
JUNE 2021

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UPDATE FROM MS. ECCLESTON



Dear Rawlinson Families,

Can you believe we are into the home stretch! WOW! This is a year where we ALL deserve a prize! I will apologize in advance as over the next few weeks families might be receiving frequent emails as information is handed to administrators.

FLAGS LOWERED: In the wake of the tragic discovery of the unmarked graves of 215 Indigenous children at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia, the Toronto District School Board deplores the loss of life and mourns alongside Indigenous communities.

Friday's discovery is further evidence of the genocide perpetrated on Indigenous Peoples in Canada. Substantial work must be done in schools and systems, to face the historical and current realities that continue to harm Indigenous Peoples.

The TDSB flags will remain at half mast, starting today for nine days — one hour for every life lost — in honour of the 215 children.

It is important to acknowledge that words and symbolic gestures are not enough. We must move beyond words and truly commit ourselves to learning and understanding the critical importance of truth, reconciliation and reparation. There cannot be reconciliation without truth.

In line with the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#), the TDSB will continue its commitment to dismantling anti-Indigenous racism and discriminatory practices and policies against Indigenous Peoples.

For more information and resources, please visit the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#).

Alexander Brown
Chair

Karen Falconer
Director of Education

SUMMER SCHOOL: Rawlinson CS community has demonstrated a great interest in the summer school program taking place through the month of July. At this time, our registrations are FULL and a waitlist has started. There are still spaces available in French Immersion grades 7 & 8 and limited spaces available in grade 7 & 8 English.

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Families who registered for Extended French will be partnered with the Karen Kain School for the Arts, Craig Howe Principal as there were not enough registrations in Extended French to house this program at Rawlinson. *All summer school programs are being delivered virtually which allow school sites to share students, if needed. **All families enrolled in summer school will receive confirmation emails by the end of next week.**

Please note: The Continuing Education Department will not be supplying students with digital devices for its summer programs. Non-TDSB students will need to be prepared with their own digital devices to support their online learning. ***Rawlinson students enrolled in summer school, do not need to return their borrowed device until the conclusion of summer school.**

RETURNING BORROWED DEVICES and PICKING UP OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS

In preparation for the start of the 2021-22 school year, families that borrowed devices (e.g. iPad, Chromebook, Internet Hub) from the TDSB or local school are asked to return them.

Devices and all power cables, cases and chargers that were delivered with the device can be returned to any TDSB school between **Monday, June 28 and Wednesday, June 30** between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Borrowed devices (chromebooks and chargers, iPads and chargers), from Rawlinson school are to be returned to Rawlinson between June 28 – 30. Specific details will be communicated to ensure Covid-19 Safety Protocols. We will coordinate the device return date with the picking up of your child's personal belongings. **Students enrolled in summer school should not return their device until the conclusion of summer school.** More information will come. Stay tuned.

*Also, families who borrowed a device **from the Board** (not Rawlinson) may return their device to the closest school. If a family borrowed a TDSB device and Rawlinson is the closest school, then the device can be returned to Rawlinson.

All devices that are not returned by July 2 will be administratively locked, preventing student login.

Students enrolled in a TDSB summer program may continue using the device for the duration of the summer program and should return the device in September. If you have any questions, please contact DeviceReturns@tdsb.on.ca.

NOTE: Rogers Connected for Success offers low cost, high-speed internet and many TDSB families may qualify for the program. Please click the following link for more information on [pricing and eligibility requirements](#).

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENT

Families of students in grade 8, we are pleased to be able to celebrate Grade 8 Graduation virtually on Thursday June 24th at 3:30 p.m. Preparations for this special event are already underway. Please contact your child's grade 8 teacher should you have any questions.

Welcome to SK French Immersion and the Grade 4 Mid-Immersion Information Session will be on Wednesday June 16th at 6:30 – 7:30 pm. This will be a virtual event over Zoom. New SK French Immersion families will have an opportunity to learn about the program and the ways in which children acquire French Language skills. Families will also meet the dynamic French Immersion Kindergarten teachers!

Welcome to Kindergarten Information Session for new families of JK will be on June 23rd at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. This will be an virtual evening over Zoom where families can learn about how to best prepare their JK child for school and learn

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about the Early years Kindergarten program at Rawlinson CS. Families will also have an opportunity to meet the Kindergarten Team of teachers.

Teddy Bear Picnic and Transition to Grade 1 Information Session will be on June 14th @ 9:20 a.m. More information will come.

We look forward to seeing our families at these events!

Happy Birthday to all staff and students celebrating their birthday in June!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



TDSB celebrates the diversity of its city. Please see below for information regarding the celebrations taking place in the month of June. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach ourselves and our children the uniqueness of our City and celebrate the diversities that we have!



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HERITAGE MONTH

The following Heritage Month Clips are from the TDSB Website - To honour National Indigenous History Month, the Urban Indigenous Education Centre (UIEC) is hosting a number of events for students and educators. These events include talks by Tanya Talaga, Dr. Pam Palmater, and Chelsea Vowel. Next week, there are events with Elder Dr. Duke Redbird on June 1, musicians and storytellers Stomp The Floor on June 2, author David A. Roberston also on June 2, and curator Wanda Nanibush on June 3.

The first Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer Pride in the TDSB will be from June 16 to June 22 and will include events with Kent Monkman; Tasha Spillet & Elder Albert McLeod; Michelle Corneau & Elder Blu Waters; and an artists panel with Thirza Cuthand, Theola Ross, Fallon Simard, and Indigenous Student Trustee, Isaiah Shafqat.

A list of full programming can be found on the [Urban Indigenous Education Resources Site](#)

- [National Indigenous History Month in Canada](#)
- [National Indigenous Peoples Day in Canada](#)
- [Indigenous Education in the TDSB](#)

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PORTUGUESE HERITAGE MONTH

Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month is proudly recognized during the month of June at the Toronto District School Board for the past 10 years since 2011. The [Portuguese Heritage Act](#) in 2001 and this year theme is *Esperança! / Hope!*



Province of Ontario passed the [Celebration of](#) marks the 20th anniversary of this Act. This year our

The contributions of the Portuguese-Speaking they include the arts, sports, music, culinary arts, and medical service areas. Canadians, along with all TDSB students, staff, and its communities and beyond all enjoy the energetic and vibrant traditions that are shared through the customs of this heritage. Over 1,400 TDSB students speak Portuguese as their mother tongue or as a primary language. Internationally, there are 250 million Portuguese-speaking people worldwide, making it the fifth-most spoken language.

Heritage Community to Canada are significant as and many professional contributions to educational

We are inviting all TDSB community, students, and staff to join our Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month virtual launch to celebrate the culture and tradition that this heritage brings.

[Join us](#) for an extraordinary hour filled with prominent guests, information and celebration on Thursday, June 10 at 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm live stream.

ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

Italian Heritage Month is recognized proudly during the month of June at the Toronto District School Board. The TDSB passed a motion to recognize Italian Heritage Month in June in May 2012. This year the theme of Italian Heritage Month is *Made in Italy*.



The Province of Ontario also celebrates Italian Heritage Month since June 2010 when the [Italian Heritage Month Act](#) was passed. As stated in the Italian Heritage Act, 2010, “Ontario is home to more than 1,350,000 Italian Canadians. Since the 1880s, the Italian Canadian community has made and continues to make significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of the Province of Ontario.”

In keeping with our theme, *Made in Italy*, we are pleased to share a calendar with you ([attached](#)) that includes two chef-led online cooking classes. Let's learn how to make a delicious Italian meal with Chefs Vanessa Gianfrancesco on June 11, 2021 from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm and Antonietta Ferretti on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm. (Please see the attached calendar for registration details).

The calendar also provides daily quotes and provides information regarding an interview with former Toronto District School Board student and celebrity actor Frank Crudele. As an accomplished actor Frank Crudele has worked with several exceptional Directors including Martin Scorsese and held many countless roles including those for feature film (cinema), film (TV series) and film (TV film). His characters are those of leads, supporting actor/leads amongst other proficient contributions.

Please follow us on Twitter [TDSB ItalianHeritage](#)

Enjoy this [powerpoint](#) on Italian Heritage Month that highlights an overall understanding of Italian customs and traditions!

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TDSB CELEBRATES PRIDE MONTH

June is *Pride Month 2021* at the TDSB! It's an opportunity to celebrate diversity and raise awareness among all staff and students about the rich culture and history of our 2SLGBTQ community. TDSB school communities are encouraged to hold intentional sessions with their students about issues related to 2SLGBTQ+ communities as well as the impact of homophobia, transphobia and biphobia on TDSB students, staff and community members.



Here are some of the things we're doing in TDSB to recognize Pride Month 2021:

- Following the name change approval at Board last night LGBTQ2S will now be referenced as 2SLGBTQ as we move forward we honour the knowledge of the two spirit, Indigenous and the work of communities to decolonize settlers
- Two Spirit Indigiqueer Pride June 16-22, 2021
- Sharing curriculum resources with all schools: please visit [Gender Based Violence Prevention Links and Resources](#) and the TDSB Urban Indigenous Education Centre to learn more about how to respectfully and intentionally honour 2-Spirit identities and how to best cultivate transformative, healthy and equitable learning spaces at their school in solidarity with Indigenous sovereignty movements.
- Virtual raising the Pride flag at 5050 Yonge (Details to follow)
- Participating in the city's Virtual [Toronto PRIDE 2021 Parade](#) on Sunday, June 27– Everyone is welcome!
- Please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/pride to learn more about these activities and find out how you can get involved.

Follow and join in the conversation on Twitter, #PrideTDSB, and share the attached [poster](#) with your community. For additional support and resources for LGBTQ2+ youth needing a safer space, community, flexibility, and/or a curriculum that reflects who they are, and are disengaged please connect with [The Triangle Program](#).

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We are aware of the announcement made by Premier Doug Ford this afternoon that students and staff will NOT return to in-person learning this school year. As such, we will be moving forward to make plans for students/families to retrieve any work and belongings that might still be in the classrooms. At this point, the directive from TDSB is that Graduations will be virtual as planned. Should anything change, we will communicate with our families.

This has truly been the most challenging year in my 30 years with TDSB. Thank you for riding it out with all of us. It is so difficult. We are looking forward to the school year 2021-22 and in-person learning for all.

Sincerely,

Lorelei Eccleston

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