



Twentieth Street Junior School

June 2022



**PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER 2022
SCHOOL ORGANIZATION MODEL**



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As we approach the final month of this school year, I wanted to extend my appreciation to our families who worked closely and partnered with our staff to support students whether we were in-person or in Remote Learning to provide them with opportunities to continue their learning. We truly could not have accomplished our tasks without the support and dedication of our parents!

Our students have been exposed to many unique learning opportunities and our hope is that it has instilled in them the importance of valuing learning wherever it takes place in life. Learning is a lifelong skill that takes place in any setting particularly when health and safety is what governs our daily living conditions.

I'd like to take this opportunity to also thank our hard-working staff for their professionalism and flexibility. This year has presented us all again with challenges as well as many wonderful opportunities to learn and grow. We met the challenges head-on and persisted while working together, in partnership with our parent community and as a result, our students continued to thrive.

I hope you enjoy the remainder of the month of June and wish you a wonderful summer holiday.

- JK/SK**
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- Grade 1**
- Grade 1/2**
- Grade 3**
- Grade 4/5**
- Primary Autism**
- Junior Autism**
- Primary DD**
- Junior DD**

Please remember that this model is based on projected number of students anticipated for September 2022 and it may need to be adjusted in September. Therefore, class and student placements may be affected at that time.



**RETURN OF BORROWED STUDENT
DEVICES**

In preparation for the start of the 2022-23 school year, families who have borrowed devices (e.g. iPad, Chromebook, Internet Hub) from the TDSB or Twentieth Street School are asked to return them to Twentieth Street. Devices and all power cables, cases and chargers that were delivered with the device can be returned to Twentieth Street JP school during regular school hours 9:00 – 3:30 to the main office. The last day to return devices is June 17, 2022.

All devices that are not returned by July 1st will be administratively locked, preventing student login. These devices will need to be returned when school resumes in September.

If you have any questions, please contact DeviceReturns@tdsb.on.ca.

SENIOR KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION



We are fortunate to have such a dedicated staff that takes pride in celebrating milestones in our student's lives. As our Senior Kindergarten students transition from a play based learning model to a Grade 1 classroom, our FDK team wanted to celebrate this milestone with a **SK Graduation Celebration**. The celebration is scheduled for students learning in-person on **Thurs. June 23, 2022 at 9:45 a.m.** in our Outdoor Classroom. Parents will receive more information and details directly from our kindergarten staff. The **rain date** is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28th @ 9:45 a.m. Our Virtual Kindergarten class will also celebrate this important milestone with a Virtual Graduation Celebration.

We thank our Kindergarten team for their creativity and drive to provide our Kindergarten families with a memorable event!!



GRADE 5 GRADUATION

Our graduating class of 2022 will be honoured and recognized on **Wednesday, June 29th in the afternoon starting at 1:30 p.m. in the gym.** The Graduation Celebration will take place in our gym in-person. Families will receive an invitation to the celebration and we ask you to respond as soon as possible to help the committee plan this very important event.

Thank you to our Graduation committee for all their efforts to recognize our graduates and honour their skills and success.



The TDSB's 2022-23 school year calendar has been posted to the website at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/>



SUMMER MUSIC & ART CAMPS 2022

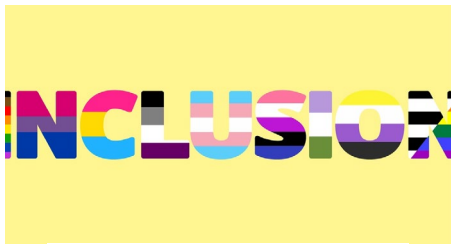
The Toronto District School Board is excited to offer three, in-person music and arts camps for students in grades 3-8 this summer. The camps combine an exciting arts program that provides participants with diverse and valuable social and cultural experiences. The participants will explore new opportunities, make new friends, explore their creativity, play music, all in a fun and educational setting. Limited scholarship opportunities are available to enhance accessibility for students from underserved communities For more information, visit our program page.



SUMMER INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES ELEMENTARY & AFRICAN HERITAGE PROGRAM 2022

International Languages Elementary Summer Programs combine language & culture learning with engaging activities like games, songs,

dance, storytelling, and writing. No language background knowledge is necessary. Afternoon culture programs, run by community groups, are also available at a number of our sites. For more information and to register, please visit our program website.



JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

June is Pride Month at the TDSB! It's an opportunity to celebrate diversity and raise awareness among all staff and students about the rich culture and history of our LGBTQ2S community.

On Friday, June 24th students are encouraged to wear their favourite colour (s) or just something bright and colourful in recognition of PRIDE month.

Please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/pride to learn more about these activities and find out how you can get involved. Follow and join in the conversation on Twitter, #PrideTDSB!



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HISTORY MONTH

During the month of June, people across the country mark National Indigenous Peoples History Month in recognition of the rights, histories, contemporary realities and extraordinary achievements of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. The unique cultures and perspectives of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities are celebrated nationally and locally.

On June 21st, the TDSB also recognizes National Indigenous Peoples Day. June 21st is a day of significance for many Indigenous Peoples in the country we call Canada today. It marks the day when the Sun is closest to the Earth. It is the longest day of the year and the shortest night. Many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples celebrate Summer Solstice. It is a time that reminds us to remain grounded, humble and appreciative. It is usually celebrated by coming together with family and community for a feast, although ceremonies and traditions may be marked in different ways due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Traditional foods are an important aspect of the feast as they signify connection to the land and animals.



JUNE IS ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH AT THE TDSB

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize June as Italian Heritage Month. During this month, the TDSB celebrates the spirited culture and traditions of the Italian community with students, staff and the entire TDSB community.

The TDSB is joined by the Province of Ontario in recognizing Italian Heritage Month since June 2010 when the Italian Heritage Month Act was passed. This Act recognizes the important contributions that immigrants made in building Ontario's communities and the economic, political, social and cultural achievements of Italian Canadians throughout the province. Italian Canadian immigrants have played a prominent role in supporting Canada's post-war boom and Toronto's emergence as a diverse, vibrant world-class city.

This year the selected theme for Italian Heritage Month is Buongiorno Italia! Keeping with this lens, to mark Italian Heritage Month at the TDSB during the month of June, the Italian Heritage Month Volunteer Planning Committee members have put together various ways to for

students, staff and the TDSB community to learn about the Italian heritage. Please enjoy L'Alfabeto Italiano”
book: https://read.bookcreator.com/r53z4OI6PyW8NoQ0YSxxD2enAY23/oMELIOvjQ_qr382vQ5EQlg



JUNE IS PORTUGUESE SPEAKING HERITAGE MONTH AT THE TDSB

TDSB is proud to recognize Portuguese Speaking Heritage Month during the month of June celebrating these rich and vibrant cultures. The contributions of the Portuguese-speaking community to Canada's history are vast as include the arts, sports, medicine and public life.

Did you know?

- 250 million Portuguese speakers worldwide, making it the fifth-most spoken language
- Over 1,400 TDSB students speak Portuguese as their mother tongue or as a primary language
- Portuguese is the official language of eight countries: Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, Sao Tome & Principe and East Timor
- While the Archipelago of the Azores and the Archipelago of Madeira are a part of Portugal, they are simultaneously Autonomous regions which share in the Portuguese language
- As well, due to historic ties, various regions of the world including Macau, China and Goa and Damao, India, celebrate their Portuguese influence

This year we are thrilled to share with you that the annual Portuguese Parade will once again take place! Everyone is invited to celebrate on **Saturday, June 11 starting at 11:00 am at**

Lansdowne & Crawford

(Link: <http://acapo.ca/event/portugal-week-2022-parade>).

PEDSTRIAN SAFETY – SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS



Children under nine should be accompanied by adults or older children when crossing the street. At this age, their judgment and perceptual skills are still immature, yet they often eagerly try to cross streets on their own in order to demonstrate some independence. Teach your children the rules of the road - start when they're young. Think of it as gradually training your children about safety until all the connections are in place. By the time your child reaches age nine and can act independently, the road safety rules will be second nature.

- Teach children how to cross the street safely. Teach them to stop (before stepping onto the road), look left, right and left again, and listen for traffic before stepping out into the street. Teach children to wait until the street is clear and to keep looking until they have crossed the street. They should also look the driver in the eye before crossing.
- Teach children to recognize pedestrian crossing signals but not rely on them. Before crossing, children should also be sure the traffic has stopped. Remind them to continue across if the light changes to "Don't Walk" while they are in the crosswalk.
- Teach children to be extra alert when crossing at a corner with no traffic lights.
- Teach your children to stop at driveways, alleys and areas without curbs and to never run out onto the street.

- Teach children about the dangers of crossing the street between parked cars or when not at a corner. Children should cross only at corners and pedestrian crosswalks, not diagonally or between parked cars.
- Teach children to respect the role of the crossing guard and to understand his/her signals.
- Teach children that wherever possible they should walk on the sidewalk. In areas without sidewalks, teach children to walk as far away from the road as possible, facing approaching traffic (when there is no choice but to walk on the road).
- Teach children that playing games at railway crossings or around trains can be deadly. Teach children that the only way to cross railway tracks is to use designated railway crossings.

Follow the same rules that you want your child to follow. You may want to cut across the street in the middle of the block, but you want your child to learn to cross at the intersection. Be a good role model.

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BICYCLE SAFETY



Now that the warmer weather has approached us children will be participating in many outdoor activities like bike riding. We want kids to be safe while playing outdoors this summer. Parents and caregivers can "stay a step ahead" by protecting children when they ride.

Here's how:

1. An adult should always supervise children 10 years of age or younger when they are using a bicycle or other wheeled sports equipment. Even older children may need on-going supervision when riding near the road.
2. Make sure children wear the correct helmet properly when they ride. Ontario's bike helmet law requires all children and youth under age 18 to wear an approved bike helmet when riding a bicycle. When putting on a helmet, follow the 2-V-1 rule:
 - 2 fingers width above your eyebrows
 - The side straps should meet to form a V below each ear
 - 1 finger only should fit between your chin and fastened straps
3. Keep children away from traffic when they use wheeled sports equipment. Make sure they ride in a safe place.
4. Teach children how to:
 - a. steer, brake and ride in a straight line
 - b. wear the right safety gear, and
 - c. do a safety check every time they ride a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, use in-line skates or wear shoes with wheels.
5. Be within arm's reach when your children are learning to ride any wheeled equipment.
6. Always walk a bicycle, scooter or skateboard across a street intersection, instead of riding across.
7. Tell children that you are happy when you see them riding safely.
8. Remind children of the safety rules when they forget.
9. Be a good role model - wear a helmet and safety gear yourself. Children copy what adults do.