

Friday, January 29, 2021

Good afternoon Sir Samuel B. Steele Families!

Here are some updates:

Art Activities from Our Grade ½ Virtual Classes

Lots of great virtual learning experiences are being provided by our amazing team of teachers, Early Childhood Educators, Educational Assistants and Special Needs Assistants. Here are some art activities from our grade ½ classes.

Ms. Weiss' Class - Here are two pics from our guided drawing lesson from this week. It's a winter landscape focusing on perspective. Trees that are close are larger than trees that are far away.

Ms. Tanaka's Class – Here are two pics from our guided drawing lesson from last week. It's about Catching those Snowflakes! How fun is that!!



Upcoming School Council Meeting

We will be having our virtual School Council Meeting on Monday, February 8th at 5:30 pm. Please see the attached flyer for more details. An agenda will be sent with the next week's newsletter.

African Heritage Month Launch - Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Please join us in celebrating African Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board.

Date: Monday, February 1st, 2021

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.

TDSB Live Stream Link: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/stream/LiveWebcast-African-Heritage-Month.html>

African Heritage Month- Know Your Worth Conference

Empowerment, Excellence and Resistance

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize African Heritage Month during the month of February and many activities are being planned to celebrate and mark this important and relevant month. This year, our theme is "Kujichagulia: Self Determination" and we are excited to share with you one of our initiatives taking place on February 27th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, called, **Know Your Worth Conference**. It is a chance for Black students to attend workshops that will empower, educate and create community throughout the day. The theme of the Know Your Worth Conference this year is Black Resistance. We recently sent out a survey to a number of schools across the TDSB and overwhelmingly saw feedback indicating the students needed to feel hope and encouragement right now above anything else. Even though our conference will be held virtually using Zoom, this feeling of hopefulness is precisely what we wanted to achieve with this conference. Speakers and workshops will focus on several different issues including systemic racism, experiences of LGBTQIAP2+ youth, mental health, activism, financial literacy, identity and self-love. Attached to this email is a poster with information about the conference and a registration google form that will be open until registration closes on February 5th, 2021. Students interested in performing in our talent show will need to complete ALL questions from sections 3-7, in order to register their act by February 5th, 2021.

TDSB Greek Heritage Month Multi-Media Contest

March is Greek Heritage Month. It is an occasion to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Greek Canadians to Canada, an occasion to mark and enjoy the history of Greek culture. One of the highlights for Greek Heritage Month 2021 this coming March will be the TDSB Greek Heritage Month Multi-Media Contest, featuring original student & staff work in three creative categories:

- 1) Be graphic! Design a poster!
- 2) Sharpen your pencil! Write something!
- 3) Let's get digital!

The focus of this year's media campaign is:

1821-2021

Freedom and Unity – Ελευθερία και Ενότητα

Learning From Our Roots...Shaping Our Future

This year marks the 200th year of Independence for Greece.

Four groups qualify: K to Grade 3, Grade 4 to 8; and Grade 9 to 12; and TDSB staff. A winning submission will be selected from each of the qualifying groups.

Deadline for submitting entries is Friday, January 29, 2021. For more information, contest entry and submission guidelines, please see attached file or visit http://bit.ly/GHM_MediaContest and for the poster template:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DiqQ2DK8sqaNWTq1PR8SCFvZrzf4t7hC39fqpDXz2sU/edit?usp=sharing>

For information and resources about Greek Heritage Month visit:

https://bit.ly/GHM_TDSB

Student Verification Forms

In November, we sent home hard copies of **student verification forms**. It contains important information about your child. Please take the time to check through it carefully, **make any necessary corrections and email it to our office staff at Effie.Pallotta@tdsb.on.ca**. We are going through each student's profile to ensure we have the most updated information to keep your child safe in the school.

Thank you and have a great weekend 😊

Krishna Kumar