

Thorncliffe Park P.S. News

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Message from Administration

It is hard to believe that we are in the middle of February and that Family Day is next week.

Term one report cards will be sent home with your child on Wednesday, February 14th. Due to technical difficulties with the printing of report cards in TDSB, the school needs additional time to complete the printing and signing of report cards.

Your child's teacher may reach out to you to schedule a meeting to review your child's report card. In addition, parents/caregivers may also request a meeting with your child's teacher to review the report card.

We said goodbye to Mr. Moore who has supported our school as vice principal since January. We have appreciated his connection with students and leadership. This week we welcome Ms. Alexander as our permanent vice principal. We look forward to having Ms. Alexander join our Thorncliffe Park team. Remember, there is no school for students on Friday, February 16th or Monday, February 19th. Enjoy the long weekend.

Ms. Harvey Kerr, Mr. Fabbri, Mr. Moore and Ms. Alexander

Thorncliffe Park



Together We Can

Important Reminders

To support safe dismissal of students, these areas are closed until 3:15 pm:

- Pavement area in the back yard
- Bus loop and parking lot
- Gate by door 12



Important Reminders

At times your child may have a conflict with another child at school.

Adults or older siblings cannot speak to other people's children when their child has a conflict at school.

Please contact your child's teacher or one of our office administrators to help.

We are here to help.



Important Dates

Date	Events
February 14	Term 1 report cards go home
February 14 - 16	Report card conferences
February 16	PA day (no school for students)
February 19	Family day (no school for students)
February 28	School Council - 9:15 am



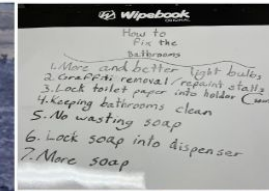
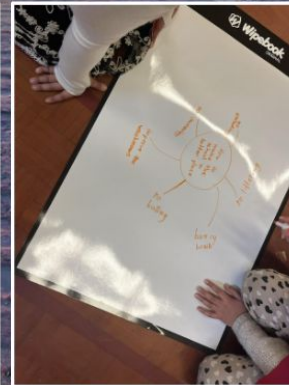
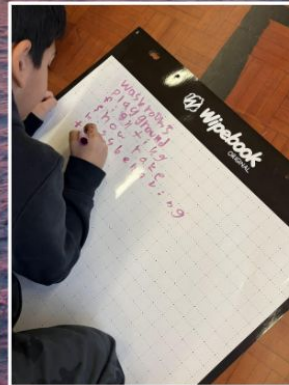
Belonging & Contributing

My experience as a Student Council member

By Zainab.

-Zainab. At first I didn't really expect to get accepted into the student council and when I found out that I got in, I was so grateful. The first meeting I had attended, we talked about different ideas to increase the schools safety and cleanliness. The student council came to an agreement and chose washrooms as the first problem.

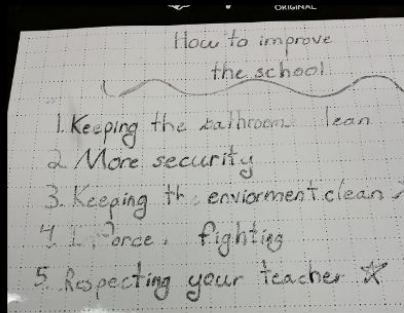
Here are some student council members working together.



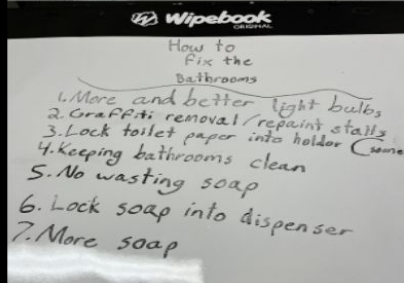
Student Council members shared the way they plan to make a difference in our school at our January teamwork assembly.

Belonging & Contributing

Our Work



For our first meeting, Ms. Harvey Kerr told us to write down the things that can improve parts of the school.



It was a no-brainer to choose the washrooms. In fact, every member of the student council chose to work on the washrooms.

School Council leaders challenged students to do their Thorncliffe Park best and keep our washrooms clean. We were so impressed with the messages they created.



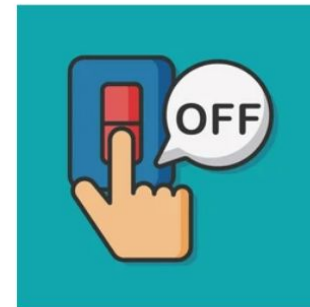


Belonging & Contributing

Attention all students

- The eco team will be coming to your classrooms on today at lunch
- We are coming to check your lights and your devices to make sure they're turned off
- In November, we did a pre-check to see how many classes kept their lights off when no one was in the classroom. Here were the results:
 - Grade 1: 6 out of 15 classrooms
 - Grade 2: 1 out of 14 classrooms
 - Grade 3: 2 out of 13 classrooms
 - Grade 4: 3 out of 9 classrooms
 - Grade 5: 1 out of 10 classrooms

Lets see if we can do better!

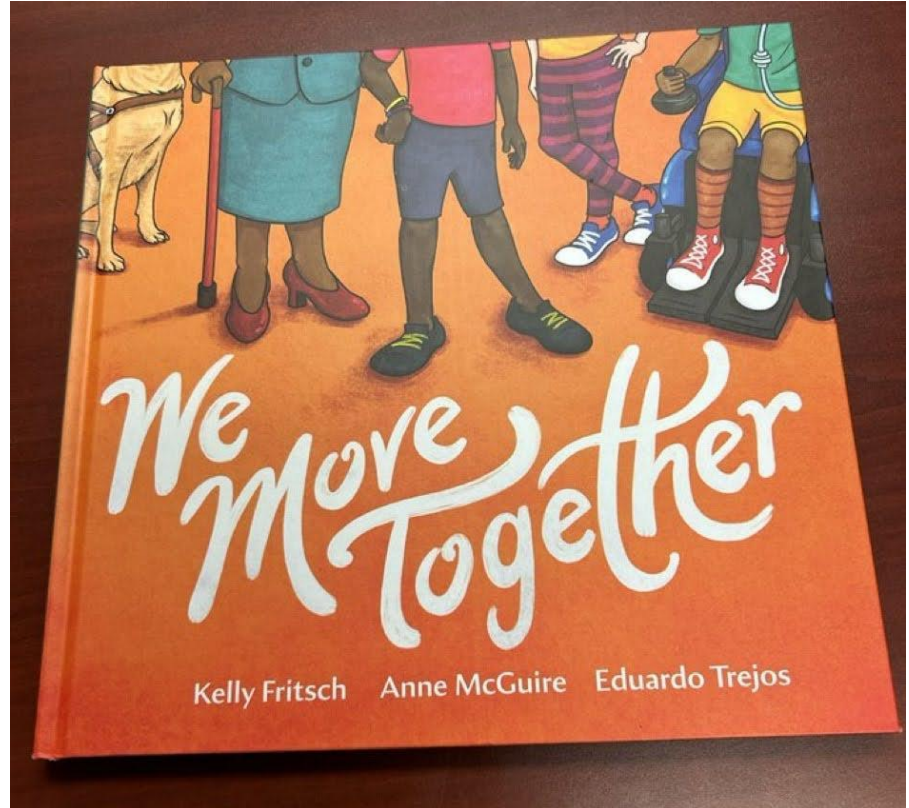


Our Eco Team continues to challenge us to save energy and resources to make our school and the world a better place.





Belonging & Contributing



Mr. Moore worked with different classes to share mentor texts that use a windows (we see others experiences) and mirrors (we see our own experiences) approach to value and respect different identities.



Belonging & Contributing



This work with mentor texts continues as a regular part of our learning in classrooms.



Extracurriculars & Leadership



Gr 3 Ball Hockey



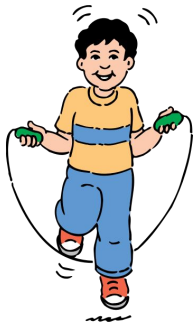
Gr 3 Yoga



Gr 5 Dodgeball



Gr 4 Origami



Gr 2 Skipping



Gr 4 Math Club



Speed Stacking



Indoor Gardening

Our Extracurricular and Leadership opportunities for students continue to grow.

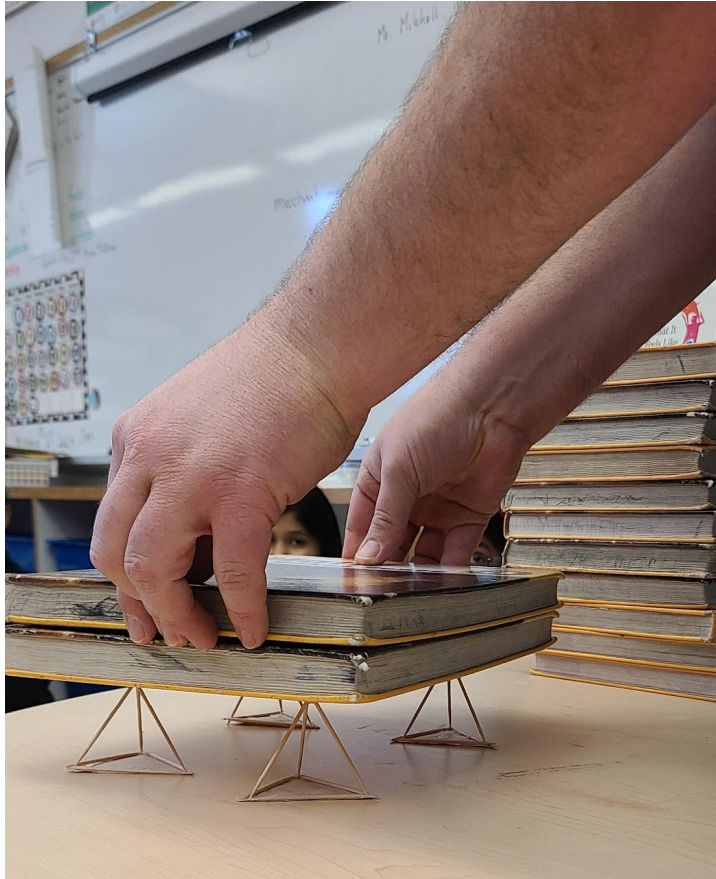
Grade 1 Board games coming soon!





STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

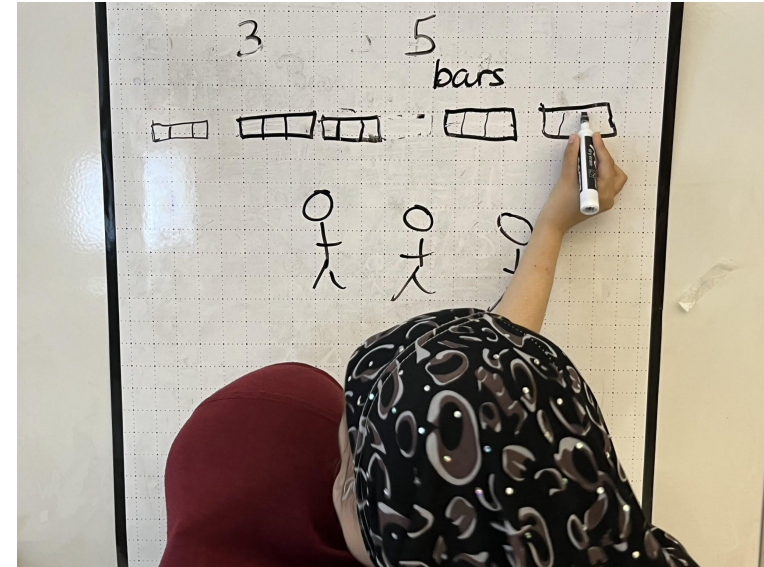
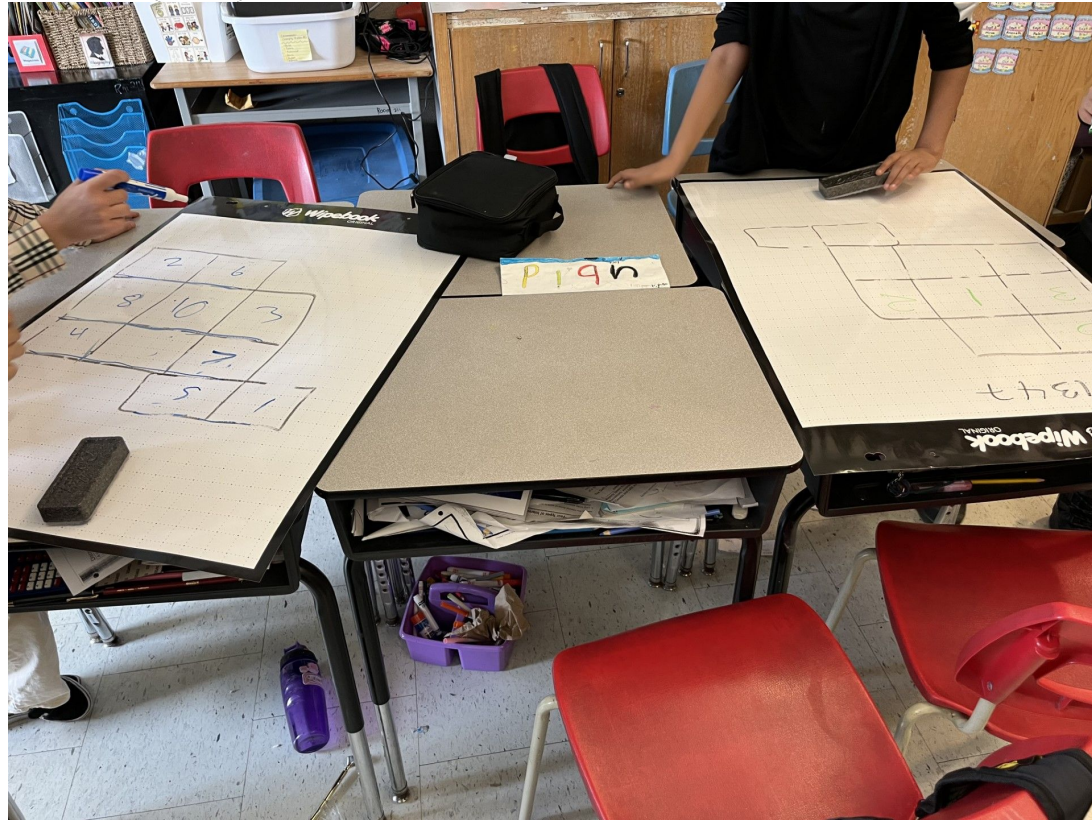


Many of Grade 3 classes are participating in a Great Pyramid Challenge to learn about the strength and stability of structures.





Mathematics



Our teachers and students continue to work with our Math Learning Partner, Ms. Inglis to learn different strategies to improve our thinking and communication in mathematics.





Building our Regulation Skills

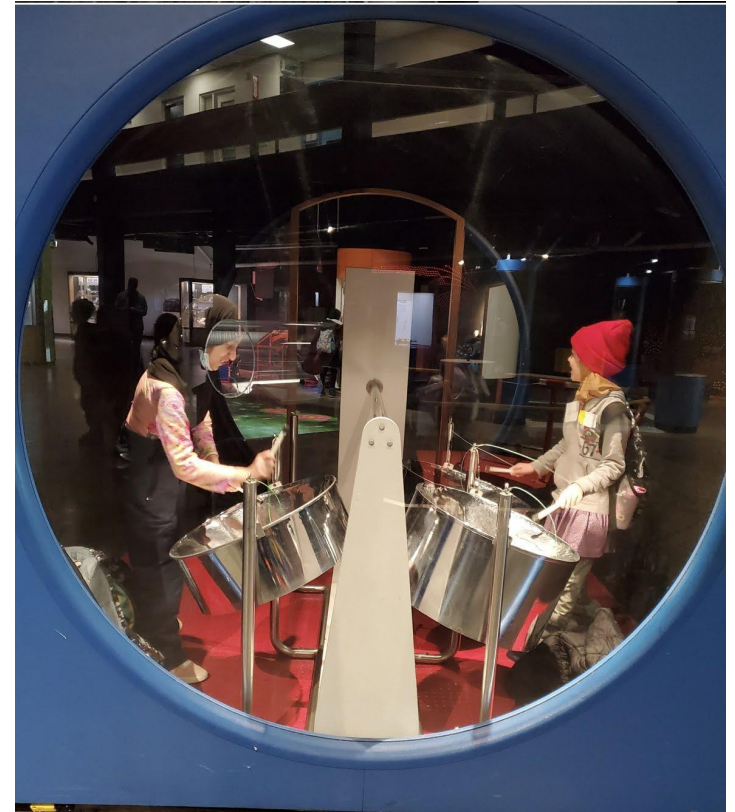


We received new items from TDSB OT/PT, supported by Mr. Moore to enhance our regulation and motor room and add to our UDL (Universal Design for Learning) library.





Learning outside of the Classroom



Our students continue to benefit from opportunities to learn outside of the classroom by attending a U of T hockey game, visiting the Science Centre, having visits from scientists or outdoor learning teachers and visiting places in our community.



Ways to Support Learning

Each month Ms. Williams and Ms. Wong in the Library share texts that students can read at home using the digital library.

There is a special grade 1/2 reading section.

This is a wonderful way to support your conversations with your child about respect, identity and inclusion.

Take a look at [TparkREADS](#)



#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
GRACE BYERS
I Am Enough
PICTURES BY KETURAH A. BOBO

THIS VALENTINE'S DAY, THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU LOVE ABOUT YOURSELF.

Make a design like the one below. Brainstorm words that describe you and write them in the spaces. Then colour your YOU POSTER!



February is African Heritage Month.

Did you know long ago, Canada's code name was Heaven? Find out all about it on the [Social Studies](#) page and read an **ANANSI** trickster tale [HERE](#)

Happy Lunar New Year!

2024 is the year of the DRAGON. What was the symbol for your birth year? Find out & learn how to draw a Chinese Lion Dancer! Just click on the dragon below!



We will also celebrate 100 days of school!!

Try the 100 day challenge below!!



Can you help?

Do you have time to volunteer (unpaid) at our school a few days a week? We are looking for parents/caregivers to help with:

- Lunch supervision - 11:25 am - 12:30 pm
- Snack volunteers - 8:45 - 10:00 am
- Classroom volunteers - flexible

If you can help, please contact the main office at (416) 396-2460 or email

ThornccliffePark@tdsb.on.ca



February is Fairness

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 **FAIRNESS.**

Your child can show fairness by:

- playing and working fairly with others in the family
- treating others in the family in the way that they would like to be treated

Questions to discuss with your child:

- Do you treat others the way you would like to be treated?
- When someone is unfair, how does that make you feel?
- Does equality mean that everyone gets the same, or that everyone gets what they need?

Encouraging fairness in your child:

- Listen to your child if he or she has a concern or request. Engage in fair discussion to resolve the issue.
- Show that fairness is important, and that it is crucial to treat others with respect and without judgment.

Thank you for supporting our Character Development program.



BUILD CHARACTER
BUILD SUCCESS

African Heritage (Black History) Month

As we focus on Kindness, Inclusion and Respect at Thorncliffe Park, we will continue to highlight the TDSB days of significance and heritage months.

This year's chosen theme is **Our Black Is...**

Our Black Is Resilient, Community, Beautiful, Unity, Joy, Self-Determination, Excellence, Empowering, Purpose, Brilliance, Engaging, Creative, Belonging, Tenacious, Powerful, Faith, Audacious, Powerful, Me...

Watch the video below to hear students share their thoughts about Our Black.

Link: https://youtu.be/tFH_7iss6MY



School Council

Please join our next meeting on:

- February 28 (in-person)
- 9:15 am at the school

Check your email for information about the upcoming meeting.



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



February 2024

Partnerships and Opportunities

Literacy Club

Saturday morning literacy club is provided at Thorncliffe Park by the Leacock Foundation again beginning in February.

Register for the session here:

[Register Here](#)

THE LEACOCK FOUNDATION

SATURDAY MORNING LITERACY CLUB!

IMPROVE READING AND WRITING SKILLS, AND BUILD STUDENT CONFIDENCE IN A FUN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT!

FREE PROGRAM



WHO
Students in Grades 1-6
from Thorncliffe Park P.S.

WHERE
Thorncliffe Park P.S.

WHEN
February 3rd - May 4th 2024
Saturday's 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

More Information

- ✓ Engaging Curriculum
- ✓ Ontario Certified Teachers
- ✓ Innovative Workshops
- ✓ Healthy Snacks
- ✓ Recreational Activities

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE:
Click on the link or scan the QR Code to register!

→ tinyurl.com/SMLCWinterSpring2024



Contact Us: Stefania Matarazzo: stefania@leacockfoundation.org; (416) 489-9305

February 2024

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Literacy Club

Join the March Break Math Literacy program provided at Thorncliffe Park by the Leacock Foundation.

Register for the session here:

[Register Here](#)

THE LEACOCK FOUNDATION

MARCH BREAK

Math Literacy

FREE PROGRAM

WHERE

Thorncliffe Park P.S.

WHO

Students in Grades 1-6
from Thorncliffe Park P.S.
and Valley Park M.S.

WHEN

March 11th - 15th, 2022
9a.m. - 3p.m.

Join us during March Break to:

- Learn about financial literacy
- Build up math confidence
- Develop a math growth mindset
- Strengthen math skills
- Have FUN!

Program Benefits

- Ontario certified teachers
- Engaging curriculum
- Trained volunteers
- Innovative workshops



PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE:

Click on the link or scan the QR Code to register!

tinyurl.com/MBML2024



Contact Us: Stefania Matarazzo; stefania@leacockfoundation.org; (416) 489-9309

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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