



# Sunnylea Update #18

## Upcoming Dates <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/sunnylea/Calendar>

April 18 - 21 Goosechase weekend  
April 22 - Earth Day Clean up 2 pm  
April 26, May 10, 24 - Pizza Days  
May 15, June 6 -Drumming workshops - grade 4 and 5, Presentation on June 10  
May 15 - Primary concert (Camilleri, MacLean, Evans) @4 pm  
May 16 -17 - Dental Screening - for kindergarten and grade 2 - see attached  
May 21 - Warren Park Outdoor Ed - MacLean, Walker-Penyk  
May 21 - Track Meet #1  
May 22 - Grade 2-4 concert (Breau, Fordyce, Copeland) 1 pm and 6 pm, Grad Photo @ 9:00 AM  
May 23 - Kindergarten orientation  
May 24- Jump Rope For Heart DONATE HERE: <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/46236>  
May 26 - Fun Fair  
May 29 - Volunteer Breakfast - see attached  
May 30 to June 4 - EQAO

## Extra Curricular

Chess Club - Tuesdays (ending soon), Grade 4 Girls Club - Tuesdays, Oscar Peterson Club - Thursdays (ending soon), Origami Club - grade 3 - Tuesdays, Friendship Bracelet Club - grade 5 - Thursdays, Library Club - Fridays

## Class Make-up for 24-25

There are 11 classes at Sunnylea next year, which is the same as this year. Class make-up is decided by a combination of factors, including teacher allocation, primary caps of 20, cohort needs and projected enrollment. Typically, they are fairly stable, but there are times (such as this past year) where minor changes are made over the summer due to unexpected enrollment changes. Tentatively, the classes will be as follows:

JK/SK -  
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Grade 1  
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Grade 2  
Grade 2  
Grade 3  
Grade 3-4  
Grade 4-5  
Grade 4-5

## Student Placements for 24-25

Student placement is always a difficult process in which all schools take great pains to achieve the right fit for each child. Placing any child in a class is a serious responsibility for all teachers.



Consequently, careful consideration and much time is given by your child's current teacher to the process of creating the best learning environment for your child. Classrooms are organized based on a balance of factors: academic levels, social, emotional and behaviour needs, program needs, gender, learning styles, and group dynamics. Please note that split grades will have a variety of learners at each grade. We do not follow the model of putting academically higher students in the lower grade and academically lower students in the higher grade. We also endeavour to alternate between straight and split grades, when possible.

**To be clear, parents do not choose their child's classroom placement.**

*If you wish to make us aware of any special needs which may affect your child's learning that we may not already know about (i.e. dynamics with other students **outside** of school), please submit this information in writing to the principal's attention **no later than May 1**. You are also welcome to **remind us** if your child has been in a split grade two years in a row and there is an option for a straight grade next year (see above). Email: [jackie.stafford@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:jackie.stafford@tdsb.on.ca).*

**Please be aware that class placements are at the discretion of the school and we will always take the collective benefit over individual requests.**

- Any requests for specific teachers will be ignored.**
- Any late requests will be ignored.**
- Anything not in writing to the principal will be ignored.**

## Parking Reminders

For the safety of our students, parking along the boulevard is not allowed. Signs went up this week as a reminder. On the first day, someone expressed their displeasure by damaging one of the signs and taking one of the two boards out of it. Sigh.

This rule is not there to inconvenience parents. It's there for the safety of our students. I'm not making this up. We have had students hit by cars and several near misses.

Please change your pick up location to the gate along Grenview, where there is short-term parking available.

We still have parents parking in the disabled parking spot, and I will be contacting Toronto parking authority to monitor this.



## EMA - Excursion Management Application

If you are having trouble accessing the EMA trip permission form, please note the following: This [parent link](#) will work whether or not you received an email.

If you are having account setup challenges it is likely for one of the following reasons:

1. Wrong parent email (must be what the office has, was on Data Verification)
2. Wrong postal code format. You have to use a space for example M8X2R1 will not work but M8X 2R1 will.

3. Inputting the child's OEN in place of a student number. Our older students should have their student number in the front of their agenda. Parents of younger students should speak to the teacher to receive this.

### Ed Roldan – Speaker Series - Parent feedback

I have had two separate parents write to me about how great these workshops are. Here is one of their messages: *I wanted to let you know that these webinars are recorded and shared the Etobicoke Psychological Services Family Team (EPS Family team) youtube channel. I have found them to be very informative, practical and helpful. There are also a number of useful resources, i.e. books and websites that are recommended. Passing this along in case you'd like to share it with other families at the school.*

<https://www.youtube.com/@epsfamilyhealth7086/videos>

### Sikh Heritage Month

Thank you to parent, Tanbir, for coming in and working with two classes, and building their understanding of Sikhism.



### Community Walks

As the weather is improving, you'll see more teachers heading out for community walks in the neighbourhood. You would have signed permission for this early in the school year. We endeavour to tell you ahead of time, but sometimes there are spontaneous decisions.

### Climber Closed Before and After School

During "school hours" - 15 minutes before and after school - the climber is closed. You are welcome to use it after 3:40 PM.

### Volunteers Needed

**We have the following volunteer needs coming up later this year:**

- Jumprope for Heart - parents needed to cut up and serve oranges for our Jumprope event on May 24th - 2:20 to 3:25. If you are interested in helping out please email [gloria.camilleri@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:gloria.camilleri@tdsb.on.ca).
- Graduation Ceremony - June 25 - 1:30 to 3:00 - last year we began the tradition of having grade 4 parents serve refreshments during the reception after the graduation ceremony. If you are interested in helping out, please email [jackie.stafford@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:jackie.stafford@tdsb.on.ca).
- Fun Fair volunteer opportunities will be forthcoming - May 26th.

### Cross Guard - Teresa

We have a wonderful crossing guard outside the school, Teresa Derosa. Please see attached thank-you colouring sheet. Additionally, here is a link to acknowledge her: [Thank you - Toronto](#).