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Happy Fall!

Dear Parents,

My best wishes to you and your family. Fall is a wonderful season to reflect as we approach the end of 2018. It has been a privilege to serve as our school trustee these past 4 years. I'm proud of the positive changes we've made to our school system together.

Also, as you know, we have a new provincial government and with that has come some changes. I want you to know, despite the reality that school boards function at the behest of the provincial government, I am ready and prepared to defend the integrity of our most important public institution. Which includes the professionalism of our teachers, the health and safety of our students, and the infrastructure of our buildings which house our most valuable asset, our children.

Finally, I am always ready to serve, advocate, and respond if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas. This has been a beautiful opportunity to serve our community and I am truly grateful for it.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Kandavel".

On October 2nd, 2018, I hosted my first Ward Forum of the year at General Brock PS with guest speaker Michelle Munroe, Central Coordinator at the Parent and Community Engagement Office at the TDSB. Together, we discussed the Purpose and Role of a School Council and Role of Trustee/Superintendents.



Early French Immersion Program Application Deadline

The application process for the [Early French Immersion program](#) opens on **Oct. 29th** and the deadline is **Nov. 26th**. Applications are made the year a child is in Junior Kindergarten (or is of Junior Kindergarten age) for entry in Senior Kindergarten. It is an entirely online process.

Junior Extended French (Grade 4 Entry) & Intermediate Extended French (Grade 7 Entry)

Opens: **Jan. 7th, 2019** Closes: **Feb. 4th, 2019**

For further information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and dates for Information Evenings, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french.

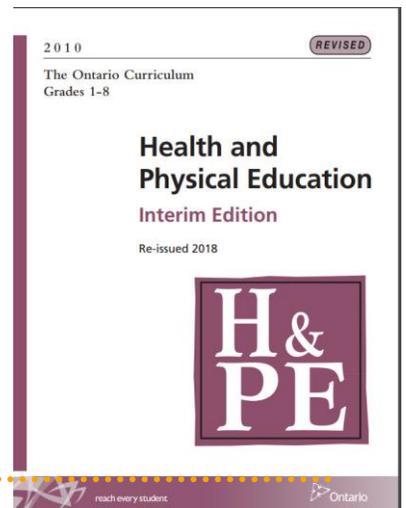


TDSB Launches Health & Physical Education Parent Guide

The Toronto District School Board has launched a guide to help parents and guardians better understand the Ministry of Education's 2010 re-issued Health and Physical Education Curriculum (HPEC).

The guide includes helpful information regarding the 2010 re-issued HPEC (Grades 1-8) including grade-by-grade highlights of what's being taught, comparisons to the previous curriculum and Questions and Answers.

http://www.tdsb.on.ca/portals/0/docs/Guide_to_the_Revised_Ontario_HPE_Curriculum.pdf



High School Information Nights

To help you make an informed decision when choosing a high school, TDSB schools host information nights for parents and grade 8 students each year between October and January. Learn everything you need to know about our incredible variety of schools, programs and courses. The dates and times for all High School Information Nights are available online at:

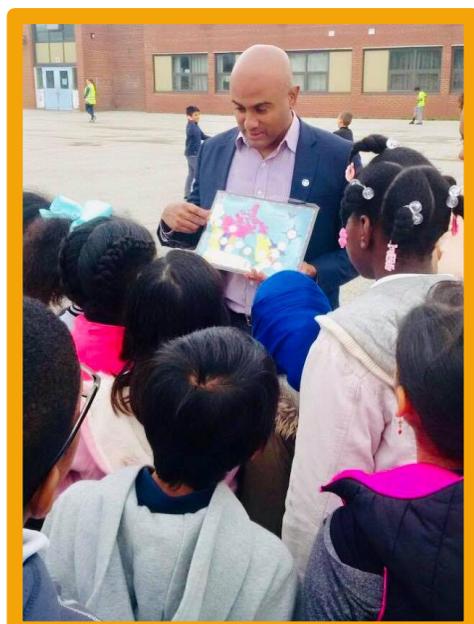
<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Open-Houses-and-Information-Nights>.

TDSB Committed to Helping Increase Road Safety

It's back to school time again and the Toronto District School Board is reminding drivers to be alert and slow down in school zones. In recent years, the Board has been working with community partners, including the City of Toronto, Toronto Public Health and Toronto Police Service to increase road safety for children and youth.



At Clairlea's Curriculum Night Barbeque



Sharing an award I received in Grade 6 when I attended Corvette PS

Keeping Kids Safe

Drivers are reminded to do their part to keep children safe near school buses.

Drivers should follow these tips:

- Stop and never pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing.
- Leave space around school buses and avoid blocking school bus loading zones so children can enter and exit safely.
- Be prepared to stop for a school bus at any time, not just during school hours.
- Always obey the rules of the road and watch for children, especially in school zones
- Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and school crossings.

Parents can also help keep their children safe by reminding them to be aware of their surroundings when they are on or near school buses.

