

January 2024

Thorncliffe Park P.S. News

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Message from Administration

December was an exciting month at Thorncliffe Park Public School!

We welcomed back X Movement to our school for half day workshops over three days for all of our in-person and virtual classes. Our school hosted Our grade 1 and 3 classes who have been working with the itinerant music teacher had the opportunity to perform the songs they have been working on at our December assembly. We ended with a large group sing along to celebrate the winter break.

Our teachers continued their learning on supporting regulation and relationships among our students with the TDSB Autism Team. Our Grade 5 classes worked with their teacher and our Social Worker to discuss identity and respecting differences. Our Grade 3 students received their CCAT scores. Parents/caregivers of Grade 3 students, do not forget about our CCAT information session on January 17.

We celebrated the beginning of 2024. We are looking forward to continuing our learning at Thorncliffe Park.

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

Thorncliffe Park



Together We Can



Important Dates

Date	Events
January 8	Return from Winter Break
January 19	PA day (no school for students)
January 25	Grade 4 and 5 Hockey Trip
January 31	School Council (virtual meeting)





Belonging & Contributing

X World at Thorncliffe Park.

Our focus was on:

- Global Mindset
- Equity vs Equality
- Diversity, Empowerment and Inclusion

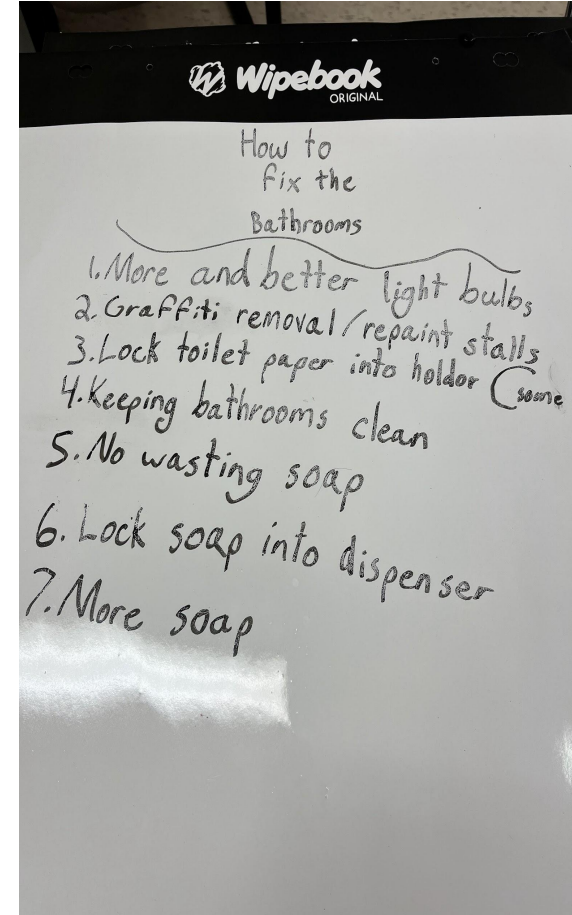
It was a great day as students participated in active sessions both indoors and outside!

X WORLD

BECOMING A GLOBAL CITIZEN



Belonging & Contributing

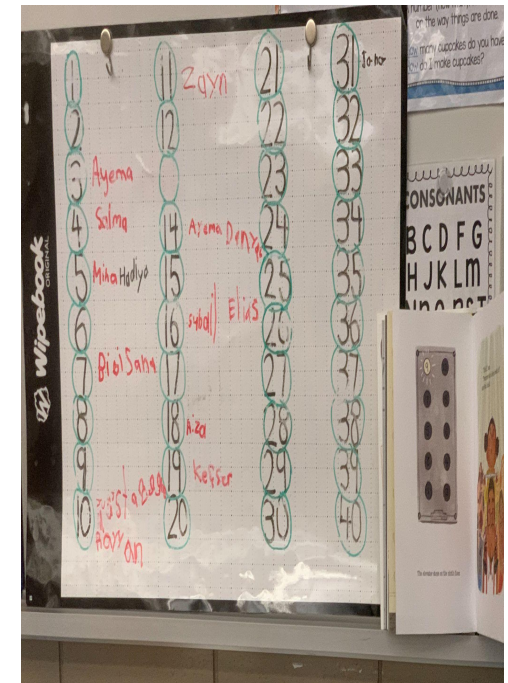
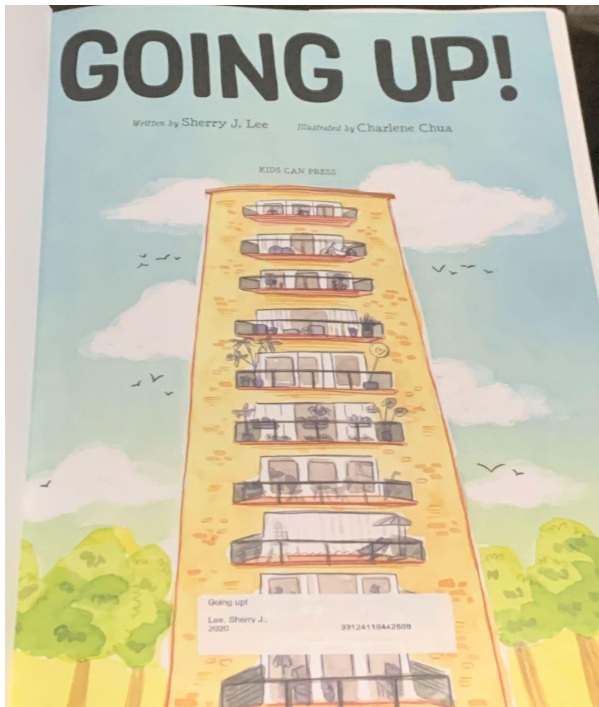


Student Council members brainstorming ways to make a difference in our school. Students decided to focus on ways to keep our washrooms clean during the school day.





Belonging & Contributing



Our students continue to learn from 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



Students in grade 1 and 3 who are working with our Itinerant Music Teacher performed at our Winter Concert.





Extracurriculars & Leadership



Our Grade 4/5 Boys' Volleyball team participated in the regional semi finals.



Extracurriculars & Leadership



This month we have Grade 4/5 Boys' Basketball, Speedstackers and Origami Club starting.





STEM and Mathematics



Students benefit from our Partners in Action in the STEM lab to use the resources to build skills in coding, STEM and Mathematics.



Fun in the Snow



Fantastic examples of teamwork during a snowy recess.



Ways to Support Learning

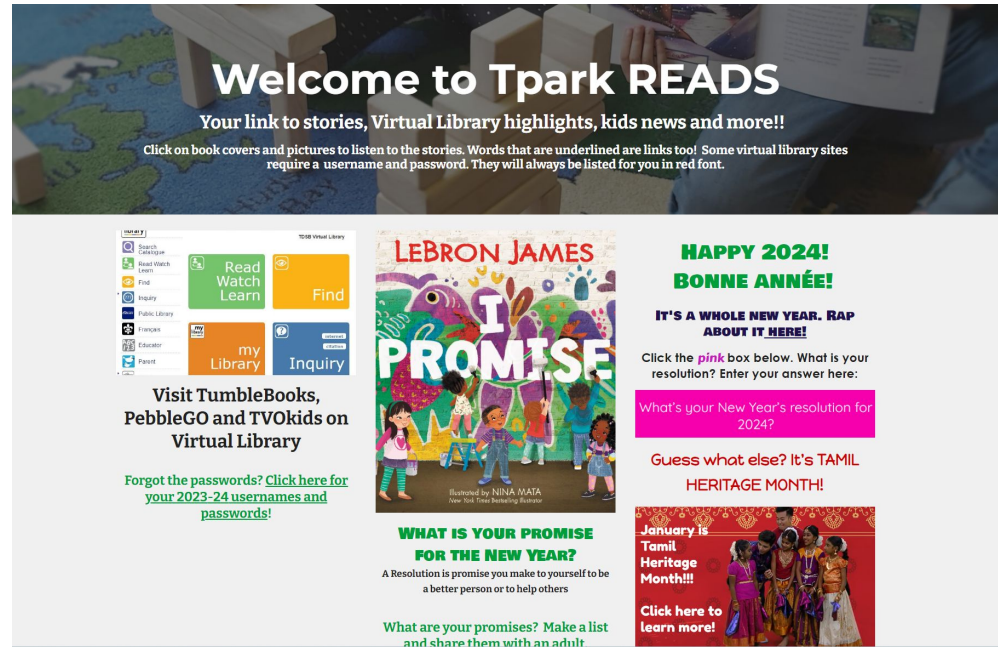
Each month our Ms. Williams in the Library shares texts that students can read at home using the digital library.

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.



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Ways to Support Learning

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/>

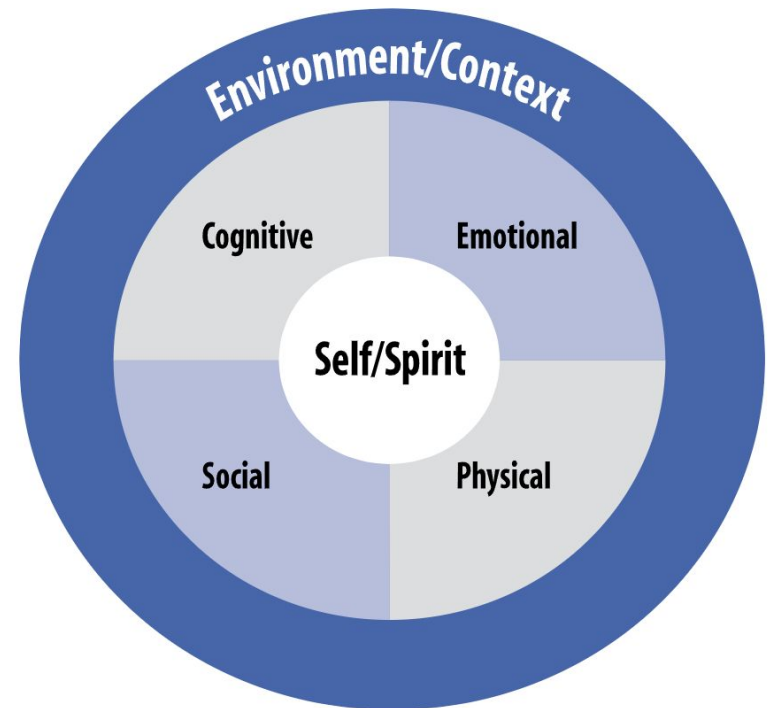
Ways to Support Wellbeing

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.



Can you help?

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

- Lunch supervision
- Snack volunteers
- Classroom volunteers

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

ThorncliffePark@tdsb.on.ca



January is Teamwork

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 **TEAMWORK.**

Your child can show teamwork by:

- working with peers in a group to complete school assignments
- participating in a sport and working as part of a team to be successful
- taking responsibility in household chores for the benefit of the family

Questions to discuss with your child:

- What does it mean to be a team player at home?
- How do you deal appropriately with conflict when it occurs during teamwork?
- What are some of the ways to resolve some of the arguments that occur at home?

Encouraging teamwork in your child:

- Play games as a family to develop teamwork and good sportsmanship
- Stress the importance of willing to work and play with others at school, in the home, and in the community
- Share a story that will help your child understand that sometimes “fair” does not mean “equal”

Thank you for supporting our Character Development program.



BUILD CHARACTER
BUILD SUCCESS

School Council

Please join our next meeting on:

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

Check your email soon for the link to join the meeting.



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



January 2024

Partnerships and Opportunities

CCAT Information Session

Parents/caregivers of Grade 3 students are reminded of the CCAT (Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test) information session this week at the school.

Please sign in at the front office and you will be directed to the staff room.

Bring your child's CCAT results.

We hope you can join us.

Grade 3 CCAT Assessment

(Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test)

Please join us to learn more about the CCAT learning profile of your child.

- * Wednesday, January 17, 2024.
- * 2:15 pm
- * Thorncliffe Park Staffroom

Abilities	Age Scores			APR Graph				
	Standard Age Score	Age Stanine	Age Percentile Rank	1	25	50	75	99
Verbal	91	4	29					
Quantitative	104	6	60					
Nonverbal	101	5	52					
Composite (VQN)	98	5	45					

Abilities	Raw Scores			Grade Scores		Local Scores	
	Number of Items	Number Att.	Number Correct	Grade Stanine	Grade Percentile Rank		
Verbal	62	62	20	3	14		
Quantitative	52	52	20	4	36		
Nonverbal	56	56	26	4	36		
Composite (VQN)				4	27		

Notes:



CCAT7

Partnerships and Opportunities

Understanding Report Cards

Please find attached a flyer for the January parent/caregiver session called "Understanding Your Child's Report Card: How to Prepare for the Parent/Teacher Interview".

The Zoom session will be held on Wednesday, January 24th from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Participants can expect to receive answers to the following questions...

- What do I need to know about the Kindergarten/Elementary report card?
- What is the Parent Concern Protocol?
- How do I prepare for the parent/teacher interview and what should I expect on that day?

Parents/caregivers interested in the session may register here -

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrce-qgzwiH9YkohHr7DhmL6gMptt0Ecki#/registration>

tdsb
Community Support Workers
Present

Understanding Your Child's Report Card

How to Prepare for the Parent-Teacher Interview

Virtual on Zoom

About This Session

Learn strategies to support your child's learning at home, an understanding of each section of the Kindergarten/Elementary report card, and the importance of goal setting with your child's teacher.

Scan to Register

Click to Register

Wednesday, January 24, 2024
6:30-8:00pm

Report Cards

Progress & Assessment

What do I need to know about the Kindergarten/Elementary report card?

What is the Parent Concern Protocol?

How do I prepare for the parent/teacher interview and what should I expect on that day?

For more information, please contact Community Support Worker, Yetunde Olowokere at yetunde.olowokere@tdsb.on.ca

www.tdsbHUB.ca

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Partnerships and Opportunities

Salat in Secret

The Islamic Heritage Month Committee, in partnership with the Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Department, is offering families the opportunity to attend the virtual session of *Salat in Secret: Love and Belonging in Community Spaces*.

Monday, January 29, 2024.

The sessions commemorate the National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia. Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow, critically acclaimed author of *Your Name is a Song* will share an interactive storytelling session focused on courage, conviction and the importance of prayer spaces.

The community session will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. To register for the community event, please complete this [Google Form](#).



Salat in Secret: Love and Belonging in Community Spaces

Monday, January 29, 2024

This session commemorates the National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia. Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow, critically-acclaimed author of *Your Name is a Song* and many other celebrated children's books, will engage TDSB students, along with their caregivers and families (during the community session), in an interactive storytelling session focused on courage, conviction and the importance of prayer spaces.



Classroom Sessions (Grades 4 - 8)
1:00-2:00 p.m.

[Please Register on myPATH](#)

Community Session (Kindergarten to grade 8 students, their parents and families, and community)
6:00-7:00 p.m.

[Please Register Here](#)



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Partnerships and Opportunities

The event is for parents/caregivers to learn how to approach developmental concerns in their children and provide information on available community resources and supports.

Event will be on Thursday January 25 at 6 pm.

Register using the QR code or the link below:

[Anbu Session](#)

The poster for the 'Anbu Love & Kindness' session features a collage of images: a family looking at a smartphone, a young child with curly hair, and a building facade. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a color palette of blue, orange, and white. The event details and registration information are clearly presented at the bottom.

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Community Support Workers
Present

Anbu

Love & Kindness

 **SAAAC
AUTISM
CENTRE**

 [Virtual on Zoom](#)

About This Session

Do you or your child's teacher have concerns about your child's development or speech? Is a diagnosis of autism something you worry about? Join us to learn more about how to approach developmental concerns in your child and what next steps to take.

**Thursday January 25, 2024
6:00-7:30pm**

Scan to Register



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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) 489-9309

January 2024

Partnerships and Opportunities

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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<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/thorncliffepark/>

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