

Welcome New Staff in Ward 17 Family of Schools

Welcome and congratulations to the newly promoted principals, vice principals, teachers, and staff who have joined Ward 17 this fall.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you, as I am confident that together, we will build strong bonds to encourage student success and positive learning environments. I hope to meet you at your respective schools soon as I make my way around the ward.

Welcome new Executive Superintendent for Learning Centres 2 and 3

Congratulations to Brendan Brown on his appointment to the role of Executive Superintendent of Learning Centres 2 and 3.

Working with Brendan on multiple occasions since being elected to the TDSB, I am happy to say that he is a good fit for this position. I am very impressed with his leadership skills and look forward to supporting his vision. My team and I are here to ensure that your schools run efficiently promoting student wellbeing and success.

Road Safety Review:

Your trustee David Smith will be working hard with the Toronto Police Service in Scarborough to promote road safety as we begin this school year.

Motorists need to remain alert as they drive through our school zones. Drive slowly and pay attention to give students and pedestrians the right of way. Let's all work together to have an incident-free and safe school year.

Community Service Volunteer Hours

Your trustee David Smith invites students that need to obtain their community volunteer hours to reach out. Contact him at david.smith4@tdsb.on.ca to learn how your children can earn their hours doing community service. They need them to graduate. He can help them find the right opportunity to serve.



New David & Mary Thomson C.I.'s to open Fall 2019

David and Mary Thomson's new building was delayed due to the Ontario plumbers and sheet metal workers strike. I thank you for your patience.

As the excitement builds, the new David and Mary Thomson C.I. has been a thrilling project for the many who have pulled together to see it come to fruition. Thank you to Salvatore Beltrano, capital project manager, for managing the construction; ZAS Architects of Everstrong Construction for their design; Mario Manserra, project manager, for directing moving of both Bendale B.T.I and David and Mary Thomson C.I.; Shirley Chan, former LN13 superintendent and Lynn Strangeway, current LN13 superintendent Lynn Strangeway for their leadership getting the school to this point; and Bill Papaconstantinou, principal, and Nicholas English and Alison Kelsey, vice principals, for their execution; and the teachers and support staff for their dedication and patience.

A special thank you to the many parents/guardians, and students who provided essential guidance and feedback to bring this whole project together.

This new building will be home to the outstanding academic programs at David and Mary Thomson. They will provide a rich variety of choices to encourage students to become successful, productive citizens.

David and Mary Thomson's unique Cooperative Education Program, combined with the Dual Credit, Advanced Placement Program, Specialist High Skills Majors, and Technological Education Program sets it apart from other schools. Its extracurricular and leadership groups also develop student character.

Your trustee has worked directly with the builders and designers to ensure that the new learning space will meet your needs, so your children can focus and excel. We overcame challenge after challenge to build a great school. We look forward to the opening and welcoming the Bendale BTI and Thomson students as we celebrate a new beginning. We welcome everyone to David and Mary Thomson C.I., wishing them all great success in the years to come.



David Smith TRUSTEE



Scarborough Centre
Ward 17



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! I hope you and your family had an enjoyable and safe summer.

As your public school board trustee, my role is to advocate for you and your child, and to represent the needs of all students and parents/guardians in our Board. All students need access to the programs, opportunities and supports to fulfil their potential and reach high levels of achievement and well-being.

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) Multi-Year Strategic Plan outlines our mission, values and goals in support of student success. Read the full plan at: www.tdsb.on.ca/myasp.

Your involvement in your child's education and school life is key to their success. I encourage you to join your local school council, or to volunteer by coaching sports or supervising field trips. You can find out more at: www.tdsb.on.ca/getinvolved.

To keep engaged, please sign up for my e-newsletter by emailing me at [Trustee Email Address] and visit my webpage at [Trustee Webpage]. For system-wide news about the TDSB, subscribe to TDSB Update at: www.tdsb.on.ca/TDSBupdate and follow the TDSB on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

As the new school year begins, visit our parents' webpage: www.tdsb.on.ca/forparents. You'll find helpful resources, including homework apps, the school-year calendar, transportation info and updates, and supports for mental health, healthy living and bullying.

Let's start the school year off right and work together to make your school and our system the best it can be.

With energy and enthusiasm,

David Smith
Trustee, Ward 17

ROAD SAFETY





WARD 17 Graduates take their places

During the 2018-2019 school year, your trustee David Smith participated in many graduation ceremonies throughout the ward. Joined by superintendents Shirley Chan, Peter Chang, and Jacqueline Spence, your trustee was able to celebrate the achievements of our great students marking this important milestone. He ensured that graduates received warm acknowledgements and sage advice as they moved on in their academic lives. Whether from elementary, middle, or secondary schools, helping them move forward this is the highlight of David Smith's year.

The ceremonies themselves always provide atmospheres filled with celebration and excitement. Not just for students, but family members and staff all revel in the glow of these important accomplishments.

Your trustee David Smith wishes the students transitioning from all levels the best of luck in all their endeavours. Congratulations to the Class of 2019, strive to do great things and make us all proud.



TRUSTEE DAVID SMITH'S 9TH ANNUAL

Fun Fair

The ninth annual Ward 17 Fun Fair was a roaring success at Glamorgan Junior P.S. Principal Teri Molnar and vice-principal Margeaux Levy hosted, along with your trustee David Smith. Hundreds attended to see works of art, theatre, and amazing food. Students and families came from across Ward 17, and around the world, some from as far as London, England and the United States, as part of a special exchange program.

Your trustee David Smith secured free admission to Toronto attractions, such as: Canada's Wonderland, The Rogers Centre, The Canadian National Exhibition and others for attendees. An awards ceremony for academics, arts and leadership was held honouring the achievements of Ward 17 students. With great weather, the event exceeded expectations.

Your trustee and his team look forward to seeing you next year, as we expect to an even greater turnout. Stay tuned to your schools for the date, time, and location of the next fun fair. David wishes everyone a safe and wonderful school year and looks forward to seeing you when he visits your school in 2019 and 2020.

Thank you.



The 2019 Canada Day celebration in Thomson Park and parade along Lawrence Ave. East, from Progress Ave. to Brimley Rd. was the best ever this past July 1st.

Your trustee David Smith marched in the parade with community representatives. They gave out t-shirts, gifts and prizes. It's the parade's eighth consecutive year drawing crowds of families and visitors who followed the parade to the festivities at the park.

Trustee Smith and his team worked hard to make this day enjoyable and filled with excitement for all involved. Thank you to all who volunteered and participated, we look forward to seeing you next year at the Canada Day Parade. Stay safe and have an enjoyable autumn.

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Drastic \$67.3M budget cut mandated by Premier Ford

Provincial budget cuts to the 2019/2020 school year have brought shockwaves to Scarborough schools. Cuts to after-school programs, such as Beyond 3:30, were unavoidable due to these surprised austerity measures.

The lost programs have helped students succeed, made learning better, and improved schools. We are disappointed with the Ford government's cuts to student support, and had no choice to end these crucial programs.

The impact of these program and staffing cuts will be felt widely. We are committed to putting our people and students first. Doug Ford and the Conservative government should have been more forthcoming with their fiscal plans and the consequences. It has taken the TDSB and parents by surprise and will leave lasting harm to our schools. The premier has turned a blind eye to the needs of students and the voices of their parents/guardians.

This budget was forced on us, but I am committed to our students and parents with a determined voice, which is why I voted against it. As we cope with these forced cuts and their toll on students in Ward 17 and the system, I am angry. Angry not only as a trustee, but as a parent as well.

We need to come together and brace ourselves for some of

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA



the toughest times yet. I am committed to advocating for you as best as I can. However, we need to unite to keep our schools from backsliding and deteriorating. Together parents, students and trustees can come together as the strong vibrant community that we are and fight these cuts and the government behind them.

Grade 2 French Immersion debuts at Ellesmere Statton PS

New French Immersion Programs will start at Ellesmere Statton PS this September.

Ellesmere Statton will begin Grade 2 French for students thanks to the diligent preparations from the administrative team. We were able to bring it to Ward 17 despite challenges with projected enrolment of four to five new classes

A special thank you goes out to TDSB director John Malloy and the senior administrative staff for their leadership so that our children can continue to take the dual track. The benefits of this program will provide well-rounded able to bilingual students take advantage of global career choices.

Ellesmere Statton principal Geri Yhap believes this will be a welcomed addition for the school, its curriculum leader and staff. I would like to thank the her and her team for their leadership, perseverance and vision as we move forward with this extended program in the upcoming school year.