

# Thorncliffe Park P.S. News

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# Message from Administration

November brought many opportunities for parents/caregivers to meet with our educators.

Students received their progress report card and families had an opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss their child's strengths and areas for growth. Families attended workshops on "Getting to know the school" and "Report cards" presented in collaboration with our settlement worker from TNO, Nasim Damani and our teachers, Ms. Ricci and Ms. Arora. Our new School Council also hosted their first meeting which was well attended.

We continue our work as a Math Priority School with teachers working with our Math Learning Partner, Ms. Inglis, at professional learning sessions and in our classrooms. We are excited to see the use of effective strategies to teach mathematics in our classes.

We look forward to continued partnership with our families to build our students' skills in Math and Literacy.

Ms. Harvey Kerr, Mr. Fabbri and Ms. Roumanis

**Thorncliffe Park**



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# Important Dates

Date	Events
December 5	X World School Event
December 7	X World School Event
December 8	Teachers meet with parents/caregivers
December 21	December Assembly & Concert
December 23	Winter Break begins
January 8	Return from Winter Break
January 31	School Council (virtual meeting)



# Belonging & Contributing



Our students have taken responsibility for the bulletin boards in our front halls.  
Grade 2 students share their learning about empathy.





# Belonging & Contributing



On the November 17 PA day, families attended our Winter Clothing Event. Thank you to our teachers and amazing volunteers who helped organize the event.





# Belonging & Contributing



Students in grade 4 support students in grade 1 who are learning English.





# Extracurriculars & Leadership



Our Grade 4/5 Boys Volleyball won their tournament  
and qualified for the Conference Finals.





# Extracurriculars & Leadership

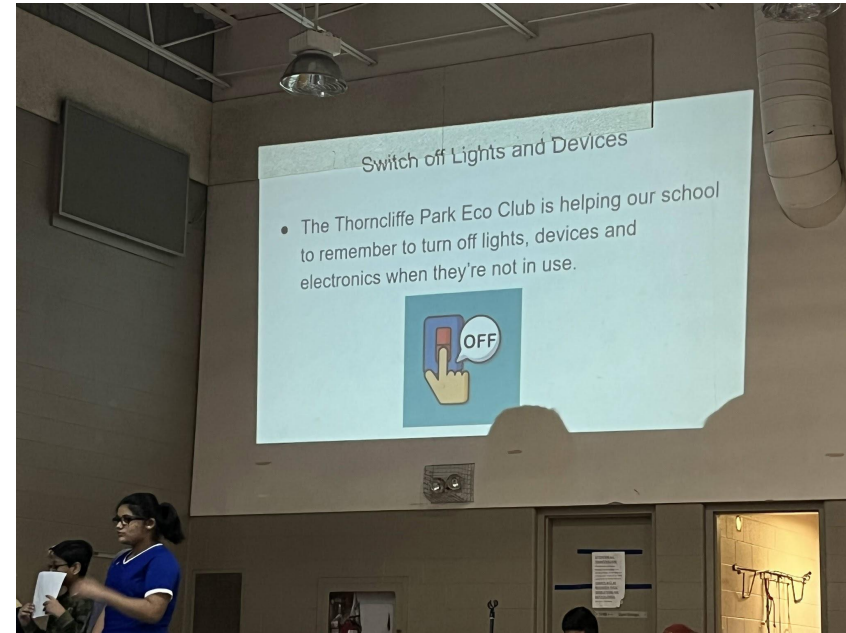


Our Girls Basketball Team hosted their tournament at our school.  
Grade 5 Leaders acted as time and score keepers.





# Leadership



At our November assembly, our Student Leaders from the EcoTeam challenged us to make a difference by bringing garbage free lunches, using GOOS paper, switching off lights/devices and understanding landfill and recycling.



# Leadership



Our Eco Team organized a school wide cleanup to improve our yard.





# Leadership



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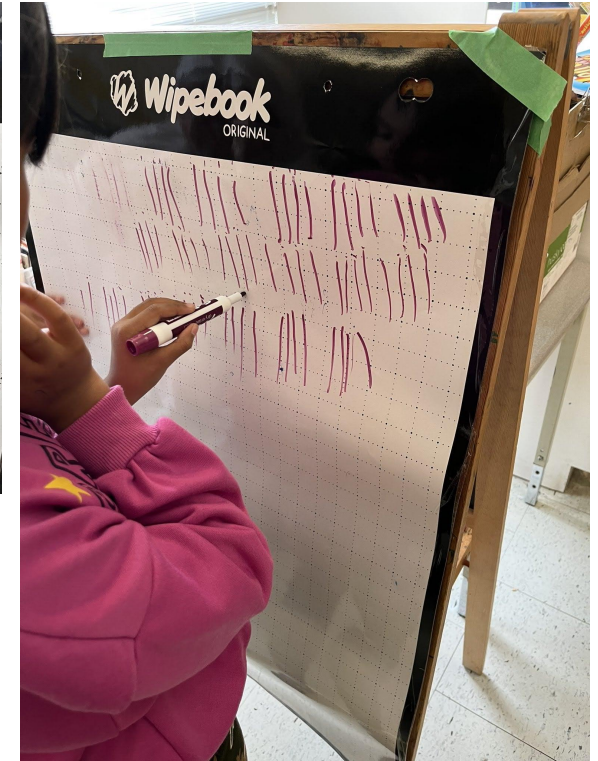
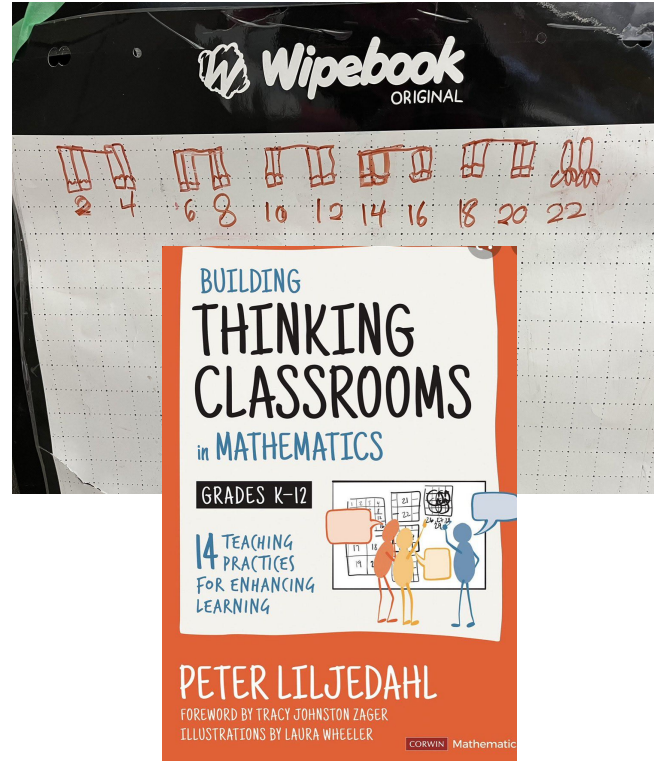
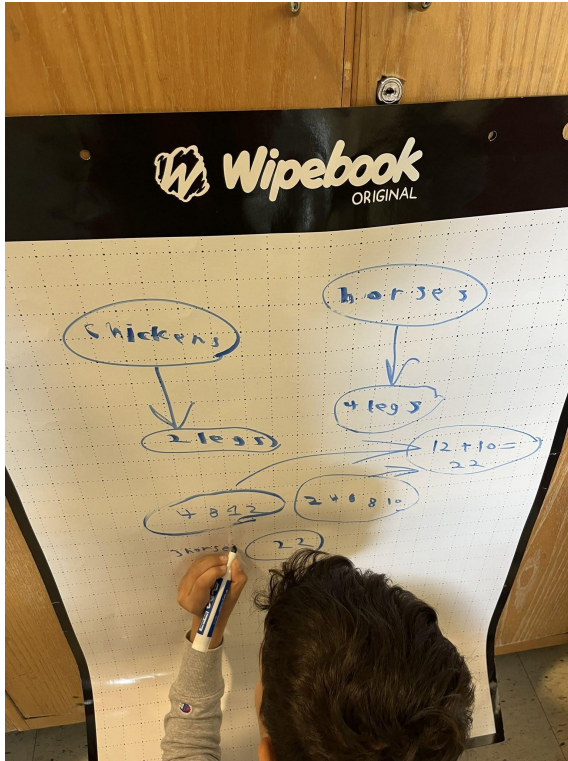


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# Building Thinking in Math



Students are working on solving challenging problems by working in different groups and using vertical whiteboard charts to show multiple solutions.



# Ways to Support Learning

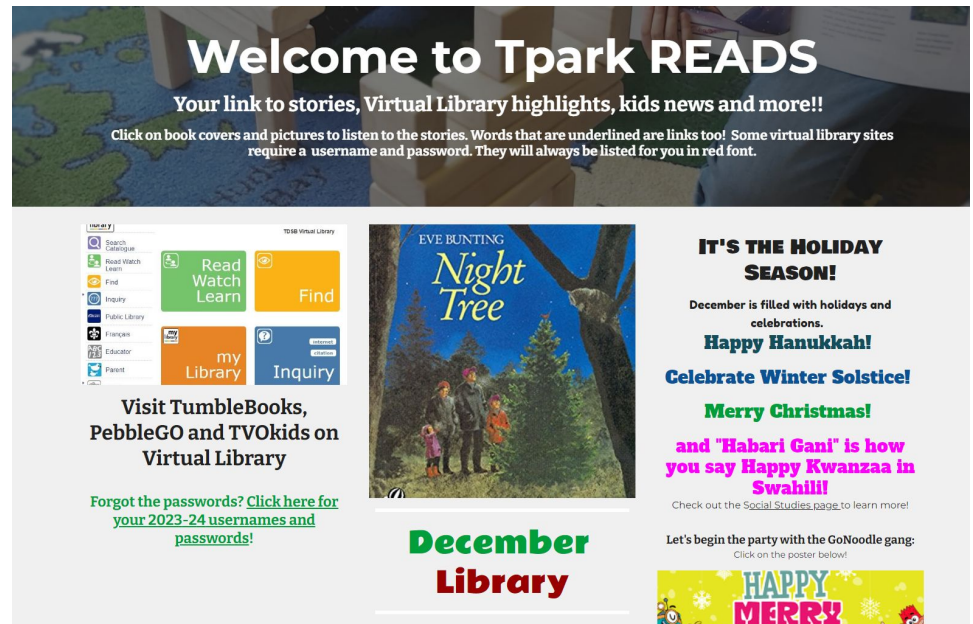
Each month our Ms. Williams in the Library shares texts that students can read at home using the digital library.

There is a special grade 1/2 reading section.

Students can learn about Science, Social Studies and the Arts.

Take a look at [TparkREADS](#)

Thank you for helping your child read at home every day.



**Welcome to Tpark READS**  
Your link to stories, Virtual Library highlights, kids news and more!!  
Click on book covers and pictures to listen to the stories. Words that are underlined are links too! Some virtual library sites require a username and password. They will always be listed for you in red font.

Visit TumbleBooks, PebbleGO and TV0kids on Virtual Library

Forgot the passwords? [Click here for your 2023-24 usernames and passwords!](#)

**December Library**

**IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON!**  
December is filled with holidays and celebrations.  
**Happy Hanukkah!**  
**Celebrate Winter Solstice!**  
**Merry Christmas!**  
and "Habari Gani" is how you say Happy Kwanzaa in Swahili!  
Check out the [Social Studies](#) page to learn more!

Let's begin the party with the GoNoodle gang:  
Click on the poster below!

**HAPPY MERRY**

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# Partnerships and Opportunities

Free 1:1 online math  
tutoring with Ontario  
Certified Teachers

Get started



TVO Learn Mathify is brought to you by TVO Media Education Group, with funding by



**TVO Learn Mathify** provides free, online math tutoring for students in grades 4-12.  
Learn more at <https://mathify.tvolearn.com/>

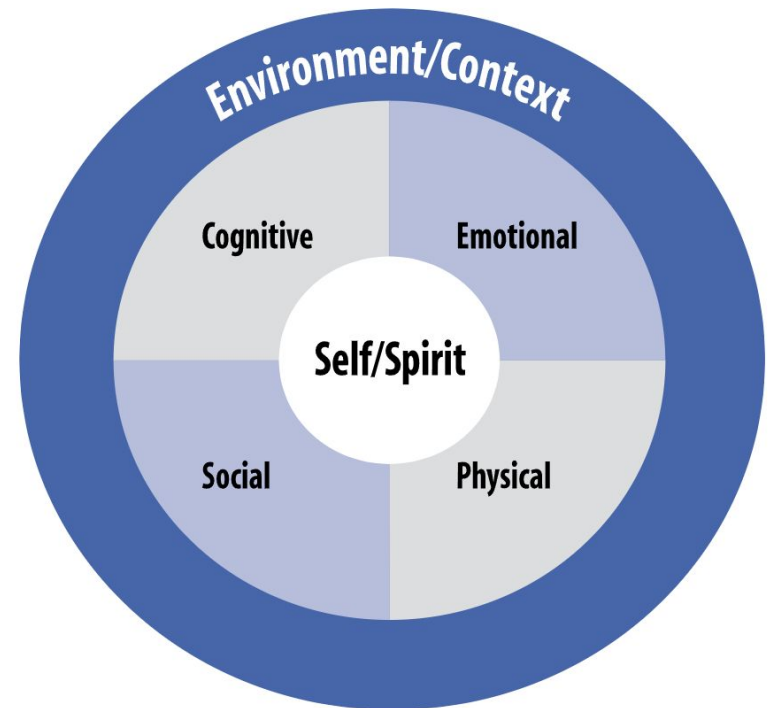
# Ways to Support Wellbeing

TDSB has shared well-being supports with families through system emails:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Supporting-You/Mental-Health-and-Well-Being-Professional-Support-Staff-PSS>

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/affinitywellness>

As well the [system letter](#) has a list a supports.












December 2023

# December is Kindness and Caring

At Thorncliffe Park we work on learning activities designed to develop good character and help children make good choices. Our focus this month is on **KINDNESS AND CARING.**

December Kindness 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY						
													
4	Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	5	Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6	Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7	Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	8	Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9	Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10	Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them
11	Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	12	Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13	See how many different people you can smile at today	14	Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	15	Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day	16	Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17	Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you
18	Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving	19	Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20	Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21	Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	22	Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23	Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24	Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh
25	Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	26	Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27	Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28	Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	29	Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30	Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31	Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2024



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# School Council

We had a good turn out at our November School Council meeting. We met our new and returning school council members and talked about ways to keep our school clean, arrive on time for school and improve student learning.

Please join our next meeting on:

- January 31 (virtual meeting)
- 5:30 pm



<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/thorncliffepark/Thorncliffe-Park-School-Council>



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# Partnerships and Opportunities

## Positive Parenting

To register for ZOOM link,  
please contact

Nasim - 647-296-0167

[ndamani@tno-toronto.org](mailto:ndamani@tno-toronto.org)



## Triple P Positive Parenting Program

Triple P helps you:

- Create a stable, supportive, harmonious family environment
- Teach your children the skills they need to get along with others
- Deal positively, consistently and decisively with problem behaviour should it arise
  - Encourage behaviour you like
- Develop realistic expectations of your children and yourself

**Participants will receive a certificate after the 4 sessions!**

**Every Monday**

**Nov 20, 27, Dec 4, 11, 2023 @ 1:00-2:30 PM**

**ZOOM**

To register for ZOOM link please contact  
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# Partnerships and Opportunities

Last month, our school was contacted by a young boy named Liam from Leaside and his family. Liam is only in elementary school but he has begun giving back at a young age. He and his parents have a built a website and contacted several sports clubs and organizations collecting donations of new and gently used sports equipment (various balls, hockey equipment, soccer cleats, etc.)

In the photo you will see Liam on the right and two of our Grade 5 students helping with the donations. Please visit his website to learn more about his equipment bank



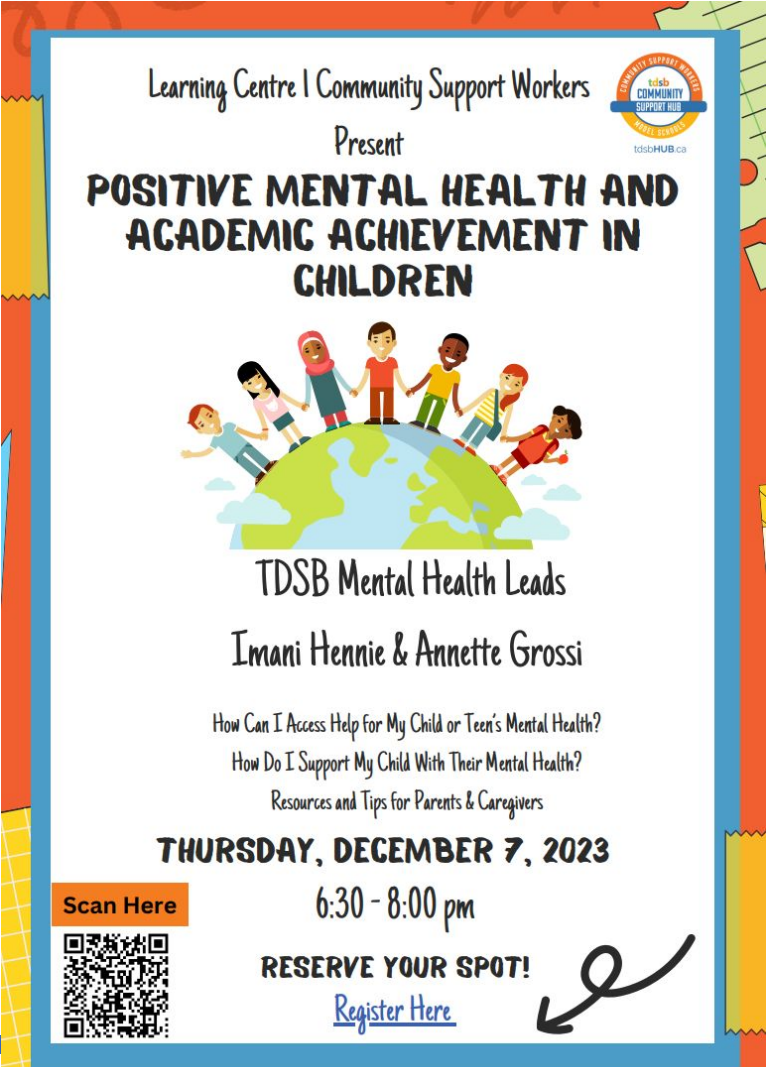
# Partnerships and Opportunities

## Model Schools


Positive Mental Health and Academic Achievement in Children

Register for the workshop here:

[Register Here](#)



Learning Centre | Community Support Workers  
Present  
**POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT IN CHILDREN**





TDSB Mental Health Leads  
Imani Hennie & Annette Grossi

How Can I Access Help for My Child or Teen's Mental Health?  
How Do I Support My Child With Their Mental Health?  
Resources and Tips for Parents & Caregivers

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023**  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**  
[Register Here](#)

Scan Here  






# Information from our School Trustee

Our TDSB Trustee is Rachel Chernos Lin.

Each month Trustee Chernos Lin shares a newsletter and other opportunities with our families.

Here is Trustee Chernos Lin's  
[Recent Newsletter](#)

Stay informed!

To learn more, visit Trustee Chernos Lin's  
webpage: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward11/>



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[https://twitter.com/tpps\\_tdsb](https://twitter.com/tpps_tdsb)