



February 2023

Yorkview Happenings

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 1

- Winter Walk to School Day
- English Kindergarten registration begins
www.tdsb.on.ca/kingergarten

Tuesday, February 7

- School Council - 7 pm in the library

Friday, February 10

- Pizza Lunch

Monday, February 13

- Grade 5 Celebration of Learning (Grad) Photos

Tuesday, February 14

- Valentine's Day
- Spirit Day - Wear your red and pink
- Term 1 Reports go Home

Thursday, February 16

- Parent/Teacher Interviews after school/early evening

Friday, February 17

- No School
- Parent/Teacher Interviews in the a.m.

Monday, February 20

- Family Day (NO SCHOOL)

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Principal's Message



I feel fortunate to have been so warmly welcomed into such a wonderful and caring community made up of amazing students, families and staff. Yorkview P.S. truly is a great place to be! My focus in the upcoming days and weeks is to support the learning processes for our youngest JK/SK learners right through to our grade 5's. Fortunately we have a very strong and committed staff to help me do so.

A very special **Happy Lunar New Year** to all of our families who celebrated on January 22nd. This is a very special year - **The Year of the Rabbit**.

During the month of February, we are also proud to recognize and celebrate African Heritage Month. This is an important occasion to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of peoples of African descent to Canada and the world. The chosen theme for 2022-2032 is Black Joy.

The theme of Black Joy was selected this year by the African Heritage Month Volunteer Planning Committee. This academic school year, "Joy" is one of TDSB's two overarching priorities. The first priority being the importance of joy, engagement and belonging in our schools as a foundation for academic achievement and student success; and the second priority being the elimination of disproportionate outcomes for students.

Our Yorkview teachers and support staff continue to plan and deliver rich tasks and are committed to do whatever it takes for our students to succeed.

As always, please don't hesitate to connect with me if you have anything you would like to discuss regarding your child's success at Yorkview.

Warmly,

Tina Weinberg - Principal, Yorkview P.S.

Author Eric Walters Visits Yorkview

Eric Walters is a published author of 125 novels, chapter books and picture books. Over the past two decades, he has done over 12,000 presentations to more than 1.5 million students across Canada, throughout the U.S. and internationally. His presentations focus on much more than books. There are elements to encourage literacy, boys' literacy, the research process and themes that involve inclusion, determination, social justice and becoming a global citizen. Eric Walters visited Yorkview on Thursday, January 19th to do 3 presentations for all of our students to enjoy.



Tamil Heritage Month



Thank you to Mlle. El-Fayoumy for doing a wonderful job with our display board.

January has been recognized as Tamil Heritage Month since 2016. Toronto has the largest population of Tamil people outside of South and Southeast Asia with thousands of TDSB students and staff members identifying as Tamil. In the most recent Census of 2016, 189,600 individuals in Canada have self-identified as having knowledge of the Tamil language. This year TDSB's Tamil Heritage Month Committee has recognized the theme to be Community. Belonging. Joy - சமூகம் சார்ந்த சந்தாசம் Belonging comes with a sense of acceptance and inclusion for who you are, and there is great joy that comes from knowing you belong within any given community. This year's Tamil Heritage Month theme was selected to highlight that joy and belonging and is intentionally aligned with one of the TDSB's priorities - Joy, Engagement and Belonging.

School Council Meeting

We had a very lively and informative school council meeting on Tuesday January 17th. Trustee Pei joined us to show his support for Yorkview P.S. and the greater community. Our next meeting is scheduled for **TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7th**. It begins at 7:00 p.m. and it is held in our Staffroom. All are welcome to attend.



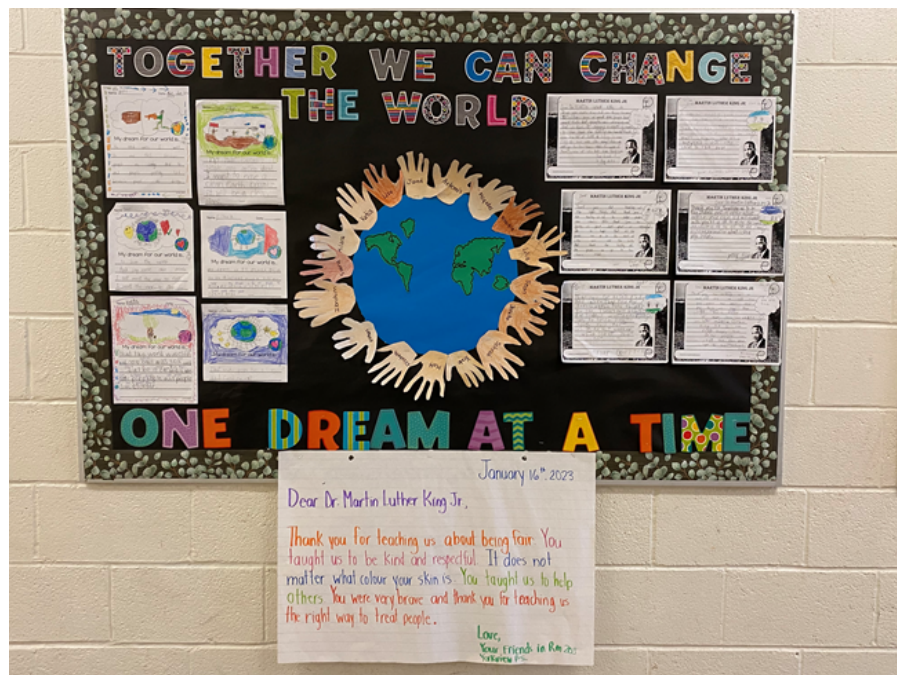
Martin Luther King Jr.

We are so pleased with the intentional teaching that occurred in our classrooms to ensure our students learned about social justice and the power of speech. Students looked at famous quotes like “**The time is always right to do what is right**” and “**Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true Education**”.



Room 203

Ms. Foo's Class



LUNAR NEW YEAR

On the morning announcements we listened carefully as Aylin, Reagan, Selin and Hayley taught us about the Lunar New Year. They told us what it's about and ways in which it is celebrated. They did a fabulous job!



Paper dragon puppets by some students in Mme. Stella and Mme.

Louza's Kindergarten class.

TDSB Heritage and History Months

To the entire Yorkview Community - we need your support! Each month, the TDSB recognizes a number of heritage and history months - all of which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Heritage-and-History-Months>

We are looking for items such as pictures, artifacts, clothing or anything else that can be displayed on our education board that is located near the parking lot doors. Any items that you can donate to the school would be greatly appreciated! You can give these donated items to the office. Thank you very much in advance from the Heritage/Equity Committee!

And the beat goes on... In Music Class

A big shout out to the talented group of students in Ms. McKay's class who put on an amazing 'Cups' performance with Ms. Ruskin leading the way. Students were learning about beat, timing, and sound effects, while at the same time demonstrating the importance of cooperation and teamwork to reach a common goal. Well done!!!



Valentine's Day and Mental Health and Well Being

There are lots of hearts full of kindness within our Yorkview classrooms as our educators continue the conversation around the importance of kindness and mental health well-being.

Valentine's day gives us an opportunity to share our love for one another and reach out to those who are special to us. We could all use some caring connections as we get through the winter months. The teachers are planning wonderful activities to share with their students to anchor this concept as we lead up to Valentine's day.



**Just a reminder that students are encouraged to wear
their **RED** and **PINK** on Feb. 14th!**

Full Day Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registration at Yorkview P.S. will begin in February. Please encourage your neighbours who have children born in 2019 (Junior Kindergarten) and 2018 (Senior Kindergarten) to register online and the office will confirm registrations. In order to register, parents will need to present the following:

- ☐ identification to prove residency (NOT a cell phone bill or driver's license)
- ☐ a letter from the Property Management Office indicating the names of the people who live in your unit
- ☐ child's birth certificate or passport or permanent resident card
- ☐ immigration papers, if necessary

Families will need to complete the on-line registration before having documents verified by our office . Please contact kari.sardella@tdsb.on.ca for assistance.

For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit: www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten

THANK YOU YORKVIEW!

Eva's executive director, Louise Smith, sent Yorkview a lovely thank-you note in appreciation for "your thoughtful and generous gift-in-kind donation of Women's, Men's, and Children's gloves, socks, and hats...". Please click on the link below to read the entire letter.

[Eva's Thank You Letter](#)

