



Sunnylea Update #6 - November, 2023

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

November 10 - 10:25 - Remembrance Day Ceremony - Outdoors - parents welcome to arrive any time after 10:20 (after recess) - bring a lawn chair if you can. Please do not come into the yard until after the recess bell.

November 14 - Progress Reports, Initial Observations home

November 17 - PA Day - no school

November 21 - Dance N Culture workshops - Bhangra [What is Bhangra?](#) (*thank you to parent council for funding this)

November 23 - Parent Social

November 24 - Fresh From Farm pick up, Pizza Day

January 8 - Paul Davis parent presentation: <https://socialnetworkingsafety.net/sample-page/>

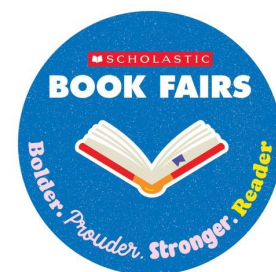
(*Thank you to the parent council for funding this extremely important parent workshop on internet safety. This presentation is shared with the families at Lambton Kingsway. Put it in your calendar today as past families have been disappointed about missing this!)

Winter Clothing Drive and Food Bank Drive

We are continuing to collect winter clothing (coats, boots, mittens etc) for all ages. Please leave bags of clothes at the bottom of the stairs at the front door. Our food bank drive continues. Please leave food items at the top of the stairs at the front door.

Library News

The Scholastic Book Fair is back between November 13th- 17th. Please see attached letter with the times.



Virtual Library

Our school librarian is Mme Foley (amanda.foley@tdsb.on.ca) Visit our virtual library here: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/library/HOME/schoolno/2018>. **Passwords are attached.** Go to the section labelled "Read, Watch, Learn". There are many resources on this page that you can use with your child. For instance, **Pebble Go** has a variety of stories that focus on social studies and science concepts and are suitable for grades 1 to 5.

Early Pickups:

If you need to pick up your child early from school for an appointment, please email the teacher and indrani.battersby@tdsb.on.ca to let them both know. Please plan to pick up during a natural transition time, such as the start of recesses or lunch. The best times are at the start of lunch at 11:40, or at recess, either at 10:05 or 2:00. If you come outside of these times during the school day, you'll likely have to wait for us to collect your child.

At lunchtime, unless it's an emergency, we ask that you stick to pick-up times at the start of the lunch hour or at the end of the lunch hour (11:40 and 12:40 for grades 1 to 5, and 11:40 and



12:52 for FDK). Mid-lunchtime pick ups have safety implications for the school, as Ms. Stafford is often supervising in the schoolyard and Mrs. Battersby is securing entry and supporting ill or injured students in the office. Removing one of us from that duty to find and collect your child removes us from these responsibilities and can have safety repercussions.

If, on occasion, you are not able to make these times work, please email us ahead of time so we can look for a solution.

Parenting Resources

Parent Education Network <https://parenteducation.net/workshop-categories/parent-workshops/>
City of Toronto

<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/children-parenting/pregnancy-and-parenting/parenting>

Walk in Counselling Service - [What's Up Walk-In | Lumenus | Programs & Services](#)

Toronto Public Health Messages to Parents

[News: Reduce the Spread of Respiratory Viruses | Toronto District School Board \(tdsb.on.ca\)](#)

Parent Council

At last night's school council meeting, Julia Graham, from Stonegate Community Health Centre, came to discuss the crises of food security in our community. Stonegate Community Health Centre actively works to reduce barriers to accessing healthy food. They use a multi-service approach, working closely with community partners such as Christ Church St. James food pantry, and running food programs that build nutrition literacy, reduce social isolation, and increase access to food and food knowledge. This holiday season, they are running a Good Food Box drive that provides fresh produce to families. Please see the attached flyers for more details.