



# Percy Williams' Post FEBRUARY

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families and community members a Happy Lunar New Year. Many classes at the school celebrated the Lunar New Year with art, writing and food to help bring in the year of the Rat. This year is rolling right along, and with the unseasonably warm weather we experienced in January winter has been a little gentler and enabled the students to get outside every day. Today is Winter Walking Day, and along with the TDSB we encourage parents to try to make it a habit to walk your child to school.

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As you are aware, the TDSB has made the difficult decision to not produce Term 1 Report Cards. The teachers have still been completing assessments and tracking your child's progress thus far this term and are requesting interviews with some parents to discuss specific areas of need or concerns. Parents you should have received a notice either indicating that your child's teacher does not require an interview at this time or a form requesting an interview for February 14<sup>th</sup>. Parents may also request an interview to discuss their child's progress. If you are unable to make it on February 14<sup>th</sup> you can arrange a time with the teacher to discuss your child's progress over the phone.

In the past month there have been many letters sent to parents from the Toronto District School Board addressing questions and concerns related to such issues as the Coronavirus, reports cards, and the current labour action in schools. This is the most current information sent on behalf of the board. If you are not receiving these bulletins, please stop by the office and check with Ms. Kitty that we have your most current email address, or provide us with one if you have not already done so - as we are not sending hardcopies these home. These information letters are also available on the TDSB website's landing page [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca)

As always, if you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to stop by the office to speak with me. On behalf of the staff and students, I would like to wish you a Happy Valentine's day and a restful and relaxing Family Day Long weekend.

Jason Donaldson

- School is Closed, Thursday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> & Friday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> due to Labour Action
- PA Day / Interviews Friday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>
- Family Day Holiday, Monday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>

**Reminder!**



# Stay Informed

## Community Safety

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> we had our School Council meeting and the focus of the meeting was on community safety. Thank you to members of Councillor's Lai's office and the City of Toronto Traffic department for attending and speaking at our meeting on the topic of traffic, road and pedestrian safety. The City of Toronto Traffic planner, Al Burrows, informed us of some of the City's Vision Zero Initiatives happening in school zones and provided information about possible improvements to help student safety to and from school. The meeting was very productive and Viviana Gallo, Senior Constituency Assistant to Councillor Lai, submitted several service requests on behalf of the school, including a mobile "Watch Your Speed" sign (installed on January 31<sup>st</sup>), replacing missing "No Parking" signs on the west side of White Heather Blvd, and installing no U-Turn signs in front of the school. A request for a study to determine if a cross walk on White Heather south of Dragoon would be feasible was also submitted. Councilor Lai has also endorsed the school's application for a Crossing Guard at the intersection of White Heather and Sandhurst Circle. We appreciate all the support from Councillor Lai's office and Viviana Gallo for submitting the requests on behalf of the school. Our next school council meeting is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>.



## Valentine's Day Cookie Sales

Our Student Leadership Team will be selling delicious Valentine's Day Cookies for \$1.00 at recess beginning Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will contribute to Percy Williams' fundraising efforts that support schoolwide initiatives.

## Kindergarten Registration Continues

Registration for Kindergarten programs beginning in September 2020 has begun. To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four-years old and be born in 2016. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five-years-old by December 31, and born in 2015. You may choose to register in person at the school or begin the process online.

For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten).



## Chinese Heritage Month

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize Chinese Heritage Month (CHM) during the month of February and the theme of TDSB's Chinese Heritage Month is Year of the Rat: Intelligent, Wise, Charming, Social, & Ambitious.

Chinese-Canadians recognize Lunar New Year on Saturday, January 25. Lunar New Year is also known as the Spring Festival and begins with the first moon of the lunar calendar and ends on the first full moon of the lunar calendar 15 days later.

During this month, we celebrate the energetic culture and traditions of the Chinese community with students, staff and community members of the Toronto District School Board and the City of Toronto.

## African Heritage Month

Umoja (unity) February is African Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board. It is an occasion to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Peoples of African Descent to Canada and the world. The chosen theme for 2019-2020 is "UBUNTU: I am because we are" which is derived from the Nguni Bantu term in Southern Africa. UBUNTU is a South African term used by the Zulu community that represents an ethic of African traditional life. The philosophy of UBUNTU realizes that everything is interconnected; "everything that I do has an effect on you and your well-being and everything that you do has an effect on me and my well-being." A poster to reflect the theme, "UBUNTU: I am because we are" was created by students from Downsview Secondary School. It was shared with all schools across the Toronto District School Board. It was designed with the following five principles presented in this painting:



- Umoja (unity) the tattoo.
- Kujichagulia (self-determination) the word was used to create the textile for one of the shirts.
- Nia (purpose) the logo on the shoe.
- Kuumba (creativity) the logo on the shirt.
- Imani (faith) the brand tag on the hijab