



Dorset Park Public School

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GRADE RANGE: JK to 8

Interesting Feature

Dorset Park Earns GOLD Eco-Status

Dorset Park is an Eco School and has attained the gold medallion level. This amazing accomplishment was achieved through the dedication of our staff and students. We prioritize recycling, reduce photocopying, conduct park clean-ups and focus on energy conservation. We are planning to plant new trees on school property this spring as part of our outdoor learning classroom. The students are involved in leading initiatives where they have opportunities to prune the plants in the flower bed, plant flower seeds and bulbs/perennials in our school garden and mulch trees yearly.

The Toronto District School Board is the largest school Board in Canada and the fourth largest in North America. We have nearly 600 schools and serve more than 250,000 students each year. Dorset Park is a Kindergarten to Grade 8 School located near the Kennedy/Lawrence intersection. The school opened its doors in 1957. Our mission is to enable all students to reach high levels of achievement and to acquire the knowledge, skills and values they need to become responsible members of a democratic society.

Our School: High Academic Expectations

Students at Dorset Park are inspired passionate learners who, along with their families and teachers, value personal excellence. Our teachers use a variety of strategies and assessments to guide their planning for the continuous learning of their students. They provide them with an exciting and supportive environment and engage their students actively in meaningful learning opportunities that involve challenging and authentic tasks. Our goal is to give students the opportunities to assume ownership of their learning while they develop strong academic skills and become life long learners.





Character Education

Respect, responsibility and the virtues of Character Education underlines all of our teaching and learning here at Dorset Park. The ten TDSB character attributes are integrated into our classroom learning and library program. Through monthly Character Education assemblies students are exposed to, reminded of and recognized for exhibiting positive character traits.



Literacy

The Literacy program emphasizes a high level of competency in critical and creative thinking, reading, writing, oral communication and media studies. Formal reading and writing instruction begins in Kindergarten. Levelled books and Developmental Reading Assessments are an important part of our literacy program.



Numeracy

Our students are encouraged to develop strong knowledge and skills as well as a positive attitude towards mathematics. Teachers integrate problem solving and communication skills by using authentic learning experiences and the "Mathematics Makes Sense" program, encouraging students to develop strong connections between mathematics and the real world.



A Safer School

We are committed to providing learning environments that are safe, nurturing and respectful. We emphasize Conflict Resolution and Anti-Bullying. To improve the conflict resolution skills of our students, we equip them with tools for resolving their own conflicts. Empathy is developed as students learn to express their feelings and work through Peer conflict program.



Additional Features

- Many extra curricular programs
- Smart Board
- Outdoor Learning Classroom
- Kindergarten Diagnostic Program
- Library/Computer Lab
- Eco School
- Safe and Caring Environment
- Primary/Junior DD Program



Student Life - Where You Belong

Dorset Park is a small school with a family atmosphere. Our school has had a long tradition of meeting the academic and culturally diverse needs of the students in the community. The students at Dorset Park bring a diverse and eclectic range of experiences and backgrounds to the classroom. This community has become representative of the cultural and racial diversity that is characteristic throughout Toronto. Parents, staff and students work closely to set high expectations for academic achievement and courteous behaviour. Our students are involved in many extracurricular activities. In the area of athletics, students participate in a variety of sports: Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, and Track and Field. We are an inclusive community school with a wide range of co-curricular programs; Speed stacking, Knitting, Song club, Drama, Dance, Eco-Squad, Folk Dance and Choir. We encourage students to participate in these programs during and after school to discover unique experiences



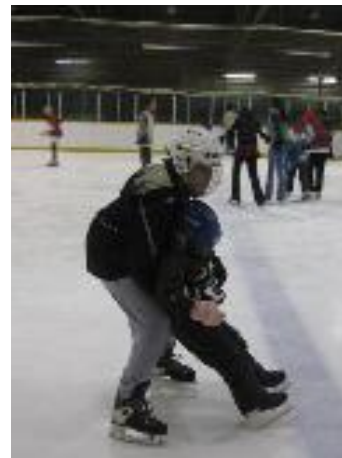
What Sets Us Apart

Dorset Park Public School is a vibrant, dynamic and inclusive learning community dedicated to advancing student learning through meaningful engagement, a strong academic base, collaborative and effective teaching practice, excellent co-curricular programming. Students are encouraged to be actively involved in school. There is an atmosphere of respect, compassion and responsibility in a safe and caring environment that promotes optimum learning. Differentiated instruction for students with special needs as well as Second Language learners are supported by all staff members who offer appropriate instruction and interventions. There is a strong sense of community and belonging, nurtured by a number of partnerships with outside agencies, community of volunteers. Our parent community and School Council remain highly involved and extremely supportive of our school.



Parent and Community Engagement

Our School is home to the 97th Beavers/Cub/Scout groups. The school takes part in the Risk Watch program with the local fire department. Community volunteers and co-op students assist in a variety of school programs. We collaborate with community/social agencies: Aisling/Discoveries, COTA, Surrey Place. We regularly participate in Jump Rope for Heart or MS Readathon, Tnoonies for Autism, Out of the Cold program. School coordinates visits to the local library. We participate in clothing and food drives for local agencies. Parents assist on trips, in the library and in individual classrooms. Special student luncheons are organized by parents. Parents assist at school field days, play days, winter carnival, skating at a local arena, etc. Parents fundraise to support special school programs. The School Council meets regularly throughout the year.



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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