & Spadina-Fort York, University-Rosedale & Toronto Centre, and Toronto-Danforth are welcome to attend. Your participation and questions are valuable to us, and we look forward to seeing you there.

[REGISTER HERE](#) to confirm your interest in participating via Zoom.

Opportunity - Caregiver & Community Session - Parenting for Liberation

Join the Parent/Caregiver and Community Engagement Office in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement for Parenting for Liberation – In Conversation with Trina Greene Brown. We invite parents and caregivers who identify as Black and/or are raising Black children to engage in a powerful storytelling experience exploring ways to amplify Black children voices and nurture joyful Black families.

Date: February 5, 2025

Time: 6:30PM - 7:30PM (virtual)

Location: ZOOM - register to receive link

Registration: bit.ly/CEBSA-PCCEO

[I have also attached the flyer to this email.](#)