

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



March 2023



REMINDER

## NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, April 6, 2023

Time: 6:30pm via Zoom

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**NEW PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS**

**EXISTING PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS**

**KINDERGARTEN PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS**

**GRADE 7/8 PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS**

**ISP PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS**

**TEACHERS**

**EDUCATORS**

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

THE FOUNDATION OF EVERY STATE IS THE EDUCATION OF ITS YOUTH. - DIOGENES

~ANCIENT GREEK PHILOSOPHERS QUOTE~



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### Message from School Council

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#### MARCH 2023

March 1-31

Greek Heritage Month

March 2

School Council Meeting

March 8

International Women's Day

March 13 - 17

March Break (NO SCHOOL)

March 22

Ramadan Begins

March 31

Recognition Assembly  
(Parents/Caregivers Welcome)

#### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

April 6 || School Council Meeting

April 21 || Ramadan Ends

April 27 || Cooking

April 28 || Pizza Day

May 4 || School Council Meeting

May 26 || Dance-a-thon

September 23 || Fall Fair

#### It's March Villagers!

Seems like February just zoomed by and now we've welcoming March. I don't know about you, but I'm hoping warmer weather is on the horizon.

As we jump right into March, there are many important events happening. Greek Heritage Month, Ramadan, Black Mental Health Week, International Women's Day and of course, March Break, just to name a few.

This month's newsletter content focuses on school council achievements; Greek Heritage Month initiatives, as well as some opportunities for parents and caregivers to voice their needs.

Lastly, we would like to begin sharing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) in upcoming newsletters. This is important because so many people have the same questions and may never seek the answer or may do their own research. We're a community so let's assist each other.

Thank you once again to all the council members, parents/caregivers, educators, admin staff and villagers.

If you have any questions or ideas you'd like to share with the council, please email - [sc.scarboroughvillage@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:sc.scarboroughvillage@tdsb.on.ca)

Have a happy and safe month of March!

Joanne Marcano, School Council Chair  
E: [joanne.marcano@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:joanne.marcano@tdsb.on.ca)

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### Why Should I Join the School's Parent Council?

- Be a part of a group that works to build a strong partnership with school educators and ensuring students' needs and focuses are a priority.
- A great opportunity to build awareness of various resources in the community. (E.g. resume writing, homework strategies, mental health supports, etc.)
- Lend your voice and creative skills to special events and fundraising event discussions.
- [Learn more at Parent Involvement Advisory Committee \(PIAC\)](#)
- **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON THE 1ST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH (via Zoom)**

#### FRIENDLY REMINDER:

Please connect with us if you require an interpreter, ASL or any other supports to attend

### Show Us What You Got!



Volunteering allows you to show off your knowledge and skills. Learn a few things and build your resume.

We want to know what kind of interests, skills, knowledge and expertise our parents and caregivers have at SVPS.

Send us an email: [sc.scarboroughvillage@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:sc.scarboroughvillage@tdsb.on.ca)

### FALL FAIR FUNDRAISER - September 23, 2023

One of SVPS' largest and longest running fundraising event is returning after three years due to...well, you know. This event is also a staple in the community, as it fosters neighbouring businesses and families to rally together for one cause...SCARBOROUGH VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

#### We are looking for volunteers to lead the following:

- Game Stations
- Donations (gift baskets, raffles, giveaways)
- Food Stations and many many more.
- Entertainment (DJ, Musician, Entertainer, etc)
- Health and Wellness (Yoga, Fitness and Dance Instructor, Mediation, etc)

Are you interested in being a volunteer, vendor, making a donation or helping out in any other way? Please send us an email - [sc.scarboroughvillage@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:sc.scarboroughvillage@tdsb.on.ca) ~ THANK YOU!



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### TDSB GREEK HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATIONS

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize Greek Heritage Month (GHM) during the month of March.

During the month of March, several activities will be shared to mark GHM.

Join us on Friday, March 24th for a Social Event at Floga Restaurant – see flyer to rsvp

Join us on Sunday, March 26th at 1:30pm for the Greek Independence Day Parade on the Danforth (meet at 15 Phin Avenue at 1pm).

For more information on TDSB initiatives, [CLICK HERE](#)

#### TDSB Greek Heritage Month Social Event

*When: Friday, March 24th, 2023 at 7 pm*

*Where: Floga Restaurant  
1957 Kennedy Rd,  
Scarborough, ON M1P2L9*

Come out and enjoy some Greek music, dancing, and delicious food.  
Pre-fix menu available

Please complete the Google Form attached to the QR code below, if you would like to attend.

RSVP by Tuesday, March 21st, 2023

If you have any questions contact Kelly.Ritsakis@tdsb.on.ca or Sylvia.Hatzidrakos@tdsb.on.ca



### SVPS HERITAGE MOMENTS

**CALLING ALL VILLAGERS!  
PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND COMMUNITY!**



Please help us recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Greek Canadians to Canada, as well as, the food, music and the people.

Record a one (1) minute video or audio clip sharing some of the incredible history and Greek culture.

Please send your video or audio file to [sc.scarboroughvillage@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:sc.scarboroughvillage@tdsb.on.ca)

Your clip will be played at the School Assembly at the end of the month for all the students to enjoy.

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### Parents and Caregivers Corner

**REGISTER NOW >**



#### Family Cooking Session

Once again, we have the opportunity to work with an amazing chef and nutritionist this year! Chef Bashir and Idil are back and ready to cook with you and your child(ren). Please join us on [April 27th at 5:00 pm](#) where we will be creating a very special dish. Complete our registration to reserve your spot - [Cooking at Scarborough Village](#)



#### Community Support Worker Survey!

Our new CSW, Babak Nikmard (Babak.Nikmard@tdsb.on.ca) would like to hear from you. There are community resources and supports that may be of interest to you, but he needs your voice. Please complete this ONE (1) question survey - [Parent/Caregiver Survey](#)

**SIGN UP**



#### School Cash Online - [SIGN UP](#)

School Cash Online - Please note it is important for you to have your child/rens cash-online account set-up and active as we will be using this as the method of payment for events such as these (cookie sales/pizza lunches/trips etc.) **BANK DEBIT CARDS & CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED**



#### School Council Meeting Minutes

School Council Meeting minutes are available on the SVPS Webpage. [CLICK HERE](#)



#### Black Mental Health Week - March 6 - 12, 2023 - [CLICK HERE](#)

TAIBU Community Health Centre in collaboration with the City of Toronto launched Black Mental Health Day in Toronto in March 2020. This year, Tropicana and Strides have joined TAIBU in providing week-long virtual and in-person Black Mental Health Week events and activities.

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**A Moment of Gratitude and Acknowledgement**



Many thanks to all SVPS council members, parents', caregivers, educators and administration staff for your ongoing commitment to fostering a positive school experience for every student.



**Cookie Sale Fundraiser**

We raised over \$150 that will go towards school council initiatives.

Thanks to the everyone who purchased cookies including SVPS and NYAD staff members. A very special thank you to our parent volunteers, **Shaneka and Brian** for coordinating an easy and seamless process for collecting the cookies. Can't forget our school council Treasurer, **Simone** who also volunteered her time.

**4-Way Stop and Crossing Guard**

There was a callout for the community to voice the importance of a 4-way stop at the intersections surrounding SVPS. A huge thank you to everyone who either submitted a letter to Councillor Paul Ainslie's office or attended the community meeting at the Scarborough Civic Centre on February 24, 2023. The community did not disappoint, your voices were heard loud and clear! We are currently waiting for final communication on their decision. [Click Here.](#)



A huge thank you to parent volunteer, **Alicia** for leading the application process of the Crossing Guard, which was approved and communication regarding the 4-way stop. Also, thank you to **Simone**, who has been dedicated for years to SVPS community safety and has been communicating with Councillor Ainslie's office highlighting the importance of 4-way stop.