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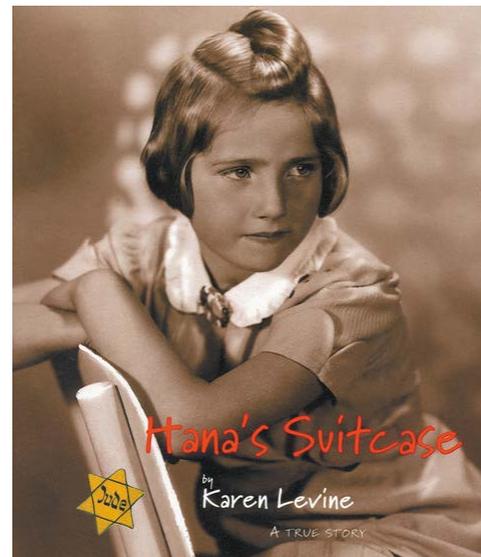
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Jan 27, 2020 – One Book Event – Launch of Hana's Suitcase on International Holocaust Day

The TDSB is committed to creating a school system and workplace that is free from discrimination and harassment. As part of this effort, we provide opportunities for students and staff to learn about Holocaust and genocide prevention, and how to combat antisemitism and all forms of hate.

This week, to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day, and the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, the TDSB hosted a "One-Book Event" in partnership with Indigo and Second Story Press. All Grade 6 students (more than 17,000) throughout the TDSB received a copy of Hana's Suitcase.



This book is an excellent resource for introducing children to the Holocaust and is Canada's most awarded children's book including one from the United Nations and "the Ultimate Silver Birch Winner" in Ontario. It has been translated into more than 40 languages, produced as a stage play, and is the subject of a prize-winning radio documentary and feature-length documentary film.

[Here is a news clip from CTV about the One-Book event.](#)



Bell Let's Talk Day is Wed, January 29

Bell Let's Talk is a multi-year charitable program dedicated to the promotion and support of mental health across Canada.

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Since 2010, Bell has committed over \$100 million to support a wide range of mental health organizations, large and small, from coast to coast focusing on anti-stigma, care and access, workplace mental health and research.

On Bell Let's Talk Day, Bell will donate more towards mental health initiatives in Canada by contributing 5¢ for every applicable text, call, tweet, social media video view and use of our Facebook frame or Snapchat filter. For more information, please click <https://letstalk.bell.ca/en/>.

Student mental health and well-being is an important part of student success and a priority at the TDSB and in our schools. For more information click <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Supporting-You/Mental-Health-Well-being>. #StopTheStigma

Information About Coronavirus

Please check the TDSB website for a letter from Toronto Public Health <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1411/Information-About-Coronavirus>.

Please note the Ontario government website <https://www.ontario.ca/page/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-2019-nCoV> will be updated daily.

As always, it is important to remember to cough into your sleeve, wash your hands as washing your hands properly can help prevent the spread of the germs and if you feel sick, stay home and/or seek medical advice.

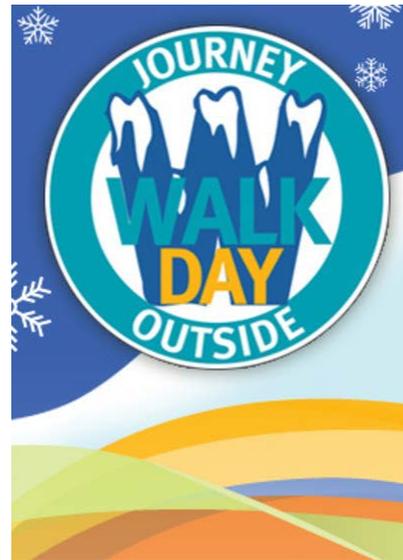
Labour Update

Please visit [this page](#) for the latest in labour negotiations as they relate to TDSB schools and students.

Winter Walk Day - Feb 5!

On Wednesday, February 5th, 2020 – Let's get more kids walking and wheeling to school! Bundle up, walk and roll to school, and enjoy the winter season! On February 5th, join schools across the country in celebrating Winter Walk Day. Visit the [Ontario Active School Travel website](#) for resources including posters and event ideas.

Show us how you're celebrating!
Share your Winter Walk Day event with us by



tweeting [@EcoSchoolsTDSB](https://twitter.com/EcoSchoolsTDSB) using the hashtag **#WinterWalkDay**.

To learn more about road safety, please visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Road-Safety>.



Parents as Partners Conference – March 28, 2020

You're invited to our annual Parents as Partners Conference!

The Parents as Partners Conference 2020 is on Saturday, March 28 and all parents are welcome!

This free conference – planned by parents, for parents – includes a variety of workshops and resources that will help any parent support their child in their achievement and well-being at school and at home.

This year's keynote speaker is Kim Katrin, an internationally acclaimed award winning educator, writer, artist and consultant. With a focus on student life, Kim explores how intersections of race, sexual orientation, and gender impact mental wellness. Emphasizing these connections allows for an inclusive discussion and a holistic focus on mental wellness and community engagement.

Technology micro-sessions are also being offered to help parents develop their computer literacy as well as bring them up to speed on many online applications used by TDSB students.

Transportation, food and translators are all provided, as well as free day camp for children ages 4-12 to support participants attending the conference. Registration opens mid-February



Local Restaurant Ascari holds fundraising brunch for Eastdale Collegiate, using produce grown at the school...

A fantastic good news story From Eastdale Collegiate principal Andrea Hicks:

"Eastdale and a local restaurateur, John Sinopoli, collaborated this past Sunday to kick-off the brunch service at local restaurant Ascari on Queen Street East.

The menu included items made with Eastdale-grown carrots and microgreens, as well as honey from Eastdale staffer David Servos' own apiary! Poached eggs, in several delicious options, were garnished with Eastdale microgreens as well.

For the record, it was beautiful and delicious!

Huge thanks to our Foodshare partner, Orlando Gomez, the founder of our Rooftop Farm, David Servos, and our School Trustee, Jennifer Story, for connecting us to this phenomenal local restaurant owner, John Sinopoli."



East End Transit Alliance

The provincial government recently announced that they intend to upload and replace the TTC's planned Downtown Relief Line with the Ontario Line, which they currently intend to build above ground for the first 2km east of the Don River. The stretch from Broadview and Eastern through to Gerrard Square would have a significant impact on the homes, parks and community centres on the route. As a school board trustee, I am concerned about the potential impacts on health and safety, on our kids and construction impacts re: safe routes to school. This stretch of the proposed route passes near a number of our schools, several parks and the Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre. Alarmingly, there has been no environmental assessment on the proposed changes and there are no commitments at this time to conduct one.

The only good news out of this abrupt change is that there is a great local group that has sprung up to fight for a safer option -- the East End Transit Alliance.

There is a lot going on around this issue, and lots of ways you can get involved.

Please invite your friends, family, and neighbours to [sign-up here](#) for EastEnd Transit Alliance e-news updates.

Also, please let them know how you want to help out If you haven't done the survey yet, you can [complete it right now](#) - it is super quick and will help us help you get involved.



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Parent Representative Participation in Vice-Principal Interviews

The Toronto District School Board currently includes a Parent Representative on Vice-Principal Interview Committees and is seeking interested parent volunteers to be part of the interview team. The interview team is composed of one superintendent, two principals and one parent representative.

In order to participate in the Spring 2020 Vice-Principal interview process, parents are required to:

1. Fill out an expression of interest [survey](#).

2. Attend a training session scheduled for February 11, 2020, between 6 to 7:30 pm, at the Board's main office on 5050 Yonge Street

3. Be available all day to participate on two of the planned interview dates as listed below:

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

The survey closes on January 24, 2020.

Should you require additional information contact [Colleen Russell-Rawlins](#) or [Michelle Munroe](#).

Secondary Program Review and Optional Attendance Policy: Virtual Public Consultations – January 30, 2020

As you are aware, the TDSB is undertaking a review of secondary schools to ensure all students have equitable access to programs and opportunities. As part of this review, the Board is also reviewing the Optional Attendance Policy (P013), which allows students to apply to schools other than their designated school by home address. We have held four public meetings on both [Optional Attendance Policy \(P013\)](#) and [Secondary Program Review](#) in November 2019 and you can review this presentation [here](#). On January 30, 2020, we will be hosting two virtual information sessions as our final public consultations.



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