

Trustee Update

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Supporting the Ukrainian Community

As the world watches the shocking developments in Eastern Europe, our thoughts are with the people of Ukraine and the Ukrainian community here in Toronto. Read our [full statement](#) and read tips that may be helpful for parents/guardians whose children are experiencing difficulties.

Combatting Hate and Racism – Student Learning Strategy

Hate and racism in any form has no place in schools and workplaces and we are committed to interrupting and confronting racism, discrimination and hate, in all of its forms when we see or hear it.

Every day, there is an incredible amount of work happening in classrooms and schools every day to support this commitment through professional learning, curriculum resources, encouraging and supporting critical conversations and building connections with each other as well as community organizations to support this important work.

[Learn more about our strategy.](#)

Backpack and School Supplies Drive

All students should have access to backpacks and school supplies to help them get the most out of their school experience – and you and/or your business can help our students and families in need with a donation to the TDSB's Backpacks & School Supplies Drive!

This year's Backpacks & School Supplies Drive will run from March 1, 2022 to the end of September 2022. Individual donors and companies can help our students

by making a monetary donation and/or a donation of **new** backpacks and school supplies. Tax receipts are available for these donations.

[Learn more.](#)

Updated Screening Tool

Toronto Public Health has updated their [COVID-19 screening tool for children, students and adults](#) for immediate use. Please do this [health screening](#) daily before coming to school and use either the [paper Health Pass](#), the [TDSB Health Screening App](#) or the [online web portal](#) to complete the verification of your screening, each day.

COVID-19 Vaccinations

The TDSB continues to work with Toronto Public Health and other healthcare partners to offer vaccination opportunities for students and their families. Learn more about [vaccination opportunities](#) and how you can [talk directly to a doctor](#) about the vaccine.

COVID-19 Reporting

Each day, the TDSB provides detailed daily absence data to help provide a comprehensive picture of a school community. Absences for both staff and students could be for a variety of reasons and are not necessarily related to COVID-19. [Learn more.](#)

Let's Connect About Mental Health and Well-Being

Parents and Caregivers are invited to join us online on March 10 at 7 p.m. to hear parent voices and experiences, increase mental health literacy and learn strategies to better support your child's mental health and well-being. [Learn more.](#)

Free Employment Services for Job Seekers in the GTA

For free, job seekers can access employment services and resources to get a job; secure the training you need for a new career; and so much more. The TDSB's Community Services Unit operates seven convenient Next-Steps Employment Centres across the GTA. Visit www.next-steps.ca to learn more.

Free Enhanced Language Training for Newcomers

Continue your professional career in Canada! Internationally

Experienced/Educated Professionals new to Canada can sign up for the Community Services' Enhanced Language Training (ELT) program. Trainees receive in-class instruction on their sectors and gain the opportunity to secure work placement in their related industry. Learn more at www.elt4employment.ca.

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

This free online program welcomes JK to Grade 8 students to learn a language (except for English and French) for 2.5 hours a week. [Learn more and register online today.](#)

Learn4Life Adult General Interest Program

Learn a new skill or take up a hobby this spring with courses in art, computers, food, languages, fitness and much more! Both in-person and online classes are available. Registration is now open. [View our online brochure](#) for more information.

Adult ESL Program

Adult learners will have an opportunity to improve their English in-person and online with the TDSB. A broad range of English as a Second Language classes will be available, from beginner to advanced levels. Learn more by [visiting our program website.](#)

Environment, Energy and Climate Action

The Toronto District School Board is dedicated to preparing young people for their future and recognizes its obligation to respond to the escalating climate crisis with education, action and leadership.

[Learn more](#) about the history of climate action and sustainability at the TDSB.

High Water Levels Brings Increased Risks

The Toronto and Region Conservation monitors hazardous ice conditions as thaw begins and are reminding everyone to be very careful around all bodies of water. The first hint of warming weather and the promise of spring thaw can bring extreme danger to the shores and surfaces of streams, rivers, ponds and lakes, according to Toronto and Region Conservation.

As warmer temperatures arrive, stream banks become increasingly slippery and unstable. Lake and river ice weakens, becoming thinner or with higher flows

breaking with little or no warning. During this time, the potential for flooding and ice jamming is high

Higher, faster-flowing water and extreme cold temperatures combine to create increased dangers on or near rivers, streams and ponds for people wishing to enjoy the seasonal changes. Parents and caregivers are being asked to keep children away from stream banks, ponds and lakes.

Steps to Address Your Questions and Concerns

The TDSB wants to hear your questions and concerns, and makes every effort to address them as quickly as possible

In any situation, your child's classroom teacher is the first point of contact, followed by the school's principal, the school superintendent and your Trustee.

For more information visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Contact-Us/Steps-to-Address-Questions-Concerns>.

Greek Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize [Greek Heritage Month](#) (GHM) during the month of March.

During the month of March, several activities will be shared to mark GHM. A poster contest was held and all students from the Toronto District School Board were invited to submit images that best reflected this year's theme. The selected images are posted below.

The theme for this year is based on healthy living:

“Harmony of Life - Healthy Mind, Healthy Body”

“Αρμονια της Ζωης - Νους υγιης εν σωματι υγει”

[Visit the GHM website](#) for information and resources.

This year's website includes “Word of the Day” and “Daily Announcements” along with featured focussed days with activities.

“Movement Mondays”

“Travelling Tuesdays”

“Wellness Wednesdays”

“Thoughtful Thursdays”

“Foodie Fridays”

[Greek Heritage Month - Calendar of Activities \(google.com\)](#)

TDSB Update

Sign-up for [TDSB Update](#) and stay informed about recent Board decisions and district-wide news.

Follow the TDSB

Join the conversations happening on TDSB's social media communities. You'll find the most up-to-date information about us on our Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts.

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