Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month

at the

Toronto District School Board
Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month is proudly recognized during the month of June at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) since June 2011.

This year our theme is Esperança! / Hope!

"A esperança é a última que morre"

“How is the last one to die.”

~ Brazilian Proverb~
Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month has been recognized in the Province of Ontario since December 2001 as the Celebration of Portuguese Heritage Act, 2001.

This year we proudly recognize the 20th year of this Act!
The 5th Most Spoken Language in the World (240 million speakers)

These countries and regions as a whole, constitute the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP)
LUSOPHONE

People of the Portuguese Speaking World Who Inspire Hope
Adjany Costa is an Angolan marine biologist, a conservationist and the Minister of Culture, Tourism and Environment. Winner of the Young Champions of the Earth 2019.

Brazil/Brasil

Gilberto Gil is a singer, guitarist and songwriter. He was the originator of the musical movement Tropicalismo. He is also a political activist and the former Minister of Culture of Brazil.

Orlanda Amarílis was a Cape Verdean writer. Her short story 'Nina' focused on racism, notions of identity, sexism and the feeling of loneliness experienced by immigrants.

Bella Galhos is an independence and human rights activist, environmentalist, LGBT+ advocate, and a Green Village and School founder. She was granted Refugee Status in Canada.

(n.d.). https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfuuoOo-9sA.
Juan Tomás Ávila Laurel is a writer and activist. He is Equatorial Guinea’s most translated writer. He lives in exile in Spain, after a hunger strike against the current regime. (Click on the image to learn more about Juan)
José Carlos Schwarz is one of the most famous Bissau Guinean poets, musicians and activists of the 20th century. He was a resistance fighter during his youth and his music was politically driven.

Former student is nominated "super minister" in Angola.
Macao/Macau

Aida de Jesus is a Macanese food celebrity and one of only 50 Patuá, Chinese/Portuguese speakers left in Macau. Her Portuguese influenced Chinese recipes are possibly considered to be the first fusion food.

Graça Machel is a Mozambican politician and humanitarian. She is a former Minister of Education and Culture of Mozambique. She is also the Former First Lady of South Africa and wife of the late Nelson Mandela. (Click on the image to learn more about Graça)
Aristides de Sousa Mendes was a Portuguese consul during World War II. He is known for saving the lives of thousands of refugees seeking to escape the Nazi terror during World War II.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Yenkh0fpF0
Maria das Neves is a former Prime Minister of São Tomé and Príncipe (2002-2004) and a member of the United Nations Council of Women World Leaders, as well as Deputy Manager for São Tomé at the African Development Bank.
Obrigado(a)!
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