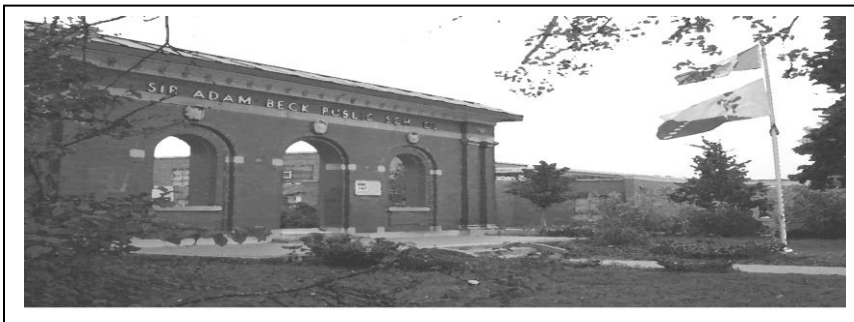


Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Happy New Year

January 4-8: Remote Learning

January 11: Council Meeting, 6:30

Join via Google Meet:

meet.google.com/qpz-ptbn-sxo

January 15: PA Day

January 22: Stripes and Polka Dot
Spirit Day

January 27: WOW

(Walk On Wednesdays)

January 27: Virtual Literacy

Night – 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Link to be provided

Character Attribute

Teamwork

Please remember to show your teamwork and kindness in our parking lot when dropping off or picking up your child. Please use our PSP program to drop your child off and keep the traffic moving carefully along.

Principal's Message:

Happy New Year to all our students, families and staff. I am sure we all agree that 2020 was unlike any other we have experienced in our lifetime. Despite the challenges and struggles our focus remains on the positives and the learning we all experienced. Pivoting numerous times to remote learning allowed us to collaborate, problem solve, persevere, be empathetic and connect using authentic 21st Century platforms. We must remember that in our ever-changing world we are preparing our children for jobs and careers that have not yet been created.

The Government of Ontario announced that the province will be in the Grey (Lockdown) Zone until Saturday, January 23 to further slow the spread of COVID-19. As part of this announcement, the government has said that **all elementary schools in Southern Ontario, including those at the TDSB, will be closed to students until Monday, January 11.** During this time, all in-person schools will be shifting to remote learning, while virtual schools will continue as normal. Further to this, all in-person elementary schools will follow their regular school schedule/timetable. In some cases, there may need to be minor adjustments which will be communicated to families by your child's homeroom teacher on Monday, January 4.

All childcare programs serving infant, toddler and preschool-age children located inside TDSB schools will be permitted to remain open during the Lockdown period, however parents/guardians should confirm details with their individual child care operator. While schools are closed, all TDSB Extended Day Programs and Before- and After-Schools Programs will also be closed. While the TDSB has distributed more than 70,000 devices to students this year, we know that some students may still require a device for this remote learning period. Most families have indicated their need for a device through their child's teacher. These families will be contacted directly, and curbside pick up will be available on Monday January 4, 2021. Please connect with your child's teacher or the main office if you require any further assistance.

A new year brings forth hopes for a better world. A better society, where everyone is respected and valued for who they are. Our hopes for an improved and healthier environment that will support many future generations, and most of all our hopes for an inclusive world, where everyone can live in peace and harmony.

Keep well and stay safe,

M. Kanalec

Principal Michael Kanalec
Vice-Principal Amira Kamel-Zia
Superintendent Dr Debbie Donsky
Trustee Patrick Nunziata
Council Co-Chairs Paul Younger,
& Corrine Frey
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Shop Canadian and give back to the school!

Two new fundraisers are underway with some great products available for purchase from two Canadian companies. Check out the websites below and make purchases until May!

- 1) [Tru Earth](#) - Known for their eco-friendly laundry detergent, this company offers a variety of products. 20% of all sales will be given back to our school.
- 2) [Recipes in a jar](#) - Delicious meals and baked goods are only a jar away! These products also make great gifts for family and friends. Free shipping on orders of 6 or more. Consider partnering up with another family if you aren't able to make the minimum yourself. 1/3 of all sales will be given back to our school.

Council budget update

Due to the COVID-19 closure of the 2019/20 school year, Council began the 2020/21 school year with a surplus of funds. These funds had been set aside for programs like Scientists in School, field trips/bussing, guest speakers and spirit days. The pandemic also forced TDSB to recall nearly 100 Chromebooks from SAB to be redistributed to families who required a device for online learning. This was a big loss to our small school, but we are proud that we could help families in our community continue to learn in these unprecedented times.

We are very happy to announce that we have used our surplus funds to purchase 48 NEW Chromebooks (with a 3-year extended warranty) to rebuild our tech library. We have also allocated \$400 to support teachers to meet the unique needs of their classrooms.

Seeking your input!

Please take a few moments to fill out this quick [online survey](#) by January 8th to vote on your preferred topics for a parent workshop in the new year and also let us know how you like to receive Council information. This will help us better plan our activities.

Did you know?

Council is a great way to hear from the principal and discuss school activities/council initiatives with other parents and caregivers. This school year, we have welcomed new voting members, launched new fundraising activities and will be organizing some parent engagement workshops.

We look forward to seeing some new faces at the next Council meeting on **Monday, January 11** at **6:30 p.m.** with Google Meets: meet.google.com/qpz-ptbn-sxo

Important Information for Families of Grade 3 Students (NEW Middle French Immersion Program – Grade 4 Entry)

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide NEW 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 2021, applications must be completed online between [January 4 and January 29, 2021](#).

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.

Please note: Families with an older sibling currently enrolled in a French program and who will be in attendance next year are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Please select the “sibling option” within the online application. For more information about the Middle French Immersion (Grade 4) application process, please join us for a [Virtual Information Session](#) on one of the following dates:

- **January 14, 2021 – 10 am**
- **January 21, 2021 – 7 pm**
- **January 27, 2021 – 7 pm**

For more information about Middle French Immersion Program, available in multiple languages, please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/French-as-a-Second-Language-FSL-Programs>.

For more information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and important dates, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders

Reminder to parents/guardians/caregivers picking up their child up from school - students must be signed out with the main office staff. This also applies to students organized in the bus lines at the end of the day. Please provide a note for the teacher/office if your child is leaving early. They will be called down to the office to meet you. Also, when returning during the day, please notify the office so that your child may is signed in to their class.

We acknowledge all of our amazing volunteers even though volunteering in the school has been put on hold. If you are listed on our volunteer data base it is important for you to carry out your annual Offence Declaration. Please contact the school office and we will carry out the annual declaration either over the phone or via email.

Outdoor Gear

Parents/guardians are asked to monitor daily weather conditions and to send their child to school dressed so that they are comfortable participating in all aspects of the school day. Daily outdoor activities require boots, splash/snow pants, jackets, toques and glove mittens.

Indoor Shoes

Please make sure your child has indoor shoes at school at all times. The colder weather brings with it snow or mud and students are asked to change their footwear when they enter the school in order to keep their feet dry and warm and to keep the hallways clear of snow and dirt. Indoor shoes should be proper shoes with soles, appropriate for indoor activities.

Lost and Found

Reminder that we are not maintaining a Lost and Found this year. Please support your child with reminders to track their belongings at school. We will do our best to return misplaced items on a daily basis.

Cancellation of Busses during Severe Weather



From time to time, it may be necessary to cancel student transportation, classes and/or programs due to severe weather. On rare occasions, severe weather makes it necessary to close schools, administrative offices or sites.

With approximately 246,000 students in 582 schools, any decision to cancel buses, classes and/or programs or to close sites can have a significant impact on thousands of families across Toronto. This decision is not taken lightly. When schools remain open on days with inclement weather, parents/guardians make the final decision on whether to send their children to school and they can keep children home from school if they so choose.

Should a cancellation or closure be necessary, information will be posted on the TDSB web site, TDSB social media and provided to local media by 6 a.m. For more information, please see the TDSB's Procedure for Severe Weather: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Detail/docId/242>

Please remember that if buses are cancelled in the morning they are always cancelled in the PM also so if you choose to bring your child to school you must also make arrangements to take your child home.

Traffic Safety Tips: Help Make this a Safe Winter Season

As winter approaches, we know that severe weather will be part of our daily lives for the next several months. While traffic safety is an important matter all year long, this is a particularly good time to review what we can do to keep students safe.

The need to be aware and alert at all times, on any road, and even in the most routine circumstances is key to traffic safety. This applies to students and drivers alike. Road conditions can be challenging in the winter months. So to those of us who drive, please take extra care on the roads and in parking lots, especially in areas where children might be present.

School staff periodically review street and traffic safety with students. Parents can help reinforce these safety messages with children at home. Below are some tips that might be helpful to review.

- Stop, look, and listen for traffic.
- Only cross at corners and crosswalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Walk on the right side of the crosswalk.
- Wear appropriate footwear to reduce the chances of slipping.
- Never run into the street.
- Obey crossing signals.
- Cross only if clear.
- Walk on sidewalks.
- Where there are no sidewalks, walk as far away from traffic as possible, facing traffic.

The safety of our students is always a top priority. Let's work together to make the winter season safe so we can enjoy all it has to offer

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND ALL THE BEST FOR A SAFE NEW YEAR!

