

NMPPS Weekly Message
Friday, September 22, 2023

On behalf of the NMPPS staff I want to reiterate the message that was shared by the TDSB in response to the demonstrations that happened earlier this week:

Every day, staff across TDSB support student achievement and well-being, and work hard to create inclusive spaces where every student feels valued, seen and empowered.

We want to make it unequivocally clear that TDSB stands with our trans, Two-Spirit and non-binary students, staff and families, and we support everyone's human rights and expression of gender.

Harassment, discrimination and hate have no place in TDSB. In our schools, we do not tell students who they should be, but welcome them as they are. We do this by focusing on their academic learning and fostering feelings of belonging as expected in the Ontario curriculum and the Ontario Human Rights Code.

[You can read the full statement here.](#)

Entry Routines

At Nelson Mandela learning starts from the classroom line up at the start of the day. Lining up and entering the building with the class helps build routines and sets a positive tone to the day. Calm transitions in the morning and through the day creates a safe and caring learning environment.

The students and staff will be focusing on safe entries, transitions and dismissals starting this Monday. Please support us by talking to your child about what it means to behave safely in school and by ensuring your child arrives on time. In school we often read Social Stories to our younger students to help them understand. [Please see an example of a social story about Walking in Line and Not Being First.](#) You can read this with your child.

Remember, if your child is late they will need to go to the office and get a late slip. Parents may not drop their children off directly in class.

First School Council Meeting and Elections

Come meet last year's School Council Executive members at curriculum night on Sept 28th! We will be selling Mandela t-shirts (\$5 cash only) and snacks.

Our first school council meeting and elections will be held on Wednesday, October 11th at 5:30 at the school. The meeting will be in person only and child minding will be available.

[See the attached poster for more details.](#)

We warmly welcome and encourage all parents to get involved. We will be electing new council co-chairs, secretary, treasurer and members at large. If you are interested in running for any position, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/BsSqZ68YSiimP2DD8>

All parents/caregivers of children at NMPPS are welcome!

Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night

Meet the Teacher or Curriculum Night is on Thursday, September 28th and begins at 5:30 PM. It will focus on places and faces, no long speeches. We look forward to inviting you into the building, so come in, see the halls and the classrooms and meet the staff face to face. At 5:30, families will enter and make their way to their classroom to meet the teacher until approx. 6 PM where families can visit a second classroom. Class specific details will be shared by teachers.

Cross Country

Cross-country running has started! All runners, from Grades 1-8, are welcome to join our team. Practices are from 8:15 to 8:45am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. To practice, you must hand in your signed permission form (team forms to come on EMA). Please wear comfortable running shoes and bring a water bottle. For runners who show commitment, the district meet is on October 11th. Happy running Mandela!

-Coach Ardekanian, Cabaluna, Nicastro, Merkley, and Wells

Terry Fox Challenge

Starting on Monday, September 25th until Friday, September 29th, we will be tracking the number of laps each class does to see how far Nelson Mandela students can travel across Canada. Students will be collecting this data and then keep a running total to record the total number of km travelled on a map of Canada.

Understanding The I.E.P. and The Power of Parent Voice

[Please find attached a flyer](#) for an upcoming opportunity for parents/caregivers and staff.

Understanding The I.E.P. (Individual Education Plan) and the Power of Parent Voice will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm virtually on zoom. Interested participants are asked to register in advance using this link -

https://tdsb.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6RIi91Ez49PK00S

After School Swimming Lessons - Pam McConnell Aquatic Centre

DESCRIPTION - On Wednesdays, PMAC offers Learn to Swim lessons for the students from Nelson Mandela & Lord Dufferin schools.

NOTIFYING PARENTS - Parents will be emailed by the PamMcConnellAC@toronto.ca email 1 week prior
First Week - Oct 2nd

Last Week - Nov 29th (Report Cards handed out)

Fun Day - Dec 5th

PMAC Staff CANNOT accept forms from parents at our centre. Parents need to submit their forms through the school office.

Parents should direct their questions/concerns to PamMcConnellAC@toronto.ca or call 416-338-2237

Ward 10 Forum on School Community Safety on Oct 19

DATE: Thursday, October 19, 2023

TIME: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Nelson Mandela Park Public School (440 Shuter St)

Please join us for a Ward 10 Forum with Trustee Williams to discuss School Community Safety. We will also have updates from the Trustee and Superintendent. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments and childminding are provided.

Please [REGISTER HERE](#) for the Ward 10 Forum

[Flyer - Ward 10 Forum on School Community Safety](#)

TDSB Virtual Community Fair For Parents/Caregivers of Children, Youth and Young Adults with Special or Complex Needs

Topic: Let's Talk about your Child/Youth/Young Adult's Special or Complex Needs Supports at TDSB. Come meet with our very own TDSB Professional Support Services and Special Education and Inclusion Consultants who will discuss crucial supports at your child/youth/young adult's school. Get an opportunity to talk to a TDSB Psychologist, Occupation Therapist and Physiotherapist, Speech and Language Pathologist, Social Worker and a Special Education and Inclusion Consultant.

Guests: TDSB Professional Support Services and Special Education and Inclusion Consultants

[Virtual Community Fair Flyer](#)

When: Monday, October 16th, 2023, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon and the same information will be repeated on Monday, October 23rd, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Join on your computer, mobile app, or room device

Click here to join the meeting [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 255 846 447 429

Passcode: 3BWFVF

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