

Alexander Muir/Gladstone Ave Junior and Senior Public School

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GRADE RANGE: JK to 8

Interesting Feature

We Are a Full Service/ Priority School!

Part of the TDSB Vision of Hope is the idea of Full Service Schools which focuses on whole-child development. Alexander Muir/Gladstone has recently been designated a Full Service School and is working on coordinating the delivery of education, health, prevention and other social services designed to improve the quality of life for students, families and the community. Currently, our community partners include Oasis, Thinking Forward, Kids Now, Go Girls, On Your Mark, Game On and The Drake Hotel.

Alexander Muir/Gladstone Ave., located at Dufferin//Dundas, is comprised of two buildings. The original school (Alexander Muir), a grade 1-6 school, was built in 1888 and the adjoining building (Gladstone Ave.) was built in 1952 to house grade 7 and 8 students. In 1982, the two buildings were twinned. Alexander Muir, a Scottish-Canadian poet and songwriter who wrote the lyrics to the song, "The Maple Leaf Forever", was the first principal of the school. Our school currently has an enrolment of approximately 390 students from diverse ethnic backgrounds.

Integrated International Languages

Alexander Muir/Gladstone is an international language school. Our school embraces a large population of Chinese, Vietnamese and Portuguese students and all students, regardless of ethnic background, have the opportunity to learn either Cantonese or Portuguese during our extended school day with two exceptional language instructors. Some students also remain after school for Mandarin and Vietnamese classes. Many of our students participate in our famous Lunar New Year celebratory performance every winter while other students become involved in our Portugal Day celebration in the spring.

Technology

At AMG technology is used widely to enhance the curriculum and support students in their learning. AMG has an upgraded library computer lab with enough work stations to allow full access to an entire class where students learn fundamental and new skills. Our school also has 5 interactive whiteboards, 30 netbooks and a class set of Ipads.



AMG is a TDSB Model School

As a model school, we understand that not every family in our community has access to the same economic opportunities and social supports. Through this program our students and families have access to free community resources and our teachers receive ongoing professional development which supports innovation and collaboration in all classes.



Art at AMG

The Arts are a vital part of the education of all students at AMG. Our music specialist ensures that students at every grade level learn music through the Orff approach, integrating voice, instruments and movement while emphasizing excellence in musicianship. Our front foyer features a mural created by all the students that reflects the diversity of our school community.



Collaborative Teaching and Learning

All teachers at AMG participate in regular professional learning meetings. Research has shown that collaborative inquiry has a positive impact on student achievement. Teachers work together to develop plan, assess and improve learning for students. Our successful results in EQAO are evidence of how effective this approach has been for our teachers and students.



Additional Features

- Model Schools for Inner Cities



Student Life - Where You Belong

At Alexander Muir/Gladstone Ave. Jr. many opportunities for learning stem from the wide diversity of cultures and experiences that our families represent. Aside from the academic program, the school provides for and encourages students to participate in extra-curricular activities and events. Our leadership and Character Education program include leadership camp experience, student council, student volunteers, Free the Children, Jump Rope for Heart, and other local and global issues. The arts open up many avenues for participation in choirs, dance, drama and celebratory performances. AMG is famous for its Lunar Day Celebration in February and Portugal Day Celebration in June. Opportunities to engage in sports activities include such sports as soccer, volleyball, track and field, softball, cross country and basketball. For those students not athletically or artistically inclined, students can become involved in interest clubs. Through its Full Service School program students have the opportunity to work with Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Thinking Forward, and Oasis. To sum up student life at Alexander Muir/Gladstone Ave. – It's Great to Be at AMG!!!



What Sets Us Apart

Several years ago, AMG was a recipient of a \$122,000 Indigo Love of Reading grant. Spread over a period of three years, the grant has brought tremendous positive change that began with our library but has extended to all areas of the school environment. While the library has truly become the hub of the school, this revitalization has spread into our classroom, to our teachers and, most importantly, to our students who now see themselves as becoming life-long readers who understand that literature does not only connect to their lives but enhances their living. Students have chosen some of the books they want in the library and in classrooms and often travel by TTC to the local Chapters store to make their purchases. Our library is now able to offer books not only tailored to the curriculum but also to each student's needs and interests, allowing students to move toward a positive, lifelong and enriching relationship with reading. Our library is also a multi media centre with extensive technology that includes desktops, laptops and smart boards.





Parent and Community Engagement

AMG values support from the community. Parents are encouraged to become active participants by volunteering in the classroom, on excursions or at special school events. AMG staff and students benefit from community relationships with Public Health, Toronto Police, Public Library Association, Faculties of Education and Child and Youth programs, Faculty of Nursing at University of New Brunswick, Tutors in the Classroom, and secondary co-op students. AMG works with the YMCA child care on site and the Parent and Family Literacy Centre. The school is most fortunate to have a strong partnership with the Drake Hotel that works closely with AMG to support inner city initiatives, community/school functions, students at risk and families in need of support. Every year the Drake runs its own fundraiser at the hotel to bring food and clothing to families in need during the holiday season.



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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