

**NMPPS Weekly Message  
Friday, September 29, 2023**

**Friday, October 6th and Monday, October 9th - No School**

There is no school on Friday, October 6th as it is a Professional Activity Day. School will be closed so that school staff can participate in professional learning.

There is also no school on Monday, October 9th as it is the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**October is Islamic Heritage Month**

Parents/Guardians from our community will be displaying and sharing Islamic Arts and historical figures that contributed to the science, math, arts and technology. On their behalf, Islamic History Month Canada (IHMC) in October aims to celebrate, inform, educate, and share with fellow Canadians the rich Muslim heritage and contributions to society: Contributions in sciences, humanities, medicine, astronomy, and other disciplines that have greatly benefited human progress. IHMC believes that through education and sharing positive stories, all Canadians can grow and connect in the best way possible.

In 2007, IHMC was graciously proclaimed by the honourable and departed, Mauril Belanger, MP, for Ottawa-Vanier. Since then IHMC has been proclaimed in provinces and municipalities across Canada and community members and organizations have hosted countless events every year bringing communities together to share and learn from one another.

**Steel Pan**

We are excited to share that Mr. Gregoire will be returning to resume the Steel Pan program for our grade 4-6s students. The rotating schedule will start on Tuesday, October 10th.

**Raise a Reader**

Learn strategies to make reading fun, while building fluency, confidence and joy as a reader. Inviting all K-Grade 8 TDSB families

Wednesday, October 11

6:30-8:00 PM (on Zoom)

[See the flyer for details](#)

**ONLINE Tutoring (Students Grades 1-12)**

8-week Schedule: September 26 – November 16

Tuesdays and/or Thursday 4:00-5:30pm

No cost to TDSB students            \$40 for non-TDSB students

**ONSITE Tutoring**

8-week Schedule: September 30 – November 25

Saturdays            10am – 1pm

No cost to TDSB students            \$50 for non-TDSB students

[See the flyer for details.](#) \*Please note, the flyer and website aren't up to date in terms of dates so please refer to the information above

Reminders from Previous Weeks:

### **October Hot Lunch and Snack**

Payments for Hot Lunch and donations for the Snack and Breakfast Program will be facilitated through SchoolCashOnline. More information about SchoolCashOnline below. We will continue to use envelopes for payments temporarily but will eventually transition to online payments. Envelopes and menus were sent home with students last Friday.

**Hot Lunch** is open to all students at any time during the school year. The cost for October is \$35. The hot lunch program is optional. [October Hot Lunch Menu](#)

**Breakfast** is available to all students, a Grab and Go cart will be setup at the front entrance of the school between 8:20-8:55 AM. There is no cost.

**Snack** is distributed in class each morning and available to all students. We do ask for contributions to help cover the cost of the Snack and Breakfast program.

### **School Cash Online**

Nelson Mandela Park Public School utilizes School Cash Online, allowing families to conveniently pay for school fees (e.g., snack program, field trips, in-school presentations, pizza lunch). If you haven't already signed up for School Cash Online, you can do so here: [School Cash Online Signup Link](#). This platform accepts both credit and debit card payments. We encourage all families to sign up in advance using the provided link to receive email notifications when items become available for purchase.

### **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. Consistent bedtimes and routines at home along with arriving to school on time helps with calm transition from home to school.

### **First School Council Meeting and Elections**

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!

### **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](mailto:PamMcConnellAC@toronto.ca) email 1 week prior to the first week - Oct 2nd

Parents should direct their questions/concerns to [PamMcConnellAC@toronto.ca](mailto:PamMcConnellAC@toronto.ca) or call 416-338-2237

