

# Thomas L Wells Public School

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**GRADE RANGE:** JK to 8

## Interesting Feature

### Award Winner

Thomas L. Wells P.S. opened in September 2005. It is an award winning school, recognized for its sustainable energy design. It is the first "LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver" certified elementary school in Canada. The LEED building rating system influenced and affected all aspects of the design and construction of the school. Through this project, the TDSB has demonstrated their commitment to becoming a leader in "green schools" and energy conservation.

Awards include:

- \* Toronto Urban Design Award - Award of Excellence

Thomas L. Wells P.S. serves a large multi-cultural community. We value the diversity of our students and community and offer an inclusive curriculum, addressing the many needs of our students. Our 650 students strive for high academic achievement and value the creation of a safe and caring school environment. Our student created motto, "Where all students reach the stars" reflects our philosophy. We are proud of the achievement of students and our rich cultural diversity (78% of our students speak a language other than English at home).

### School Focus

Our commitment is:

- \* Improving student achievement in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy
- \* Ongoing learning for staff through professional learning communities
- \* Continuing to deliver a curriculum in a manner that supports the development of positive social skills
- \* Recognizing student achievement through character development at monthly assemblies
- \* Building strong environmental awareness through our ECO school initiatives
- \* The ongoing partnership with our parent community through our School Council
- \* Continuing to work with our community partners





## Literacy

Our goal is to have the vast majority of students achieving at the Provincial standard of Level 3. We will focus our efforts to help move students to achieve at an even higher level. Some of the strategies and actions we will use are: higher-order thinking skills (e.g. reasoning, analysing, drawing conclusions); asking better questions; and giving descriptive feedback.



## Numeracy

Our goal is to support and encourage student understanding and love of math through an inquiry-based approach to teaching math that focuses on problem solving and the communication and demonstration of thinking. Teachers will continue their professional development in this area.



## Pathways

Our goal is to ensure that all students are reading at or above the provincial standard indicated for their grade, with a particular emphasis on our youngest students. Some of the strategies and actions we will use are: early identification of problems, guided reading groups, differentiated instruction, and reading clubs.



## Community, Culture and Caring

Student safety is our priority. We have implemented the Parent Safety Program, in partnership with Toronto Police Service and Parking Enforcement Officers. Parent and student volunteers assist students getting out of their cars every morning and escort young students to their entry doors. We also support our larger community through food drives and fundraising efforts.



## Additional Features



## Student Life - Where You Belong

At Thomas L. Wells P.S, students are involved in a wide variety of co-curricular activities. There is something for everyone, depending on your interests. Sports teams include basketball, badminton, cross-country, volleyball, flag football, track and field and cricket. Our "Nighthawks" always represent our school proudly. Both boys and girls are encouraged to participate. We also offer folk dance, yoga, chess, math and reading clubs. We encourage student leadership in the areas of student council and athletics. Our very active student council takes on initiatives that include organizing school spirit days, fundraising for world issues and school trips. Our dedicated environment club works hard to promote recycling and to educate other students about the environment. Students can also participate in the band, arts showcases, drama presentations or the monthly character development assemblies.



## What Sets Us Apart

Thomas L. Wells P.S. is a unique, one-of-a-kind building. Our warm and welcoming environment, enhanced by the use of large windows, creates a bright space for all who learn and support children here. The motivated staff offer a wide-range of co-curricular activities that helps promote our positive school spirit. A major focus for us is the environment. Our school strives to be as ECO-friendly as possible as we build our knowledge of ecological literacy and responsibility. Our diverse community has a wonderful mix of cultures. We learn about our diversity and teach about equity and respect for all as part of our character education. We focus not only on the educational needs of our students, but on their emotional and physical needs as well. We strive to make the learning visible through academics and the arts.





## Parent and Community Engagement

At Thomas L. Wells P.S. we partner with many groups and organizations in a variety of ways. For example you might find the following happening here:

- \* International Languages program after school
- \* Ongoing Permit use of the school at night and on the weekends
- \* Use of community resources e.g. Malvern Library
- \* The Malvern Family Resource Centre After School Program
- \* Student teacher candidates from a variety of Universities
- \* Toronto Public Health
- \* Toronto Police Services
- \* An active School Council
- \* Regular parent volunteers assisting in the school
- \* Family Nights e.g. numeracy and literacy



## 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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