

Avondale Public School

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GRADE RANGE: JK to 8

Interesting Feature

Welcome to Avondale Schools!

Avondale serves children from diverse language and cultural backgrounds, and English as a Second Language instruction constitutes an important part of our program development. We are proud of our students and welcome their enthusiasm, their divergent experiences, their creativity, and their commitment to learning. As a staff, we feel privileged to serve the Avondale neighbourhood by helping to create a tradition of excellence and joy in learning. Drop in for a visit sometime soon - we're confident that you'll like what you see, hear and feel!

Educare Momentum (Each Moment Oozes with Possibilities)

Avondale Public School is an integral partner in the *Avondale Schools* tri-school collective at 171 Avondale Avenue. *Avondale Public School* joins *Avondale Elementary and Secondary Alternative Schools*, innovative schools that have provided high quality education for students across Toronto (on this site) for over 25 years. The west wing of the Avondale campus has embraced many identities over the past twenty years, transforming from a local community school into a Board-wide natural science museum. In September 2002, the west wing was officially re-opened as *Avondale Public School (K-gr.8)* serving the local community, and has blossomed into an exciting and engaged learning environment under the leadership of a dynamic teaching staff.

We are Avondale Public School!

Avondale Public School, serving the Yonge-Sheppard area, is a small neighborhood school with a fresh outlook on community-based education. Our enthusiastic and talented teaching staff deliver programs that infuse the Ontario Curriculum with energy and relevance. The Avondale community embraces the concept of 'multi-age learning', like our alternative school cousins in the north wing: students often work together in family groupings within multi-grade classrooms. In this setting, relationships between students, staff and parents are deepened and strengthened over a number of years.





More Information about Avondale Public School

Literacy

Avondale Public School plans to increase supports for students at risk in literacy and improve student achievement in reading and writing. We are also building our significant library collection, including graphic and multilingual novels, and increasing our student facility with computer literacy applications and keyboarding.



Mathematics

Avondale Public School plans to improve student achievement across all strands of mathematics with a special focus on problem-solving, as well as integrate and increase use of math manipulatives throughout the strands.



Music

Avondale Public School will continue to grow our strong music program, including classroom instruction and school wide productions/concerts.



Kindergarten Innovation

Avondale Public School plans to integrate the Reggio Emilia approach to early childhood learning through the Kindergarten program of both elementary schools, as well as grow our professional partnership with York University to support this program.



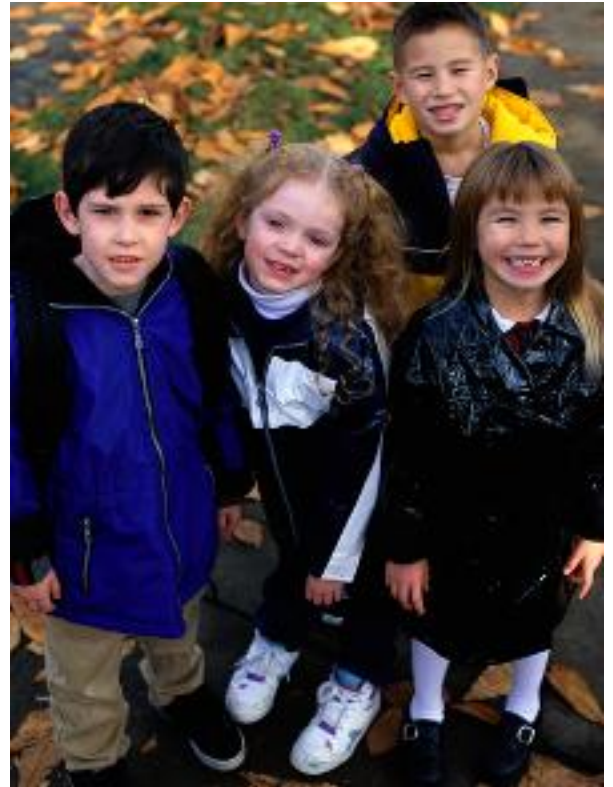
Additional Features

- Partnered with York University
- Community Fund Raising Events
- School Council
- Outdoor Education Trips
- Family Involvement in Community
- Cross-grade/school Projects



Student Life - Where You Belong

Students are engaged in literacy and numeracy learning across the curricula, building concrete connections and links between subjects and areas/topics, and drawing original conclusions as they apply new understandings. Students are exposed to the Arts in an ongoing theme at Avondale: our students observe, create and animate musical productions, dances, visual and performance-arts pieces, dramatic exercises, and more! Avondale students experience the world up-close! Out-of-classroom experiences and classroom guest experts bring relevance and concreteness to the Ontario Curriculum. Student process is valued at Avondale. Students take risks, bravely experience unfamiliar territory, estimate and plan, problem-solve, and trouble-shoot, and reflect on their new understandings.



What Sets Us Apart

2012-13 is the 10th year of the tri-school collective known as Avondale Schools! Each of the schools has developed a unique School Improvement Plan that identifies and addresses the particular needs of its students. All of the schools share a common site and a philosophy of community and relationship-driven education. Avondale Secondary Alternative School addresses the needs of high school-age students who desire a small school setting and a rigorous, non-semester university/college program. Avondale Elementary Alternative School caters to the independent and engaged students who seek a safe, family-oriented environment that values multi-age learning and out-of-classroom experiences. Avondale Public School serves the needs of our local Yong-Sheppard community, with special focus on exemplary English as a Second Language, innovating programming, and multi-age learning in a small school setting. Together, we are Avondale Schools, a multidimensional site where the "Students First" philosophy is embraced, and where passionate teachers, parents and students bring learning to life.



Parent and Community Engagement

Avondale Public School is proud to serve the needs of children and parents in our local Yonge-Sheppard community. We invite the community to teach us, to learn with us, to help support us through fund raising events and community celebrations, and to embrace this school by visiting frequently and becoming meaningfully involved.

We encourage parents and community members to become involved, as volunteers, guest experts, field trip supervisors, event/fundraising organizers, or as member of our dynamic Avondale Schools school council. Research consistently bears out that parent involvement and student success go hand in hand



So get involved and have fun with your kids!

TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.

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