

**NMPPS Weekly Message
Sunday February 23, 2025**

Potluck to celebrate and close off Black History Month!

We have an amazing set of junior students leading and planning a Black History Month potluck!! Students will gather with the other classes on their floors to come together and eat! Students wanted to share the flavours of African and Caribbean dishes and cuisines with all students! Letters went out inviting families to bring in a dish Tuesday by lunch time! If you are sending a dish in please remember no nuts and no pork products. If possible also a list of the ingredients and the name of the dish!



Black Student Day at MLSE

On Thursday, many Junior and Intermediate students had the opportunity to take part in special activities at MLSE LaunchPad. Black Students Day was a celebration of achievement and Black joy, and brought kids from local schools together. Thank you to all of the Mandela students who participated - you made it such a fantastic morning!



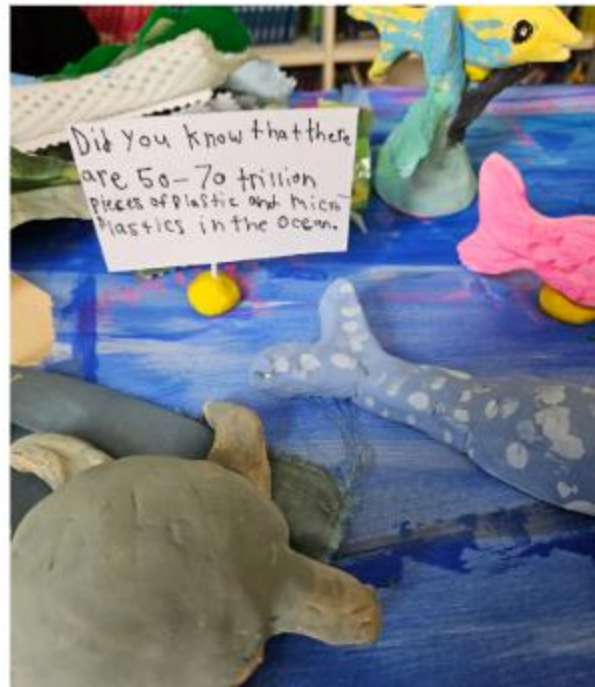
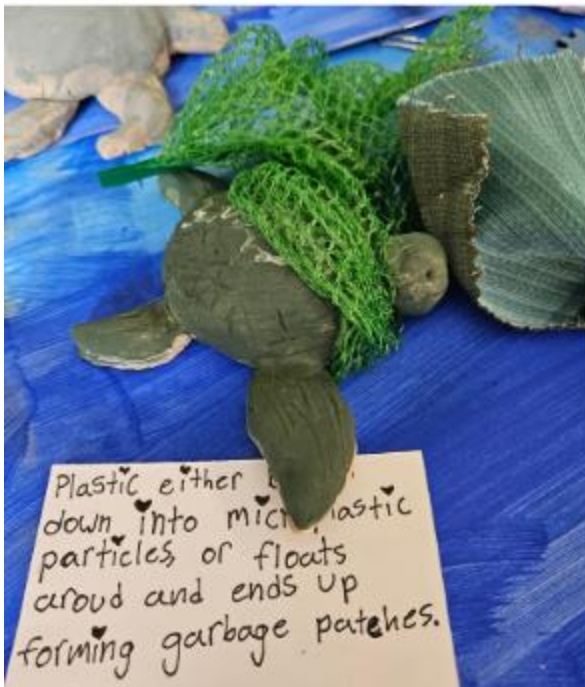
Lion Dancers!

This past Friday we welcomed staff and students from Riverdale CI, who gave an exciting and fun lion dance performance for our whole school! Students laughed and cheered as the lions made their way around the gym. We can't wait to have them back next year!



Arts Access - Grade 7s

The Grade 7's were very fortunate to have their second visit from our Arts Access artist this week. The class created clay sculptures, as part of an informative environmental message. Check out the display in the library, and find out why it is important for humans to reduce our use of plastics.



Orientation to Ontario Workshop

Date: Monday, March 3, 2025

Time: 10:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Location: CultureLink, 2340 Dundas St. W., Suite 301, Toronto, ON M6P 4A9

Whether you are just starting to think about moving to Ontario or have already arrived in the province, Orientation to Ontario (O2O) can smooth the transition. Our resources and settlement planning tools will guide you through the settlement process and connect you with your local community.

Join us for an all-day workshop where we will provide refreshments, TTC/Presto tickets, and information leaflets on various settlement topics in Ontario.

This session is suitable for newcomer temporary permit holders (student, work), refugee claimants, convention/protected refugees and permanent residents.

Register here: [O2O Registration Form](#)

[See flyer for more details.](#)

TDSB Occupational and Physiotherapy March Office Hours for Educators and Parents/Caregivers

Parent/Caregiver Office Hours:

March 19th, 2025, 11:30am-12:30pm: “A Strength Based Approach to Child/Youth Development – via the ‘F words’: Fitness, Function, Friends, Family, Fun, Future!”

[See flyer for more details.](#)

Travelling for March Break? Measles is just a plane ride away.

TRAVELLING FOR MARCH BREAK? STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH YOUR MEASLES VACCINES BEFORE YOU GO

2 doses of the MMR vaccine are recommended if born in 1970 or later.

Children get their 1st dose after they turn 1 and their 2nd dose at 4-6 years old.

Infants 6-11 months can get a dose if travelling.

Adults born before 1970 who are unsure if they had measles or were vaccinated can get an MMR dose.

Toronto Public Health | toronto.ca/health

Measles continues to spread in many parts of the world and in Canada. If you are planning to travel over March Break, get the best protection for you and your loved ones by staying up-to-date with your routine vaccines, including the measles vaccine.

These vaccines are available from your health care provider or at a Toronto Public Health community clinic for school-aged children, by appointment.

If you are unsure of your child’s vaccination status, check their yellow card (Ontario Immunization Record), TPH’s Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON) or by speaking with their primary health care provider.

To learn more, visit toronto.ca/immunization.

Trustee Update: February 2025

Read the latest newsletter from Trustee Deborah Williams here: [Trustee Update: February 2025](#)

[Ward 10 Forum: Caring and Safe Schools | PIAC Election](#)

DATE: Thursday, March 6, 2025

TIME: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

LOCATION: Online via Zoom

Please register below:

- [PIAC Ward 10 Election Voter Registration and RSVP Form](#) If you are eligible to vote in the upcoming election, please register and RSVP by completing this form.
- [General RSVP Form](#) If you wish to attend the Ward Forum but are not eligible to vote or do not plan to vote, please complete this form to RSVP.
- [PIAC Ward 10 Election Nomination Form](#) If you wish to nominate yourself as a candidate for the upcoming election, please complete this form.

If you have any interpretation or accessibility needs, please contact us directly at TrusteeServices@tdsb.on.ca or 416-395-8787. Thank you.