

Friday, April 9, 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 Ms. Beckford's Kindergarten Class**



In our Kindergarten class, we have been exploring different female artists from diverse backgrounds. The students chose from a variety of tools and materials in order to make art inspired by a particular artist. We looked at sculptures British artist Barbara Hepworth created focusing on curves and created our own sculptures using pool noodles, wire and beads. We explored shape and line in our art pieces. We studied artwork by the “princess of polka dots”, Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama and explored pieces made by the first female African American artist to get a solo exhibition, Alma Woodsey Thomas. – Ms. Beckford

### **Ward 20 Virtual Ward Forum**

Trustee Manna Wong will be holding a [Virtual Ward Forum](#) on Monday, April 19, 2021 from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Please click on the link above for more details.

### **Planning for Next School Year**

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of this school year and are beginning to plan for next year! As we begin to engage in planning, it would be helpful for us to be aware of our families, who may be moving to a new location. If your children will not be attending our school next year, please email our office administrator Lori Humber at [Lori.Humber@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Lori.Humber@tdsb.on.ca).

### **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.

### **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.

### **April Break**

**Next week, we will be on April Break.** I hope you have an opportunity to relax, rest and take a break from what has been a complicated and challenging school year. I want to thank you for being great partners in keeping our school safe and following all the Covid-19 safety protocols. Our collective efforts made a difference in the health and safety of our school community. As you know, the province has implemented a province-wide shutdown for four weeks in response to the worsening trends of COVID-19 across Ontario

and in Toronto. We must all continue to follow the public health measures to help prevent and limit the spread of COVID-19, including:

- Socializing only with your own household
- Staying home if you feel ill and getting tested
- Participating in the targeted testing offered by the TDSB and its health partners
- Screening, every day, for COVID-19 symptoms before attending childcare
- Practicing good hand hygiene, masking and physical distancing

**As of now, schools are closed to in-person learning until Sunday, April 18.** We expect to hear at the end of next week what the plans are for a return to in-person learning and when it may be and will inform you as soon as we know more.

**Thank you and have a great break 😊**

Krishna Kumar