



## Weekly Update – May 24, 2015

### Items of Interest

For up to date information on Labour Negotiations click on <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Labournegotiations.aspx>

#### **Bike to School Week May 25-29 2015**

Thanks to all the schools that have signed up for Bike to School Week! Hope you have an enjoyable ride! Resources, posters, prizes and incentives as well as the registration portal are [here](#). Teachers, register for Bike to Work Week at the same link for a chance to win a bike! Looking for ideas to start a bike club or hold an event? Check out Cycle Toronto's Bike to School Project [here](#).

#### **Legislative Update (from OPSBA)**

OPSBA met with members of the Toronto DSB Governance Advisory Panel on May 14 to present the **OPSBA submission**. President Michael Barrett emphasized the role of the elected trustee, good governance, why trustees are important, the 2014 Municipal Elections and the need for strong leadership. There are two public consultations left. Individuals can send submissions until May 30. The panel is to submit their findings to the Minister of Education by the end of June. **Click here** for public session information and to send an online submission.

OPSBA also sent a **submission** last week regarding the **Regulatory Registry Posting** related to the *Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA)*.

#### **Bill 20, Ryan's Law (Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools), 2014**

This bill received Third Reading on April 30, 2015 and Royal Assent on May 5, 2015. Information was sent to boards, including a policy template and draft parent letter. The government has indicated they are "committed to moving forward with a comprehensive approach to address prevalent medical conditions including asthma, diabetes, anaphylaxis and epilepsy in Ontario schools."

#### **Bill 45, Making Healthier Choices Act, 2014**

This bill began Third Reading on May 13, 2015. OPSBA has sent a **submission** to the standing committee reviewing the proposed legislation.

#### **Bill 91, Building Ontario Up Act (Budget Measures), 2015**

This bill passed second reading and was ordered to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

#### **Bill 8, Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act, 2014**

Thursday the office of the ombudsman issued a media release indicating that *Bill 8's Schedule 9 - Amendments to the Ombudsman Act* and Related Amendments had been proclaimed. The release says that school board oversight begins this September and indicates that Marin has reached out to the sectors. As a reminder, *Bill 8, Public Sector and MPP Accountability and Transparency Act, 2014* received Royal Assent last December and up until now only *Schedule 1 - Broader Public Sector Executive Compensation Act, 2014* had been proclaimed (March 2015). From the Office of the Ombudsman's web site: [Dates for Bill 8 proclaimed](#)

**The Legislative Assembly of Ontario will have a constituency week from May 18 to 22 and return on May 25, 2015. There are now eight sitting days left until the House rises on June 4, 2015 for summer recess.**



### New Invitations

#### Spirit of Mandela Freedom Walk — June 20, 2015

Mandela Legacy Canada is inviting all students, staff and communities of school districts to participate in the spirit of Mandela Freedom Walk which will be held in Toronto on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Walk will take place on University Avenue, from Armoury Street to Queen's Park, which was recently designated by the City of Toronto as Nelson Mandela Boulevard. This occasion marks the 25th anniversary of Nelson Mandela's first visit to Canada. It will honour the memory and legacy of that great man who Canada has made an honorary citizen.

[Click here](#) for the Spirit of Mandela Freedom Walk poster

[Click here](#) for information about Mandela Legacy Canada

#### Equity 4 All: Beyond 2015 – May 30 from 10am-2pm at John Polanyi CI

The Equity Policy Advisory Committee is hosting a community conversation café to talk about equity and inclusion in our schools. *Where do we need to go? How do we get there? What does the journey look like?* You are invited to join trustees, community leaders, parents and students in sharing insights to make our schools even more equitable and inclusive. **Equity 4 All: Beyond 2015** 30 May 2015, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at [John Polanyi CI](#), 640 Lawrence Avenue West lunch provided and childcare available.

### Don't Forget...

#### Jewish Heritage Month

Students are encouraged to participate in a [short biography contest](#) by writing about a significant Jewish person who they feel has contributed to Ontario or has inspired them to contribute to others in some way.

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/jewishHeritageMonthPoster.pdf>

#### TDSB Launches Board-Wide Fundraising Appeal for Nepal

You can still contribute to the Toronto District School Board launched tdsbCARES: Nepal Region Earthquake Relief — a board-wide fundraising appeal to help with the relief effort in Nepal following last weekend's powerful earthquake. Eligible donations will be matched by the Government of Canada up until May 25th. For those wishing to donate, please visit the TDSB website at [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca)

#### Consultations on the Toronto District School Board

"We want to hear your ideas and input on ways to improve the governance structure at the Toronto District School Board (TDSB)"... as so it begins... again. Individuals can attend public sessions or share their thoughts online. For more information, please click <http://consultationsontdsb.ca/consultations-on-tdsb>. necessary. Check the website [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca)

### Upcoming Events

- **Summer School** provides flexibility by being available 24/7 to fit students' schedules. Get the details at: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/eLearning> and check out this video on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ftk7oRjdbI>
- **Councillor Josh Matlow's Community Environment Day, June 4th from 4pm to 8pm**  
North Toronto Memorial Arena (174 Orchard View Blvd).



- **Free 'Connected Parenting' Speaker Event - Speaker: Jennifer Kolari**  
**Wednesday June 17th - 7 - 8 pm - Hillcrest Community School, Gym (44 Hilton Ave, M5R 3E5)**
- Please join us for a 1-hour seminar with child and family therapist, Jennifer Kolari, one of the nation's leading parenting experts and the founder of Connected Parenting. Please visit [www.connectedparenting.com](http://www.connectedparenting.com) for more information. **Please RSVP to [paternor@homail.com](mailto:paternor@homail.com).**
- **Please drop off any unwanted art supplies, books, toys, and used sports equipment. Facilities will be available to dispose of computers and other hazardous household waste, or even replace your damaged green bin. Legislative Page Program – Apply before June 15** The program is open to students who are in Grade 7 or 8, have very good grades (80% or higher), are involved with their school or in their community, have an interest in current events and get along well with other students and adults E-mail: [page\\_program@ontla.ola.org](mailto:page_program@ontla.ola.org).

**Upcoming Ward 11 School/Community Events**

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| May 30, 2015  | Eglinton Fun Fair                        | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM |
|               | Maurice Cody Jr. PS Spring Fair          | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM |
|               | Oriole Park Jr. PS Mayfair               | 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM |
| June 2, 2015  | Northern SS Grade 8 Welcome Reception    | 5:00 PM            |
| June 3, 2015  | Forest Hill Jr. & Sr. PS Spring Fair     | 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM  |
| June 3, 2015  | Forest Hill CI Athletic Banquet          |                    |
|               | Northern SS Dance Show (Rm 225)          | 7:00 PM            |
| June 4, 2015  | Cedarvale CS Spring Fair                 | 5:00 PM            |
|               | Forest Hill CI Coffee House              | 7:00 PM            |
| June 6, 2015  | Cottingham Jr. PS Fun Fair               | 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM |
| June 9, 2015  | Forest Hill CI Vocal Chamber Night       | 7:00 PM            |
| June 10, 2015 | Forest Hill CI Grade 8 Welcome Reception | 4:30 PM            |
| June 11, 2015 | McMurrich Jr. PS Fun Fair                | 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM  |
|               | JR Wilcox CS Fun Fair                    | 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM  |
|               | West Preparatory Fun Fair                | 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM  |
| June 13, 2015 | Davisville Fun Fair                      | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM |
| June 18, 2015 | Hodgson Sr. PS Community BBQ             | 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  |

**TDSB Board and Committee Meetings**

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| May 26 | Audit Committee                | 4:30 Cte Rm A     |
| May 27 | Program & School Services      | 5pm Cte Rm A      |
| May 29 | Early Years Advisory Committee | 10:15am Boardroom |
| Jun 1  | Governance Review Workgroup    | 4pm Cte Rm A      |
|        | SEAC                           | 7pm Boardroom     |
| Jun 4  | Policy Review Workgroup        | 3:30pm Cte Rm A   |
|        | Budget Committee               | 4:30pm Cte Rm A   |
| Jun 9  | Inner City Advisory Committee  | 6pm Cte Rm A      |
| Jun 10 | Finance & Accountability       | 5pm Cte Rm A      |
|        | Planning & Priorities          | 7pm Cte Rm A      |



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| Jun 11 | Equity Policy Advisory Committee<br>PIAC | 5pm Cte Rm A<br>6:30pm Boardroom       |
| Jun 15 | Audit Committee                          | 4:30pm Cte Rm A                        |
| Jun 16 | FSLAC                                    | 7pm Cte Rm A                           |
| Jun 17 | Regular Board Meeting                    | 7pm Boardroom                          |
| Jun 18 | Community Use of Schools                 | 91m 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Meeting Room |

### 2014-2015 School Year Calendar

TDSB's school year calendars are on Google Calendar (add to yours!).

Elementary: <http://t.co/SRsxJzPYgL> + Secondary: <http://t.co/s1sWVP0naB>

Elementary School PA Day June 5, 2015

Secondary School PA Day June 24\*, 25, 2015

Board-wide PA Day June 26, 2015

\* High School Semester Change: The first day of second semester is 30 January 2015. The seven days noted for secondary school include a PA day only for semestered schools on 29 January 2015 and a PA Day for full-year schools only on 24 June 2015.

### For Next Year's Planning...

#### Days of Significance 2015-16

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Calendar/SchoolYearCalendar20152016.aspx>

### School Year 2015-2016 Dates to Remember - School Year Holidays (as per Ministry of Education)

Labour Day: September 7, 2015

First Day of School: September 8, 2015

Thanksgiving: October 12, 2015

Christmas Break: December 21, 2015 – January 1, 2016

Family Day: February 15, 2016

Mid-Winter Break: March 14-18, 2016

Good Friday: March 25, 2016

Easter Monday: March 28, 2016

Victoria Day: May 23, 2016

Last Day: June 29, 2016 (Elementary) June 27, 2016 (Secondary)

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