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NEW PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

EXISTING PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

GRADE 8 PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

ISP PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

TEACHERS

EDUCATORS

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Message from School Council

February 2023

Welcome to the February School Council Newsletter, Villagers,

On behalf of the School Council, we would like to welcome you back to the second half of the school year.

My name is Joanne and I'm the newly elected Scarborough Village Public School (SVPS) Council Chair, taking over from Joella Connaught and Michelle Thompson. Thank you both for your dedication.

One of the best decisions I made was joining school council, as it has allowed me to stay in the loop and have a hand in making a difference in both my daughters' learning environment. Over the past five years of attending council meetings, I've been impressed with the long dedication of parents who volunteer their time to the school. How could I not support our council who works extra hard to do incredible things for all our students? Thank you, Council.

Please know, that you have an open invitation to our council meetings every second (2nd) Thursday of each month via Zoom. You choose your comfort level of participation, no pressure at all.

It truly does take a village to bring a school to life and no one person should carry that responsibility alone.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me. Also, you can stay updated about TDSB initiatives and community resources by reading Ms. Sharma's weekly emails.

I look forward to meeting you.

See you in the playground!

Joanne Marcano
Chair
E: joanne.marcano@tdsb.on.ca

Important Dates in February

UPCOMING
EVENTS

- 1-28 | African Heritage (Black History) Month
- 6th | Guest Speaker - Jeff Martin (Gr. 3-8)
- 14th | Valentine's Day
- 16th | Family Day Cookie Sale Fundraiser
- 17th | PA Day (No School)
- 20th | Family Day Holiday (No School)
- 28th | School Assembly

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Why Should I Join the School's Parent Council?

- When you become involved, your child/ren do better and strive to achieve more because they see how important their education is to you.
- Great way for you to become apart of the discussion in your child/rens' learning.
- Great opportunity to meet other parents, school administration, community partners and resources who all have the same goal of building a solid foundation for students to thrive.
- Volunteering allows you to show off your knowledge and skills. Learn a few things and build your resume.
- Learn more at Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC).

JOIN US!



Next School Council Meeting
Thursday, February 9, 2023
Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm



Zoom Meeting:

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/95509254599?pwd=R0xqK0hDKzZPczh4Wmp1b09uMHJ6QT09>

Meeting ID: 955 0925 4599

Passcode: 166008

***Please advise if you require an interpreter or any other supports to attend.**

This meeting will include several agenda items including Fundraising, Parent Engagement, The Principal's Report, SK/Grade 8 Graduation, etc.



Every person who attends this meeting, will have their name entered into a raffle to win one of two (2) Family Day Gift Baskets. Draw will take place during the meeting.



FEBRUARY 2023

**BLACK
HISTORY**
month

This month, Scarborough Village Public School (SVPS) will acknowledge and support the TDSB African Heritage (Black History) Month 2023 theme "BLACK JOY".

Black Joy emulates how Black People have been able to thrive as a People and as a Community, despite the systemic barriers and oppression faced.

The TDSB and SVPS has committed to ongoing anti-Black racism learning and providing a safe space for Black students, caregivers, families and staff foster healing and celebrate their resilience.



AFRICAN HERITAGE MOMENTS

CALLING ALL VILLAGERS! PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, STUDENTS, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY!

The African community has some incredible individuals who have made historic impacts on us as Canadians, our communities, neighbourhoods and right in our own families. Maybe it's someone committed to shifting anti-Black racism and advocating for equality, or maybe they played a huge part in you feeling empowered the skin you're in.

Share your story.

We're looking for volunteer speakers to do a 45-60 sec. heritage moment to highlight some of these people.

Speakers should include the following:

- Information on the individual including their contribution to you living in Canada.
- Why did you choose to speak about them?
- **Please send your audio file to sc.scarboroughvillage@tdsb.on.ca as soon as possible**

Notable Canadians of African Descent

(There are many more)

- Colonel The Honourable Lincoln MacCauley Alexander
- Leonard Austin Braithwaite
- Viola Irene Desmond
- Dr. Daurene Elaine Lewis
- Jackie Shane
- Michelle Ross
- Oscar Peterson
- Salome Bey
- Donavon Bailey
- Marie-Joseph Angélique
- Willie O'Ree
- John Ware
- Community Leaders, teachers, School, Faith Leaders, Family Members, etc



Notable Non-Canadians of African Descent

(There are many more)

- Bob Marley
- Nelson Mandela
- Kobe Bryant



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Show Us What You Got!



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

Event Planning

Interpersonal Skills

Entertainer

Balloon Art

Fundraising

Special Events

Bilingual

Social Media

Henna

Graphic Design

Helping out in the Classroom

Wellness and Mental Health





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FUNDRAISING EVENTS

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**SCARBOROUGH VILLAGE
PUBLIC SCHOOL**

WE'RE HAVING A

**FAMILY DAY COOKIE SALE
FUNDRAISER**

(All Cookies include Lollipop)

Thursday, February 16, 2023
Time: 2:00pm - 3:00pm

- **\$3.00 - 1 cookie**
- **\$5.00 - 2 cookies**

Payment Options: Cash & School Cash Online



- Terra Cotta Cookies Ltd.
- Individually wrapped
- All natural ingredients
- Facility is 100% nut and peanut free environment

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDS

This event is brought to you by SVPS Council

Available on School Cash Online