

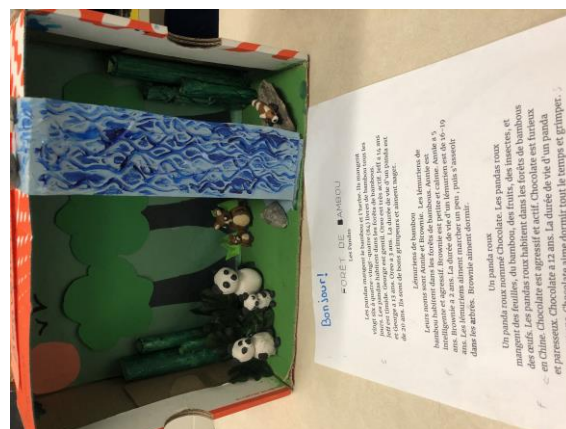
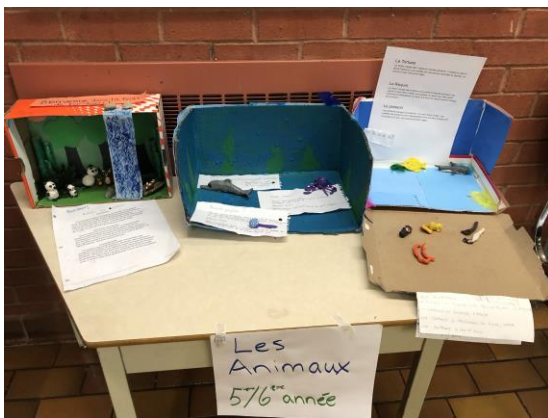
Thursday, April 1, 2021

Good afternoon Sir Samuel B. Steele Families!

Hope you and your family are keeping well and staying safe.

**Please see below for our updates:**

**News from Madame Scola's French Class**



During French classes, Mr. Drakos's grade 5/6 class has been learning about animals in French. They explored their habitats, qualities, physical characteristics, what they ate and what they enjoy doing. As a final project, they picked 3 animals to research and create a mini zoo exhibit for their animals out of clay. These were their amazing work! Great job grade 5/6!

### **Elementary Summer School 2021 – Registration Now Open!**

The focus of the Elementary Summer School Program is to support student learning and engagement through the month of July. Programs, embedded in Literacy and Numeracy, are developed by the local summer school principal to reflect the local school focus.

Thirty-eight programs are offered to students in Kindergarten to Grade 8, from July 5 – 30, 2021, in-person or online through virtual instruction.

Registration is now open! [Click here](#) for a full list of participating schools and registration information. Please see the attached files for flyers from Lynwood Heights and Beverly Glen Public School.

### **ASD After School Skills Development Leisure Program - Spring 2021 Session**

We are pleased to inform you that a remote Spring session of the ASD Afterschool Leisure Program will run from April 20 - June 17, 2021. The program is available to students in grades 4-10 who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Please see the [attached letter](#) which includes the link for registration. The registration period will remain open until Friday, April 9, 2021.

### **Latin-America History Month at the TDSB: Invitation to Participate in a 1-Minute Talent Video Contest**

The month of April is recognized as Latin-America History Month at the Toronto District School Board. This year our theme is "(De)Colonizing) Latin-America History Month & Beyond: Learning together about our collective pasts, alongside our relatives of today, the Eagle, the Quetzal and the Condor. "Through the representation of the Eagle, the Quetzal and the Condor, April marks our efforts to go deeper into the histories/herstories/theirstories that have not been told through mainstream education narratives about Latin-America. The visual for our month depicts the coming together of the Eagle representing the Lands of North America, the Quetzal representing the Lands of Central America and the Condor representing the Lands of South America. The Latin-America History Month planning committee members are inviting all TDSB students from kindergarten to grade 12 to submit a 1-minute talent video showcasing their gift that showcases the above theme! See the [attached document](#) for full details!

Deadline for submissions: Thursday, April 1st at 12:00 pm

The two selected winners will be announced at the Latin-America History Month Virtual Launch on April 7th, 1:00 pm (Live Stream) <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/stream/LiveWebcast-LatinAmerica-HistoryMonth.html>

### **Sikh Heritage Month at the TDSB: Invitation to attend the Virtual Launch**

Sikh Heritage Month is proudly recognized at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) during the month of April. On March 22, 2016, the Board of Trustees voted to designate April of each year as Sikh Heritage Month, making the TDSB the first school board in Canada to do so, and matching recognition by the province of Ontario who proclaimed the Sikh Heritage Month Act in December 2013. This year our theme is Growing our Future: The Legacy of Sikh Farmers. Sikh Canadians have lived in Ontario since the turn of the twentieth century. They have made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of Ontario and their traditions and culture continue to be a vibrant part of every aspect of our current life today. This includes many Sikh families who participate in farming throughout Canada. An invitation is being extended to all TDSB staff, students, and the TDSB community by the TDSB Sikh Heritage Month planning committee in attending the Virtual TDSB Sikh Heritage Month Celebration. Details are noted below and on the [attached flyer](#).

TDSB Sikh Heritage Month Virtual Celebration

Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Link: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/stream/LiveWebcast-Sikh-HeritageMonth.html>

We hope you are available to join us!

**Virtual Parenting Workshop on Supporting Your Child Through Challenging Times**

Our Social worker, Ms. Covelli and her two of her colleagues will be offering a parenting workshop for parents/caregivers of elementary-aged students (JK – grade 6). There will be three different dates/times for families to choose from, and then we will offer a second workshop for those parents who would like to meet again. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

**Parking Lot**

During pick-up and drop-off times, please park your vehicles on the street, as the parking lot is only for our daycare and school staff use. When parents use the parking lot for dropping off students, it not only creates traffic congestion and delaying the staff from entering school building on time, but also contributes to some serious safety concerns as we see children walking through the parking lot. We also ask that the families use the walkways on either side of the parking lot rather than walking through the middle of the parking lot.

**Thank you and have a great long weekend 😊**

Krishna Kumar