

Dear DD-ISP Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Caregiver(s),

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Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We are the TDSB occupational therapy and physiotherapy services' staff members who visit your child's classroom. Katie Tsang is the primary consultant for Gamma Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and Lisa Lei is the primary consultant for Gamma Classes 5, 6, 7, 9, 10. Our job is to support the educators in your child's class/school with programming and environmental suggestions to support student inclusion, participation, success, equity, well-being, and a sense of belonging.

We support by providing:

- ideas about movement skills such as sitting, walking, gym skills, hand skills, fair play skills, etc.
- sensory strategies to help students stay calm and focused
- strategies for self help skills: dressing, eating, washing, using the toilet, cooking, etc.
- strategies for job readiness skills: socialization, organization, community travel, transitions, etc.
- ideas around accessibility: setting up the class, washrooms, and other school spaces so that everyone can participate
- training sessions for staff and parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s)
- demonstrations in the class

If your child has needs which are new or different from the others in the class, an individual referral may be made. If this happens, we will call you to ask permission, review consent, get some more information about your child's needs, and discuss next steps, as appropriate.

If you have any questions or want to know more, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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