

Trustee Update

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Virtual Budget Town Halls

The TDSB is holding two [virtual Budget Town Halls](#) to ensure that all members of the community, including parents/guardians, have the opportunity to hear directly from staff about the 2021-22 budget, ask questions and share feedback. Join us on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at [11 a.m.](#) or [7 p.m.](#) to take part in the [Budget Town Halls](#).

2021-22
TDSB Budget
**Virtual
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2021-2022 School Year Calendar

The Ministry of Education has approved the TDSB's [2021-2022 School Year Calendar](#). The first day of classes for students will be September 9, 2021. Visit the TDSB website for the [full calendar](#), including PA days and holidays.

Return of Borrowed
Student Devices



In preparation for the 2021-22 school year, families are asked to return borrowed devices (e.g. iPad, Chromebook, Internet Hub) to any TDSB school between Monday, June 14 and Friday, July 2 (for elementary schools) and Friday, July 9 (for secondary schools) between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please note that June 14 is the first day of collection, not the deadline for return. Some families have requested to return borrowed devices before the end of the school year, and we want to accommodate those requests. All students who need to keep the device until the end of the school year can do so.

Selection Form for In-Person or Virtual Learning (2021-22)

The TDSB will be asking families to complete an online *Selection Form for In-Person or Virtual Learning* in mid-August. At that time, families will have up-to-date information on the status of the pandemic and vaccinations for school staff and students, and will be in a better position to make an informed decision. Visit the TDSB website for more information, available in multiple languages.

Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement hosted a virtual event on June 1 to celebrate the launch of the Centre. The Centre is dedicated to improving the experiences and outcomes for Black students. It aims to be responsive to the voices of Black communities who have advocated for systemic change within educational institutions and for dismantling anti-Black racism at the TDSB. To learn more follow @tdsb_cebsa on Twitter and sign-up for the mailing list.

Statement: Tragic Discovery in British Columbia

In the wake of the tragic discovery of the unmarked graves of 215 Indigenous children at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia, the Toronto District School Board deplores the loss of life and mourns alongside ...

The TDSB flags will remain at half mast, starting today for nine days — one hour for every life lost — in honour of the 215 children.

Read the full statement.

Statement: Crisis in the Middle East

The Middle East may be thousands of miles away but the world is small. We know the current crisis deeply impacts many of us in our TDSB family and our hearts and thoughts are with all those affected — particularly Israelis and Palestinians who are experiencing this violence first hand. It is important for us to acknowledge the trauma being experienced by millions as a result of the tragic loss of life and the constant worry about the safety of families and loved ones.

Read the full statement.

Secondary Credit Summer Programs

Registration is open for Secondary Credit Programs including: Grade 8 Summer Reach Ahead, Remote Credit Recovery, Remote Summer Full Credit, Co-op, Dual Credit and School Within A College (SWAC). Please note that space is limited, and courses may fill up prior to the close of registration. For more information and to register, visit www.creditprograms.ca.



International Languages: Elementary and African Heritage (ILE-AH) Summer Program

This free summer online program welcomes JK to Grade 8 students to learn a language (except for English and French) or African Heritage for 2.5 hours a day, Monday to Friday from July 5 to 30, 2021. [Learn more and register online today](#).

Adult ESL Summer Program

Adult learners will have an opportunity to improve their English online this summer from July 5 to July 30. A broad range of English as a Second Language classes will be available, from beginner to advanced levels. Registration opens June 21, 2021. Learn more by visiting www.ESLtoronto.ca.

Learn4Life Adult General Interest Summer Program

Learn a new skill or take up a hobby online this summer with courses in art, computers, fitness and wellness, languages, and much more! Registration is now open with courses beginning July 5, 2021. View our online brochure by visiting www.learn4life.ca.

TDSB Reaches Tentative Local Agreement with Secondary Occasional Teachers

The Toronto District School Board has reached a tentative agreement with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) District 12, which represents approximately 2,250 secondary occasional teachers at the school board.

The tentative agreement must still be ratified by both the TDSB and OSSTF with a vote expected on or before June 30, 2021.

For more information, please read the [news release](#).

COVID-19 Vaccines for Youth 12 and Up

Below you will find recent updates about COVID-19 vaccines, including eligibility for students:

- [Ministry of Education – May 27, 2021](#)
- [Toronto Public Health – May 20, 2021](#)

Let's Connect

Join us on June 22 at 6:30 p.m. for the first webinar in a new series called Let's Connect with TDSB Professional Support Services staff and Mental Health and Well-Being Leads. Our first conversation will be about transitioning to summer. [Learn more](#).

Election of Student Trustees (2021-22)

Students across the Toronto District School Board will have the opportunity to vote online for their 2021-22 Student Trustees on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

Official candidates and their campaign videos will be revealed on Monday, June 21, 2021. Stay tuned!

Student Trustees represent the voice of approximately 247,000 students in the Toronto District School Board. They are elected members of the Board of Trustees and sit alongside the adult Trustees at board and committee meetings and act as a link to students, the Board and school communities. Student Trustees are members of the Student Senate and work closely with Student Senate Executives and school communities to empower and promote student voice and engagement across the district.

Please note that due to the impact of COVID-19, Student Senate Elections will be held separately in the Fall.

For more information, please visit the webpage for Election of Student Trustees.

If you have any questions, please contact Principal [Alison MacLachlan](#).

Sun Safe Behaviour

This spring and summer, the Toronto District School Board and Toronto Public Health want kids to be safe while playing outdoors.

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, please follow all guidelines from Toronto Public Health, including social distancing.

Getting students outside and active is good for their health but too much sun can have serious side-effects, including burns, eye damage, premature aging of the skin and skin cancer. We encourage all students to practice sun safety.

What exactly does sun safe behaviour look like?

- Cover up: Even on days with a moderate UV index students should wear a hat and sunglasses, especially if they'll be outside for over 30 minutes.
- Stay cool: Students should stay in shady areas, particularly at midday when the sun is strongest.
- Use sunscreen: Choose sunscreens with SPF 15 or higher that include protection from both UVA and UVB rays.



Bicycle Safety

Now that the warm weather is here, children will be participating in outdoor activities like bike riding. The Toronto District School Board and Toronto Public Health want kids to be safe while playing outdoors this summer.

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, please continue to follow all guidelines from Toronto Public Health, including social distancing.

In addition, parents and caregivers can stay a step ahead by protecting children when they ride.

Here's how:

1. An adult should always supervise children 10 years of age or younger when they are using a bicycle or other wheeled sports equipment. Even older children may need on-going supervision when riding near the road.
2. Make sure children wear the correct helmet properly when they ride. Ontario's bike helmet law requires all children and youth under age 18 to wear an approved bike helmet when riding a bicycle.
3. Keep children away from traffic when they use wheeled sports equipment. Make sure they ride in a safe place.
4. Teach children how to:
 - a. steer, brake and ride in a straight line
 - b. wear the right safety gear, and
 - c. do a safety check every time they ride a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, use in-line skates or wear shoes with wheels.
5. Be within arm's reach when your children are learning to ride any wheeled equipment.
6. Always walk a bicycle, scooter or skateboard across a street intersection, instead of riding across.
7. Tell children that you are happy when you see them riding safely.

8. Remind children of the safety rules when they forget.
9. Be a good role model - wear a helmet and safety gear yourself. Children copy what adults do.

History and Heritage Months

In June, the TDSB recognizes National Indigenous History Month, Italian Heritage Month, Portuguese-Speaking Heritage Month and Pride Month.

TDSB Update

Sign-up for TDSB Update and stay informed about recent Board decisions and district-wide news.

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