

Morrish Public School

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GRADE RANGE: JK to 8

Interesting Feature

The History of Morrish

Members of the Morrish family were very involved in the development of West Hill, and specifically, the Highland Creek Community. John Morrish arrived in Highland Creek in 1855. His son, W.J. Morrish took over his father's business and operated a general store in Highland Creek, serving much of eastern Scarborough as well as parts of Pickering. Records of the store are currently in the Archives of the TDSB. The original 19th century store counter is still used today in our main office.

Shaping the future together.

Morrish Public School was established during the 1989-1990 school year and opened to students in September, 1990. The official opening was held on April 25, 1991. The school is named after the Morrish family from West Hill. The Morrish store, which still stands, is a reminder of our early history.

Our school is committed to serving its diverse, multicultural community. We believe that all children can learn. Our staff are dedicated to helping each and every child reach their potential by encouraging self-motivated, self-directed learning, developing our students' skills in creative and critical thinking and problem solving, enhancing self-esteem, promoting character development, and celebrating differences.

School Focus for 2012-2013

We regularly assess and evaluate the effectiveness of our school and establish priorities in key areas each year. Through our School Improvement Plan Teams, we are looking to meet targets in the following areas: to improve reading and writing skills, specifically in the areas of understanding form and style, and in inferencing; to improve students' skills in Number Sense and Numeration, and in the ability to problem solve and communicate their thinking in mathematics; to improve self-regulation skills in all divisions; and to expand our experiential learning program, raising parent and student awareness of different pathways.





Community, Culture and Caring

Our students, staff and parents regularly participate in Character Development activities beyond the curriculum to make contributions to our immediate community and the city. We hold Toonie Tuesday Charity events, support food drives, stand-up against bullying with Safe Schools visits and Pink Days and Weeks, and participate in the annual Earth Day grounds clean-up.



Fantastic Facilities

Morrish Public School houses a full size elementary school gym, a multi-purpose music room (vocal and instrumental-band), and a fully-stocked library/learning resource centre, which also houses our computer lab and one of our Smart Boards. We have a huge school yard with a playscape, regular classrooms, two kindergarten classrooms, as well as eleven more Smart Boards.



Exciting Events and Excursions

Student learning is showcased in many ways at Morrish. We have music concerts, participate in a Music Monday event, and our annual Speech Arts assemblies are always well attended. Our athletes have the opportunity to participate in many team sports in which they compete in games and tournaments with other schools.



School Council

In addition to holding regular meetings, members of our School Council organize monthly pizza lunches and an annual Family Fun Night. Members of Council also support student achievement through fund-raisers which this year will support a theatrical performance, student excursions by paying for a school bus for each class and also our expansion of technology in the school.



Additional Features

- Morrish YMCA Daycare
- Close to Highland Creek Library
- Primary DD Class
- Playground Activity Leaders (PALS)
- Computers in every classroom
- TTC bus stop at our front door
- Diagnostic Kindergarten Class
- Creative Volunteer Opportunities

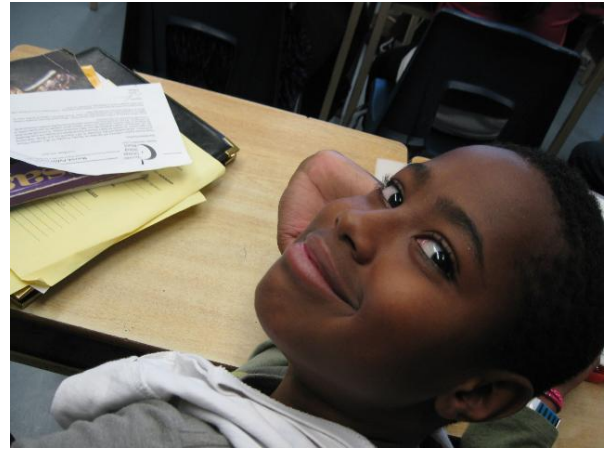


Student Life - Where You Belong

We welcome students living in our attendance area from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8. Students enrolled in the Morrish YMCA Daycare are also eligible to attend our school. In September, 2013, our school will have full day learning for Kindergarten students.

We believe that parents are a child's first and most important teacher. With kindergarten registration starting in February, we look forward to supporting our youngest learners before they even arrive with monthly activities for parents to complete at home with their children as well as our annual "Welcome to Kindergarten" orientation session which will be held in May, 2013.

We provide a vast array of co-curricular activities and leadership opportunities for our students. Here is a partial list of the clubs and teams available at Morrish: Principal Helper Teams, Games Club, Cross Country and Track and Field Teams, Book and Bag Club, Student Leadership Committee, Volleyball Team, Basketball Team, Library Helpers, Student Announcers, Office Helpers, Junior Band, Jazz Choir AND MUCH MORE!



What Sets Us Apart

OUR STUDENTS ARE THE BEST!

Here's what our grade one students have to say about Morrish:

We feel safe. We learn things. We get to go on trips. We get to stay here all the way to grade eight. We have nice teachers. We can play outside. We do our Borrow-a-book. We have special days like PJ Day and Backwards Day. We donate money, toys and mittens to help others. We get report cards. We have Reading Buddies. We go to gym, music and library. We have teams and things. The school is our warm shelter.





Parent and Community Engagement

Parents act as volunteers, assisting teachers and families with activities both in and out of the school. As parental involvement is linked with student achievement, parents are encouraged to take an active part in their child's education. Participation in the Morrish School Council is just one way to show an interest and it provides an opportunity to meet with other parents.



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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