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## OUR SCHOOL

Located in Kensington Community School in the Kensington Market area, Horizon draws students from Grade 6 classes throughout the City of Toronto. Horizon provides a strong, enriched academic curriculum in an adolescent-focused caring community. Our program emphasizes

- ✦ integrated computer instruction
- ✦ programming including simulations
- ✦ social responsibility
- ✦ equity studies
- ✦ conflict-resolution strategies
- ✦ process writing resulting in yearly publications
- ✦ hands on experiment-based science program

We have single gender classes in many subject areas including math, science, information technology, and health education.

Special facilities/equipment include a roof top deck area, greenhouse, access to gym and library, equity studies library, open area facilities, a computer ratio of 1:4 and 30 guitars.

## School Focus For This School Year

Horizon staff work co-operatively to develop timetable and plan program implementation, including the following:

- ✦ arts programs/activities: guitar, band, strings
- ✦ global education
- ✦ computer technology integrated throughout the curriculum
- ✦ a non-competitive physical education curriculum, including rock-climbing and skiing, supplemented with a variety of sports teams
- ✦ parent volunteers who help to run special programs in all areas
- ✦ time management and homework planning
- ✦ community service
- ✦ whole school special activities such as Auction, Winter Feast, etc.
- ✦ hosting Alternative School Volleyball Tournament
- ✦ variety of trips to support and enrich curriculum

## OUR STUDENTS (As of spring 2008)

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Percent</u>
✦ Total number of students:	70	
✦ Gender:		
Female	36	51%
Male	34	49%
✦ Primary language other than English:	8	11%*
✦ Students born outside of Canada:		
Students living in Canada for 2 years or less	0	0%
Students living in Canada for 3 - 5 years	1	1%

\* 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:

### Co-Curricular

#### Arts Programs

- ✦ Dance:  
Classical
- ✦ Dramatic Arts:  
Improv, Live Production/Play
- ✦ Music:  
Band, Guitar, Music Concerts / Performances, Strings
- ✦ Visual Arts:  
Computer/Graphic Arts, Excursions, Fashion, Film/Video Workshops, Photography, Stage design

#### Clubs

- ✦ Student Newspaper Club/Yearbook Club

#### Student Success

##### Transitions

- ✦ Parent Information Nights
- ✦ Transitions Guest Speakers

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

- ♦ Bike Hike - 3 day camping trip to Bruce's Mill Conservation Area
- ♦ Winter Feast - a celebration and pot luck featuring student performances
- ♦ Spring "End of the Year" Trip
- ♦ Additional physical education experiences:
  - skiing
  - skating
  - rock climbing

Community service opportunities during the school day for all students

- ♦ A student run spring auction fund raiser
- ♦ Student publications including "Yearbook"
- ♦ Continued improvements to our roof top playground and greenhouse including further planting and purchase of sports equipment
- ♦ Continued parent involvement and partnerships through School Council; special events
- ♦ Continuing professional development by staff in most curriculum areas
- ♦ Poetry Cafe
- ♦ Variety of day trips in the city
- ♦ Science Fair

## OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### Parent And Community Involvement

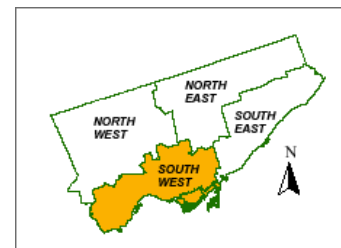
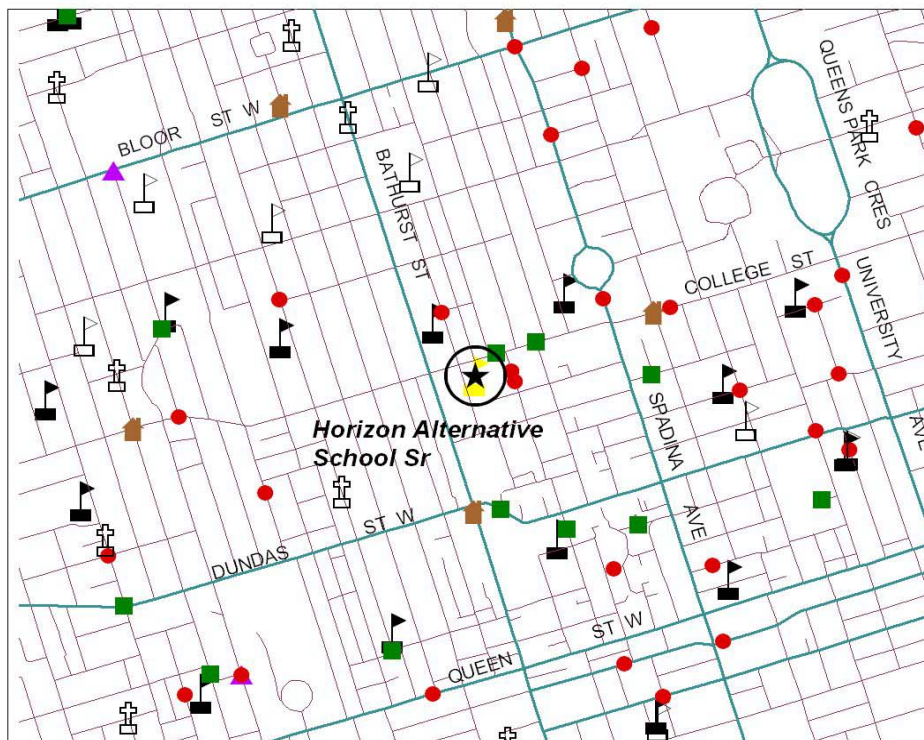
#### Parent Involvement:

- ✦ An Active School Council
- ✦ Parent volunteers who assist in student plays, fund raising, special events including Winterfeast, play night, auction, graduation and as classroom helpers
- ✦ Parents are able to communicate with the school via e-mail at: [horizon-alt@hotmail.com](mailto:horizon-alt@hotmail.com)
- ✦ More detailed information regarding the school can be accessed at the TDSB Web at: <http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/horizon>

#### Community Links:

- ✦ Work Buddies with Kensington Community School students as an option
- ✦ Community service program built into the timetable

### OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



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.