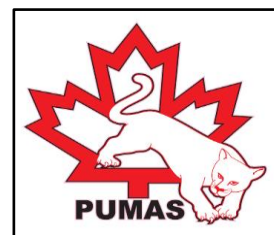


Percy Update



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**REMINDER
PA DAY ON
JANUARY 14TH
No school**

There is just one week to go until the winter break and things are all a buzz with preparations for our winter concert, as well as some festive classroom and school wide activities. A big “thank you” to our staff for putting up our holiday decorations which have added some much-needed colour to a somewhat grey and muddy December and for providing the many lunchtime activities offered to our students. Thank you to Ms. Clark for rehearsing and arranging the classroom presentations for the holiday concert. The performances will be available to parents this Thursday in their child’s virtual classroom and I will also send the link to parents to view.

Last week you may have noticed our school safety patrollers assisting with student drop off in our entrance loop. Thank you to Ms. Romas for organizing and overseeing this group and coordinating their training. Please be extra cautious when you are entering the drop off loop in the morning to ensure the safety of all our patrollers. As well, a reminder to parents that you cannot park on the west side of White Heather Blvd. or do U-turns at any time. These practises create unsafe situations for our families crossing the road. We appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

December’s character attribute in the TDSB is kindness and caring and there is no shortage of these qualities amongst our school community. Thank you to our all our families who donated items for our holiday food and household item drive. Yesterday members of the school council picked up the donations and delivered them to Ernestine’s Shelter for Women and children. The organization was very appreciative of everyone’s generosity.

Over the past week our public health nurse, Judy Soong, has hosted two information sessions on vaccines for students between the ages of 5-11 years old. I’ve included her presentation in our newsletter along with some other resources she has shared. Other efforts the province is implementing to mitigate and control the spread of the virus at schools is rapid testing. **This Wednesday we will be sending home rapid tests kits for each student to use over the holidays.** Each kit contains 5 rapid test kits that can be used over the break on Mondays and Thursdays. This effort is to try and prevent students returning to school who may be asymptomatic with COVID 19. The test results are available 15 minutes after the test is taken. Use of the rapid tests are optional but encouraged to help ensure that schools stay open. If you child tests positive on the rapid test they would need to then have a PCR test completed at one of the local testing sites. The kit comes with simple instructions on how to use the tests.

Our next newsletter will be in 2022. The last day of class is Friday, December 17th. On behalf of all the staff, it has been a pleasure working with you and your family and we look forward to seeing everyone back rested and ready to learn on Monday, January 3rd. Have a wonderful and restful holiday break!

Jason Donaldson

Switching from Virtual to In Person Learning

In order to plan ahead for elementary students to switch between in-person and virtual learning for February 2022, parents/caregivers and students requesting a change must complete an Elementary Switch Form between **Friday, December 3 and Friday, January 7**. A form must be completed for each student requesting a switch.



Parents/caregivers and students who do not wish to make a change do not need to complete a form.

While we cannot guarantee that all switch requests will be met, it is our goal to accommodate as many as possible based on available programs and space.

More information:

Whether you choose a switch in learning model or not, a limited number of teachers or classes may change due to a possible re-organization.

For more information, please visit [Switch Form](#)

You can select your first language from the dropdown.



Please log in.

TDSB Trillium Student Number (not the Ontario Education Number from the report card)

Student Date of Birth (please enter as MM/DD/YYYY)

English

Dari

English

Español (América Latina)

Français (Canada)

Português

Somali

Tagalog

Tiếng Việt

Türkçe

Ελληνικά

Русский

اردو

العربية

فارسی

हिन्दी

বাংলা

ਪੰਜਾਬੀ (ਗੁਰਮੁਖੀ)



[Q & A for Parents about Switching Process](#)

VIRTUAL COVID-19 VACCINATION EDUCATION SESSION for Percy Parents

Thank you to all our parents that attended our two information sessions about the vaccine. We had a good turn out for both sessions and lots of great questions. I've attached some resources and a copy of the presentation included in the email message with the newsletter.

The Pfizer vaccine is the only one currently approved for 5-17 years of age in Canada. It is also the recommended vaccine for 18-24 yrs in Ontario due to potential concerns about myocarditis/pericarditis for this age group.





- [COVID-19 & the Vaccines](#) – TPH webpage with general information about the vaccines and ingredients
- [Pfizer](#) – contains more specific information about this vaccine





Additional resources:

- [COVID-19: Children & Vaccines](#) – TPH webpage with information on COVID-19 Vaccines & Children – this link is also in the slides but highlighting here as well
- [COVID-19: Vaccines](#) – additional information on COVID-19 vaccines for all ages
- [COVID-19 Vaccine - Children Age 5-11](#) – fact sheet
- [Max the Vax – Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies \(oacas.org\)](#) – has downloadable FAQs for kids and caregivers and additional resources including videos to help understand the COVID-19 vaccine
- [COVID-19 Vaccine for Children and Youth Ages 5+ - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines for Children – FAQs](#) (University of Waterloo)
- [Celebrate safely during COVID-19 | ontario.ca](#)

Lunch Time Activity Club Schedules

Attendance is optional, and those students who choose not to attend will remain outside with our lunchroom supervisors. Thank you to the teachers for co-ordinating these lunch hour activities, they will provide a welcome break to the lunch recess and a chance to have some fun with classmates.

Primary Activity Schedule: TUESDAYS	Nov. 30 th	Dec. 7 th	Dec. 14	Jan. 4
Yoga – Gym Mr. Micallef Ms. Romas 	Parsons	Black	Kinnear	Balkaran
Mini Movie – Library Ms. Nakhuda Ms. Kinnear 	Balkaran	Parsons	Black	Kinnear
Lego – Computer Lab Ms. Black Ms. Kapsas 	Kinnear	Balkaran	Parsons	Black
Board Games – Music Room Music Room Ms. Parsons Ms. Clarke 	Black	Kinnear	Balkaran	Parsons

Junior Activity Schedule: THURSDAYS	Dec. 2 nd	Dec. 9 th	Dec. 16 th	Jan. 6 th
Yoga – Gym Mr. Micallef Ms. Wu Ms. Miranda 	St. Louis	Webster	Perera	Liu
Mini Movie – Library Ms. Perera 	Liu	St. Louis	Webster	Perera
Lego – Computer Lab M. Webster Ms. St. Louis 	Perera	Liu	St. Louis	Webster
Board Games – Music Room Music Room Mr. Liu Ms. Clarke 	Webster	Perera	Liu	St. Louis

Families of Gr. 3 Students (Middle French Immersion Application Process – Grade 4 Entry)

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide Middle French Immersion Program (begins in Grade 4), we offer an online process to apply. To apply for the Middle French Immersion Program (Grade 4 entry) for September 2022, applications must be completed online between

[For more Information visit the site.](#)

[Information Sessions in January](#)

[Register Here](#)

An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants and will be made in the weeks following the close of the application window

Virtual Community Fair – Let's Talk Autism

TDSB social workers will be holding their second Virtual Community Fair with a focus on Autism (Let's talk about Autism Resources and Funding). The next session will be held on will be held in the evening on December 15th from 6:00 pm until 8:00 p.m. For any parents interested in attending, please see that attachment in the flyer in the email or contact me if you have any questions

Along with TDSB support staff, we will have Kari Evelyn and her colleague, Lauren Valenta, from Autism Ontario presenting.

Upcoming Theme Dates

Dec 15th – Rapid Testing Kits Sent home with each student

Dec 17th – Festive Friday – Pajama Day – Wear your Favourite PJ's

Dec 17th – Last Day of School

Jan 3rd – First Day of class after the Holiday

Jan 14th – PA Day (No school)

Jan 7th – Deadline for the Switching Survey

Jan 28th – Deadline for Middle Immersion for Grade 4