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**OUR SCHOOL**

East Alternative School of Toronto (E.A.S.T.) is an alternative school located near Jones and Gerrard Avenues. The school started its first year of operation in 1996-97.

- ✦ E.A.S.T. specializes in integrating arts throughout the curriculum
- ✦ promotes the ideas of social justice, equity and compassion
- ✦ supports an enriched curriculum and promotes critical thinking
- ✦ provides learning opportunities for 34 students in grade 7 and 34 students in grade 8 with a staff of 3 dedicated teachers
- ✦ is based on parent involvement and commitment

**OUR STUDENTS (As of spring 2008)**

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Percent</u>
✦ Total number of students:	67	
✦ Gender:		
Female	36	54%
Male	31	46%
✦ Primary language other than English:	3	4%*
✦ Students born outside of Canada:		
Students living in Canada for 2 years or less	0	0%
Students living in Canada for 3 - 5 years	0	0%

\* Calculation does not include students for whom language information is missing.

## THE SCHOOL BOARD PROVIDES:

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB), in partnership with students, parents, teachers and all our communities, is committed to taking responsibility for continuous improvement of schools. This is achieved through:

- † **Relevant Curriculum**
- † **Equity**
- † **Accountability**

### **Regular Instructional Programs**

- † Languages - English, English as a Second Language, and French
- † Mathematics, Science and Technology
- † Arts - Music, Visual Arts, Drama and Dance
- † Health and Physical Education, History and Geography, Family Studies and Guidance

### **Special Education Programs**

A variety of special education programs and services are offered to meet the needs of all students, including students with exceptionalities, such as behavioural, communication, intellectual, physical and multiple learning disabilities. Students' exceptionalities are identified through a formal review process undertaken by an Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC).

## OUR SCHOOL ALSO OFFERS:

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Information about the success of our programs comes from a wide variety of student assessments. These assessments are based on clear expectations for all learners, consistent with those described in *The Ontario Curriculum*.

The primary purpose of student assessment is to improve learning. Assessment has the greatest potential to improve learning when it is an integral part of classroom activities. Teachers assess student progress towards achieving the expectations on an ongoing basis by using strategies such as projects, class presentations, homework assignments, classroom observations, portfolios of student work, and tests.

Schools use assessment information and information from other sources to make informed decisions for school improvement planning. Schools identify areas of strength as well as areas that require improvement. Input is obtained from a variety of sources such as student assessments, teacher feedback, parent feedback, and community surveys. In this way, schools monitor, celebrate and improve their efforts in providing a supportive and challenging learning environment for all their students.

## WHAT OUR SCHOOL IS PLANNING FOR THIS YEAR

- ♦ Ste. Marie Among the Hurons Field Trip, Gr. 7
- ♦ Carleton Street Car - Exploration of Our Communities, Gr. 8
- ♦ Workshops: Anti-racism, Anti-Semitism

### Heterosexism/Homophobia, Learning Disabilities

- ♦ Mask Workshop, Gr. 7
- ♦ Guitar Lessons / Band
- ♦ Theme Days (various): Colonization Simulation, Examining Sexism and Violence Against Women, Political Prisoners
- ♦ Soccer Tournament, Volleyball, Basketball
- ♦ Metro Reference Library Trips (all year)
- ♦ Career Days for Students / Arts Days
- ♦ Fundraising campaign: Macmillan's Cookie Dough and Aunt Sara's Chocolates
- ♦ High school Info Night and Potluck Supper
- ♦ Open House for Grade 6s
- ♦ Hero Museum
- ♦ Indoor Rock Climbing Trip
- ♦ Montreal Trip
- ♦ Drama productions

## OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### Parent And Community Involvement

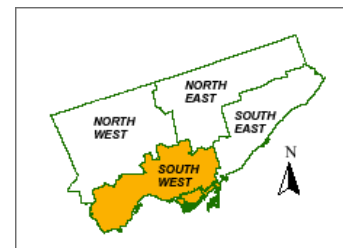
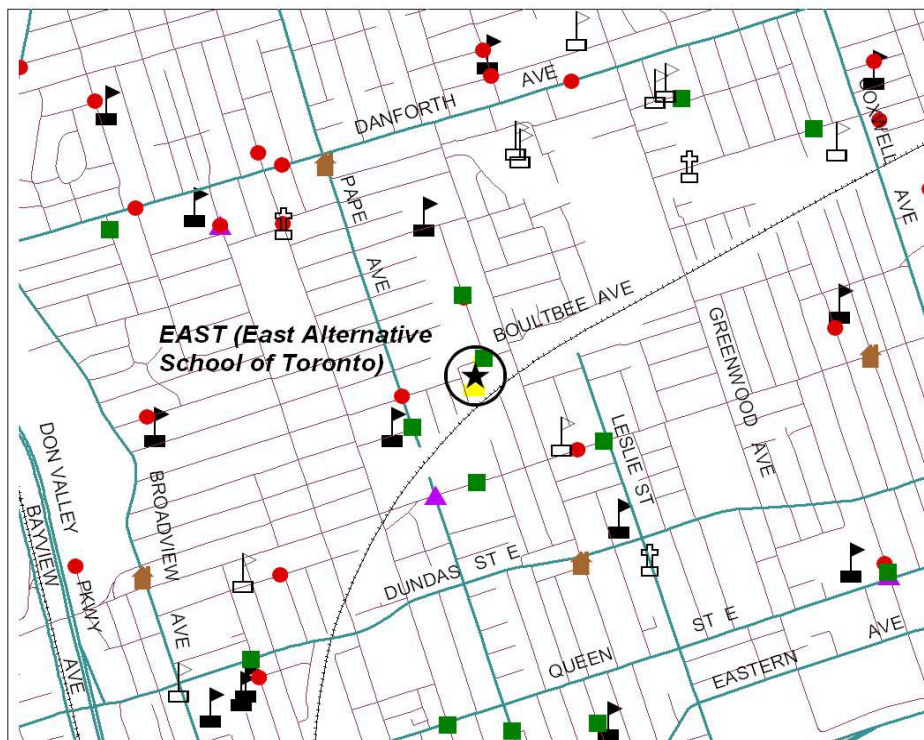
#### Parent Involvement:

- ✦ School Council meetings
- ✦ Classroom volunteers
- ✦ Newsletter
- ✦ Telephone Tree
- ✦ Fund-raising
- ✦ Library
- ✦ Other committees: Graduation, Arts, Career Day

#### Community Links:

- ✦ Environmental Day - Clean up in our community, a major fund-raiser
- ✦ Community involvement in local and world-wide issues as they arise throughout the year

### OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



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Notes: The map shows the locations of local schools, community and social service facilities. For more information about these locations please contact the school. Sources: TDSB - Academic Accountability, Facility Services; City of Toronto - Children's Services, Toronto Land Information Services.