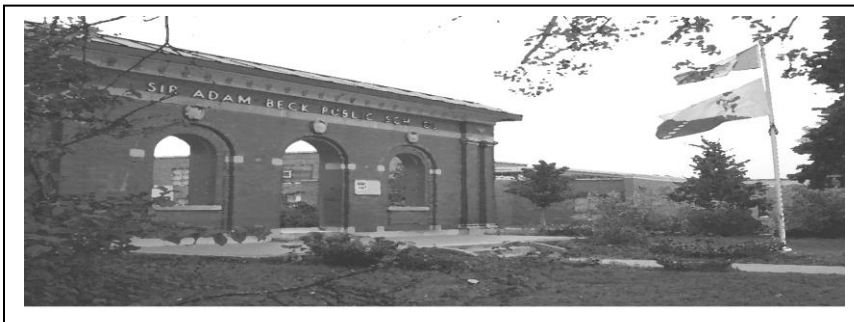


# Newsletter

École  
Sir Adam Beck  
Junior School



## June 2022

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<http://www.tdsb.on.ca>

## Upcoming Events

### June

- 3:** PD Day No School for Students  
Assessment and Evaluations
- 6-12:** Virtual Scholastic Book Fair
- 9:** Gr 5 FI Tour of John English
- 13:** Council Meeting, 6:30PM  
Google Meet joining info  
<https://meet.google.com/hvw-osmo-bhi>
- 14:** Gr 5 English Tour Lanor PS
- 24:** Grade 5 Moving On Day  
Virtual Ceremony, 9AM
- 24:** Rainbow Colours Spirit Day
- 28:** Report Cards Distributed

**Character Attribute**  
Perseverance

**Pride Month**  
Italian Heritage  
Portuguese Speaking Heritage  
Filipino Heritage  
National Indigenous History



### *Principal's Message:*

Dear SAB families,

It is hard to believe that we are heading into the final month of the school year. As the year unfolded and restrictions slowly lifted our staff and students were able to start enjoying time spent together outside of their cohorts. This was also the go ahead for us to finally offer belated birthday wishes to our beloved school. The Centennial celebrations began earlier in May with the installation of the centennial garden at the front of the school. Former teacher, Mr Bates' vision for an eco-school garden to be enjoyed by all finally came true. The party continued last Friday as we danced up a storm at the 100s themed family dance night. Special thanks to Mme Mahaney (for providing the beautiful student visual art works), Mr Burazin (lights and special effects) and the Moving On group of parent volunteers who made the night extra special. The celebrations wrapped up with a wonderful open house on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>. Many alumni, families and former staff came out to reminisce and spend time together honouring a century of excellence at SAB. Thank you to the Centennial Committee – with special mention to Mme Monpierre, Ms. Harwood and Mme Dibon-Smith for their tremendous effort in preparing for the event. No event can ever be successful without the support of our custodial team – thank you Mr Jasinski for all that you and your team do. It is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to Mr Jasinski as he heads off into retirement. His last official day will be Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup>. We will miss you and hope you enjoy retirement to the fullest!

Congratulations to our junior badminton and ball hockey teams on their successful seasons. Our slo-pitch, ultimate frisbee and track teams are readying themselves for their upcoming competitions this month. Thank you to Mme Dibon-Smith, Ms. Vucinich, Mme Brown and all the coaches for supporting our athletes.

As the month unfolds our thoughts will be with those students who will be Moving On to grade 6. We extend our best wishes and know that they will continue to make us proud as they venture off to middle school. Report cards will be distributed on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of the students, staff and administration we would like to thank the School Council and all of the parent/guardian/caring adult volunteers for all your support as we transitioned out of the pandemic. We could not have done it without you.

Best wishes for an amazing summer.

Keep well and stay safe.

*M. Kanalec*

**Principal** Michael Kanalec  
**Vice-Principal** Lauren Rovas  
**Superintendent** Dr Debbie Donsky  
**Trustee** Patrick Nunziata  
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& Corrine Frey  
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## June 2022 Council Corner

Email: [sabschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:sabschoolcouncil@gmail.com)

Facebook: [facebook.com/sabschoolcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/sabschoolcouncil)

Website: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/siradambeck/School-Council>

### **Family Dance Night - a fun-filled evening and fundraising success**

The centennial-themed Family Dance Night was a huge success. Attendance reached an all time high and the kids (and adults!) had a blast. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Burazin for the disco lights, the fog machines, and the bubble machine - all while projecting his visual effects on the big screen. We also want to thank all of the volunteers - especially the Grade 5 moving on Committee. The collective efforts of so many volunteers allowed us to close out the year with this fun-filled event.

We raised \$1860 from the dance. All proceeds will be used to support the Grade 5 Moving On celebrations.

### **Kindergarten Orientation**

Purvi Acharya, School Council Communications Coordinator, welcomed a group of new FDK parents during the parent information night for Education Week in May. Purvi invited this group of new parents to join our active Council to stay up-to-date on news, events and, of course, to support our students.

### **Fundraising**

You can continue to support SAB using the following two programs that remain available to us all year round. The Indigo gift cards are helpful for those considering purchasing teacher gifts for the end of school year, while the labels are great for labelling all that gear for summer programs!

#### **Indigo Flipgive**

- Visit [www.indigo.flipgive.com](http://www.indigo.flipgive.com), click Find a Fundraiser in the top left, search for Sir Adam Beck Jr. School or enter Campaign ID 41499 and purchase vouchers to redeem online or give as gifts.
- 20% of sales come back to our school

#### **Mabel's Labels**

- Visit [www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com](http://www.campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and type Sir Adam Beck into the search bar. Search for a variety of labels to help identify your children's masks, clothing, containers, water bottles, sports gear etc.
- 20% of sales come back to our school

## Equity update

In June, we celebrate Pride at Sir Adam Beck. 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.

This month at SAB, we are pleased to collaborate with Toronto Public Library for a virtual story-time led by a librarian from the Alderwood Branch. She will read Pride-themed books and stories to grades JK-2 and grades 3-5.

How to celebrate Pride with your kids:

1. Attend a Pride festival, parade or event as a family
2. Read a book with 2SLGBTQ+ characters
3. Choose inclusive movies, TV shows and games
4. Get crafty with rainbow art and decorations
5. Have a Pride-themed dance party (there are some great playlists on Spotify)
6. Learn about pronouns and practice using different ones
7. Share or watch stories from 2SLGBTQ+ individuals
8. Learn about the history of Pride month

Keep the conversation going! Use the Pride Month activities on this list as a way to talk with your child about the importance of respect and empathy for all, and create a safe space if they ever want to talk to you about their own identity. After all, Pride Month is all about community and inclusion – and that's worth celebrating all year round.

Where to get started? TDSB has compiled a list of resources for Primary and Junior grades: <https://tdsb-on-ca.libguides.com/c.php?g=723936&p=5181533>

In June, we also commemorate National Indigenous History Month. During this month, take time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples across Canada. Families can use this tool to learn about the Indigenous names, people and history of the land they are on, or use the global map to look up places all around the world! <https://native-land.ca/>

## Learning corner

An upcoming webinar that may be of interest:

### ***Parent Partnership Committee***

Monday June 13th 6:30-8:00pm.

**Organizer:** TDSB Mental Health and Well-Being Parent Partnership Committee

**Join:** <https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/92622480325?pwd=M29SR3JjNG1UWkpncjIWRWZnOXJMdz09>

**Objectives:**

- Increase awareness of the importance of Mental Health and Well-Being and the impact this may have on a child's overall success in school and in life;
- Create a better understanding that all members of the school community can benefit from Mental Health and Well-Being awareness and positive mental health practices;
- Helps parents/caregivers to understand the various pathways for support both within the TDSB and with our community partners agencies.

***The School Council would like to extend a special THANK YOU to the office administration, all of our teachers and the incredible support staff for another great year.***

***To the SAB community - thank you for your support of the School Council initiatives this year. We hope you will consider coming out to the last meeting of the year on Monday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. using the link on the first page of this newsletter. Please also consider joining the Council for the 2022/23 school year. Look for details on how to self-nominate for a voting position in September.***

***Have a wonderful summer!!!***

## **Centennial Update - The Open House**

What a celebration! Thank you to all who came to celebrate! The pictures were favourites, with some dating back to 1940. The furthest distance travelled to attend was Buffalo: a couple who still have many friends in the neighborhood. One hundred and eight names of students were drawn to win a centenary tumbler. More centennial items can be purchased in our online store (see link below.) The anniversary cakes disappeared very quickly.



A big thank you to the 50+ volunteers (adults and students) who helped create this event. **A BIG** thank you to the photography crew (Calley and Cooper J., Avery K., Maya and Ryan Y.) without whom there would not have been a photo gallery. Their patience and application in sorting, arranging and pasting the pictures was endless. It is much appreciated! A special thank you to the Home and School Association our whose vision we built on to create this event: “*Service and Community*”. Thank you to our very generous sponsors: **Royal Lepage Porritt Inc. Brokerage** who paid for all the centennial tumblers, and to **On the Block Realty Inc. Brokerage** who paid for all the cookies and the beverages. Merci!

We also want to thank the group of former teachers who came to see their former school and shared with us some precious anecdotes.

Thank you to our guest speakers who regaled us with insights on Education, and on Sir Adam Beck, the man and the school: Superintendent Dr. Donsky, Former principal Sid Mensinga, Purdy Award recipient, Mrs. Porritt, former teacher-librarian, Ms Deeth, and School Council representative, Mrs. Purvi Acharya.

Thank you to the teachers who provided students’ art, writing and posters: Mme Grant, Mme Bangma, Mrs. Bishop, Mme Brown, Mme Warburton, Mr. Burazin, Mme. Owsianka, and Mrs. Myhal. A special mention to Mme Dibon-Smith for a great centennial logo.

Thank you to Erika K., Maya L. and Ms Sylvia Grzymek, from the Toronto Public Library, for their research on historical facts.

Thank you to the poster and draw crew: Caitlyn P. Hillary K. Sydney C.-R., Shaun D. and Ainsley H.

Lastly, a special acknowledgement for Ms. Mimi Yoon, *Volunteer Extraordinaire* who helped in all aspects possible, at almost all hours of the day. Merci!

This is not an exhaustive list. Many people helped in various ways: Mrs. Donald, cutting the cake, Mr. Burazin, setting up the screen, Mrs. Chow with the balloons, Mr. Harwood, our photographer, Alison H. and Shannon C., at the welcome table, and Ms. Becky with her cleaning crew.

**To all, thank you!**

**See you all at the 125 birthday!**

Ms. Harwood and Mme Monpierre

Please use this link to purchase centennial objects: tumblers, T-shirts, long sleeve sweaters, etc. All items bear the centennial logo even if it does not show on the site (colour items).

<https://webstore.online/siradambeckpublicschool>

Deadline to order: **Wednesday June 8, 2022** (Sorry! No rain check.)

Delivery date at the school: **Monday June 20, 2022 8:00 am - 5:00 pm**

## School Spirit Wear Shop

**<https://webstore.online/siradambeckpublicschool>**

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# Virtual Book Fairs

Save The Date!

Dear families,

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic has developed a **Virtual Book Fair** to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together.

So save the date! Our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** will take place on

**June 6 - June 12, 2022**

When it's time to shop, visit our school's **Virtual Book Fair** site using this link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5184949>

Before our Fair begins, click the link to:

- **SAVE** it to your browser
- **WATCH** videos of popular new titles
- **PREVIEW** our Featured Books

Watch for news leading up to our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair!**

Happy reading!





**HAPPY SUMMER BREAK**