

### **Good afternoon Parents/Guardians & Families,**

We've had another good week at Oakridge. Students are continuing to settle into the school and academic routines and are abiding by the health and safety protocols. Our grades 2 and 4 students completed the Canadian Achievement Test (CAT 4 which is an assessment tool used to evaluate student's foundational reading, writing and math skills. The CAT4 test results will be reported to parents and classroom teachers for improvement purposes.

On behalf of the staff, I want to thank you for your ongoing support in reinforcing health and safety protocols like the daily signing of the TDSB Health Pass, practicing physical distancing by remaining in the *Parent Waiting Areas* and contacting the office to inform the school of your child's absence if he/she is experiencing symptoms.

### **Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations and Progress Report Cards**

Students who are attending in-school will receive their Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations or Progress Report Card Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup>. These reporting documents provide a snapshot of how students are progressing towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations in different subjects.

Virtual or phone Parent/Guardian-Teacher-Student conferences will begin the afternoon/evening of Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup> and continue the morning of Friday November 20<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity to further explore your child's learning skills, work habits and academic progress to date, in a collaborative setting. On average, conversations are approximately 15 minutes. More scheduling information will be provided next week.

### **Virtual School Update**

**Virtual School** Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations or Progress Report Cards will be sent home November 30, 2020 to December 3, 2020.

Parent/Guardian/Teacher/Student conferences are scheduled on Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>.

November 20th will be an instructional day and students are expected to attend Virtual School.

Please connect with your child's virtual teacher for additional information.

### **Welcome Community Support Worker**

Hello, my name is Steve Salfarlie and I am the Community Support Worker for Oakridge Junior Public School. I work with schools and their families to find programs that support initiatives relating to student achievement and wellbeing; more specifically, Community Outreach and Family Engagement, Equity and Inclusion, Literacy, Numeracy, Tutoring/Mentoring, interventions for students, and school community safety.

Please reach out to me for support with navigating the school system or with connecting with community partners and agencies in your area. I can be reached by phone (call or text) at 647-523-5337 or by email at [steve.salfarlie2@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:steve.salfarlie2@tdsb.on.ca).

I look forward to supporting you.

### **Change to “Find Your School” page on the TDSB website**

Beginning Monday, November 2, a new option has been added to the “Find Your School” page on the TDSB public website. In addition to finding schools “by Address” and “by School Name”, the option to find a school “by Program” is now available. This will enable students, parents and the public to get information more easily about various programs offered without having to navigate through several pages.

The link to “Find Your School” on the public site can be found here: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School>

### **Mark Your Calendars for the PIAC Annual Parent Conference!**

PIAC invites all parents and caregivers to take part in our 14th annual parent conference – Ready. Set. Engage! Navigating the School Year Together – in partnership with TDSB. Join us in our first-ever virtual conference on November 21 and 22 for two days of workshops for parents and school councils. Connect with others from across TDSB as we adapt to a new educational landscape and school year unlike any we have experienced before.

Learn more at: [www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Conferences/PIAC-Conference](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Conferences/PIAC-Conference)

Registration opens soon!

### **Michael Garron Hospital: New Covid-19 Pop-Up Sites**

We wanted to provide some information on our COVID-19 Assessment Centre Expansion. As of November 5<sup>th</sup>, we now have 7 pop-up Assessment Centres running in East Toronto in the following neighbourhoods:

- Flemingdon Park (2 locations)
- Warden Woods
- South Riverdale
- Taylor-Massey (Crescent Town)
- Thorncliffe Park
- East York (MGH)

Please see attachments.

Stay Strong! Stay Safe! Stay Positive!

Mr. D. Parker  
Principal