



Important Updates

Feb. 26 – Pink Shirt Day / Anti-Bullying

Feb. 26 – Assembly Dance-a-thon,

Mar. 10 – Dance-a-thon Pledges due

Mar. 16-20 School Break

Apr. 10 – Good Friday School is closed

Apr. 13 – Easter Monday School is closed

Apr. 20 – Grade 7 Final Vaccination pm

Apr. 27 - School Council Meeting 5.p.m

May 18 – Victoria Day School is closed

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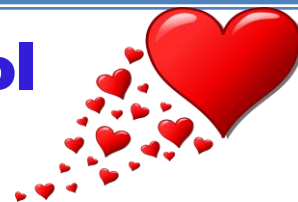
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February Newsletter 2020

From Ms. Harvey, Principal



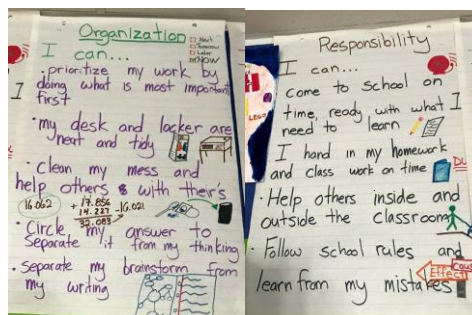
Happy Chinese New Year

Many of our classes had Chinese New Year celebrations as we welcome the year of the Rat. This celebration is also known as the Spring Festival or Lunar New Year. In our kindergarten class, students engaged in creative play with the Dim Sum menu and colourful food items made by our George Brown student Shelly.



The Importance of Learning Skills

Our staff has been working with the students in their class to build a common understanding of what demonstrating excellence in learning skills looks like. These skills are: Responsibility, Independent Work, Initiative, Organization, Collaboration and Self- Regulation. This gives students a clear understanding of expectations and helps teachers with assessing students' skills. Here are some examples from our 5/6 class.



Digital Library

Remember that your child can access great resources for learning on the TDSB Virtual Library. You can reach this site from the Toronto District School Boards web page. <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/library/>

School Council-Dance-a-thon

Our School Council has organized a Dance-a-thon to raise money to support classroom activities and field trips. The "kick off" assembly takes place on **February 26** and sponsor and pledge cards will be given to students after the assembly. The Dance-a-thon takes place on **March 10**. We hope that you will support this fundraiser. Happy Dancing!

Parents as Partners Conference

The Parents as Partners Conference 2020 is on **Saturday, March 28** and all parents are welcome! This free conference is planned by parents, for parents and includes a variety of workshops and resources that will help any parent support their child in their achievement and well-being at school and at home.

This year's keynote speaker is Kim Katrin, an internationally acclaimed award winning educator, writer, artist & consultant. With a focus on student life, Kim explores how intersections of race, sexual orientation, and gender impact mental wellness. Emphasizing these connections allows for an inclusive discussion and a holistic focus on mental wellness and community engagement.

Technology micro-sessions are also being offered to help parents develop their computer literacy as well as bring them up to speed on many applications used by TDSB students.

Transportation, food and translators are all provided, as well as free day camp for children ages 4-12 to support participants attending the conference. Registration opens mid-February at <https://www.parentspartners.ca/>.

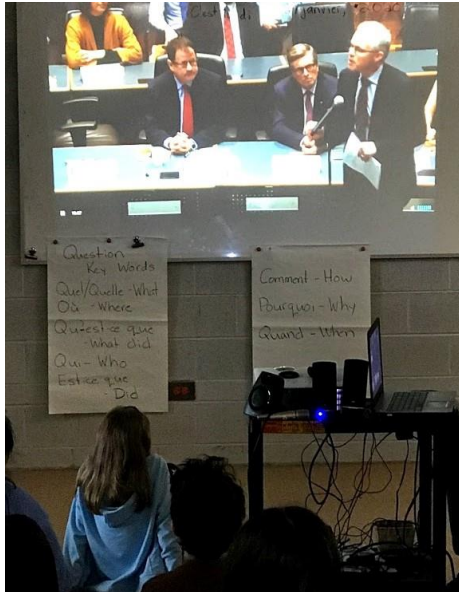
Kindergarten Registration

Registration for Junior Kindergarten has begun. Registration is by appointment only so please call the school to book a time to register your child. You can start your registration online by going to <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/KindergartenMont>, to fill out the forms. Children who are turning four before December 31, 2020 qualify for Junior Kindergarten. Children who turn five before December 31, 2020 qualify for Senior Kindergarten.



Hana's Suitcase

All of our grade 6 students received a copy of the book Hana's Suitcase donated by Indigo as part of a TDSB initiative to recognize International Holocaust Day and the 76th anniversary of liberation from Auschwitz. Our grade 6 students watched a live webcast with our Mayor John Tory, TDSB Director John Malloy, Heather Reisman from Indigo books and Lara Brady who is the niece of Hana Brady. It was an informative discussion which helped our students learn more about past events in history which we never want to happen again. Students are reading this book in class and engaging in important discussions about the topics raised in this story.



Teamwork

Team is a big part of our skill building to create our positive climate at The Waterfront School. Here are some of our kindergarten students demonstrating their teamwork leadership.



Supply Lunchroom Supervisors Needed

Are you interested in being a lunchroom supervisor? This is a paid TDSB position. Please call the office if you are interested.

Bus Safety

All of our students participated in a school bus safety presentation from our transportation consortium, school board and Ministry of Education. The primary presentation introduced the students to Buster the robotic school bus and students received an activity book. Our Junior/Intermediate presentation used a game show format. Both presentations engaged the students and communicated important information on bus safety and behaviour.



Secondary Program Review

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is undertaking a review of secondary schools to ensure all students have equitable access to programs and opportunities, as close to home as possible. As part of **the Secondary Program Review**, the TDSB is reviewing the **Optional Attendance policy** (P013), which allows students to apply to schools other than their designated school by home address.

A public consultation process for both the Secondary Review and P013 started in November 2019. Please visit the TDSB website for more information and opportunities to provide feedback:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/SecondaryProgram-Review>.

If you have any questions and/or comments, please email SecondaryReview@tdsb.on.ca

School Cash Online

Remember you can use **School Cash Online** to pay for your child's field trip or for your Dance-a-thon pledges. It is easy to use, safe and convenient for parents. For more information and to sign up, click on the attached link. [School Cash Online Information](#).

FlipGive

This is a great way to purchase gift cards and at the same time raise money for our school. When you purchase a gift card from FlipGive, the school receives a percentage to use to purchase needed items. Follow the links from the FlipGive site or through the App (download the app [here](#)). Click [here](#) for a list of brands that earn donations with each online purchase through FlipGive.

The next School Council Meeting is Monday April 27 at 5pm.

Nutrition Program Volunteers Needed

Can you spare an hour or more in the morning to help prepare the morning meal for our students? Please call the office if you are available.