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Dear friends,

It's hard to believe the final day of school has arrived! The first day of the school year seems like yesterday, and yet at the same time, like a million years ago! In between there have been so many wonderful moments and special events, including a full season of in-person graduations and end-of-year events for students and families. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the vast majority of these celebrations (including my own daughter's graduation!), as I got sick in the last few weeks of school, but I am so thankful our school communities were able to mark these milestones together.



As we wrap up the school year, I do wish to acknowledge the hard work of all of our educators and school staff, who together with families, make the magic happen. The last couple of years have been incredibly challenging, with changes galore, and we could not have done it without the collaboration and hard work of so many people. From administrators, teachers, ECE's and EA's, to caretakers, SNA's, and clerical staff, and every other staff and support that keep our students supported and schools in order, a huge thank you from the bottom of my heart!

In June, we often announce administrative changes for the upcoming school year, as administrators retire, transfer or are promoted. This year is no different and I want to congratulate and send best wishes to the following individuals in Ward 11 who will be making changes:

- Vice Principal Kelly Caisse-Miller of Hodgson, transferring to Henry Kelsey SPS;
- Acting Vice Principal Jamie Parkes of Owen, promoted to Vice Principal of John Wanless PS
- Vice Principal Melissa Berger of Bedford Park, transferring to Owen PS;
- Vice Principal Frances Themeliopoulos of Bessborough, promoted to Principal of Rolph Rd;

- Acting Vice Principal Austin Pool of Leaside HS, promoted to Vice Principal of Leaside HS;
- Acting Vice Principal Craig Silvera of Northlea EMS, promoted to Vice Principal of Pierre Laporte MS;
- Principal Dima Nijmeh-Mantia of Bessborough, transferring to Finch PS;
- Principal Barbara Sandler of Northlea EMS, transferring to Fraser Mustard Early Learning Academy;
- Principal Sandra Larosa of Rolph Rd, retiring;
- Principal Lynne Chadder of Rippleton, retiring;

And we welcome the following **\*NEW\*** additions to Ward 11:

- Vice Principal Janet Bambrick of Gledhill JPS, promoted to Principal of Bessborough;
- Ms. Lynette Bacon, teacher from Brown PS, promoted to Vice Principal of Bessborough;
- Principal Manny Da Luz of West Preparatory JPS, transferring to Rippleton;
- Vice Principal Suzy Papadopoulos of Howard PS, promoted to Principal of Northlea EMS;
- Vice Principal Jill Kelsall of West Preparatory JPS, transferring to Bedford Park.

Congratulations and best wishes to all in their new roles! For those leaving Ward 11, thank you for supporting our schools and we will miss you! For those joining us for the first time, welcome to Ward 11!

### **In Board News...**

**Budget:** At last night's final board meeting for the official school year, Trustees approved the 2022-23 operating budget. The \$3.4 billion budget includes investments in a number of key areas, including mental health supports, early reading coaches, additional ESL teachers, student safety, resources to combat hate and racism, and technology for students.

Please click to the Board website for [more information](#) and [the budget itself](#).

**Student Trustees:** in April, students from across the city voted online to elect their Student Trustees for the 2022-23 school year. Congratulations to Jeffrey Osaro (Northview Heights Secondary School) and Naomi Musa (Central Toronto Academy), who will join Indigenous Student Trustee Isaiah Shafqat (Kapapamahchakwew - Wandering Spirit School). [Read for more on the student trustees on the TDSB website](#).

### **Ward 11 News: Coffee Mornings**

I want to thank everybody who connected with me over the past year. Your input has been invaluable. I have enjoyed meeting many people, thankfully some in person again, and of course many more virtually. Our Coffee Mornings continue to be a success. Our last one on June 8 was again very well attended and engaging.

In our open, informal format, several people shared their updates, ideas and concerns.

One topic we discussed at greater length was new [Student Interest Programs Policy](#) that was [recently adopted by the Board](#). It aims to improve access to the nearly 40 specialized programs and schools that the TDSB offers by reducing systemic barriers - such as geographic, socio-economic, race, and other. Many of these inequities were confirmed during our most recent [Secondary Program Review](#), and are reflected in data about [disproportionate student demographic representation](#).

For more about my Coffee Mornings and Ward Forums, check out my Ward website at [tdsb.on.ca/ward11](https://tdsb.on.ca/ward11), where meeting announcements and reports will be posted. In September, we aim to start with the postponed Ward Forum about the Board's Long Term Program and Accommodation Strategy, including real estate development in the Ward and the effects that this will have on school capacity. I look forward to seeing many of you in the fall as school resumes and these events get underway once again!

Finally, a huge thank you to those I consider essential to my personal Ward 11 team -- Wilmar Kortleever, who assists as a Trustee Liaison, the staff in Trustee Services, and Yalda in particular who assists Ward 11, and my two amazing Ward 11 Superintendents, Andrew Howard and Roni Felsen. Mr. Felsen and Mr. Howard go above and beyond each and every day and while I know they work over the summer, I hope they take some well-deserved time off!

And with that, I wish everyone a safe, happy and above all, fun summer break full of love and laughter! Please read on for all sorts of summer happenings and supports so you never have a dull moment (unless you want one!).

Warm regards,

Rachel

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## TDSB Summer Programs

TDSB offers a wide range of programming for children, youth and adults. [Check out the options](#) being offered, including:

(for elementary students)

- Elementary Summer School
- Extended Day Program – Summer Camp
- International Languages and African Heritage Language & Culture Program



- Outdoor Education Summer Camp
- Summer Music & Art Camps

(for high school students)

- Credit Courses for e-Summer High School (online)
- Continuing Education Secondary Credit Summer Program
- International Leadership and Peer Support Program

(for adults)

- Adult ESL Summer Program
- Learn4Life General Interest Courses

Please note that some programming is starting shortly, capacity is limited, and some programs may already be full.



## Summer 2022 Well-Being Guide

The TDSB Summer 2022 Well-Being Guide has been translated into 19 languages. It includes fun & free summer programs/activities & culturally responsive & accessible mental health & well-being supports. You can find it here: [www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22/Mental-Health-and-Well-Being/Summer-Well-Being-Guide](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22/Mental-Health-and-Well-Being/Summer-Well-Being-Guide)

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## FSLAC Newsletter June 2022

Check out yet another treasure trove of news, information, resources and tips in the [June 2022 Newsletter](#) from the parents on the French as a

Second Language (Community) Advisory Committee. Including a number of suggestions to keep up your (child's) French over the Summer!

Among the content included:

- Bonjour from the FSLAC!
- Register Now for FREE CPF Summer Program



- Register Now for FREE Coding Program in August
  - Toronto Public Library French Events
  - TD Summer Reading Club/Club de lecture d'été
  - TDSB Elementary Programs in July
  - TDSB Second French E-Credits in August
  - Congratulations TDSB Winners!
  - Tips for French Listening
  - NEW SHSM for FSL Secondary Students
  - Help Us Build this List!
  - Join us in September!
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## Backpack and School Supplies Drive

Backpacks and school supplies can be expensive. They can also wear out easily or are often lost or misplaced by students throughout the school year. They represent a difficult purchase for some students and for their families.



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.

### [DONATE NOW](#)

*NOTE: Due to potential health & safety, hygiene, sorting and storage limitations, the TDSB can only accept new items. Please contact [BusinessDevelopment@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:BusinessDevelopment@tdsb.on.ca) for more information about how to donate (new) items.*

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## Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference

Mark your calendars! The [TDSB's Parent and Caregivers as Partners virtual conference](#) is scheduled for October 22 and 23, 2022.

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## 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

Students return to school for the 2022-2023 school year on **Wednesday, September 7.**

There are no classes for students on the dates listed below (also check out the [Days of Significance Calendar](#)).

# KEY DATES - SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2022-2023

The official school year calendar for the Toronto District School Board runs from  
September 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, inclusive.

Professional Activity Days	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	June
Elementary Schools	6	7	18	2	13	17,	2
Secondary Schools	6	7	18			2, 17	29, 30

Designation of Professional Activity Days	
Elementary	Secondary
1. September 6, 2022 – Professional Development 2. October 7, 2022 – Professional Development 3. November 18, 2022 – Parent Teacher Conferences 4. December 2, 2022 – Professional Development 5. January 13, 2023 – Assessment and Reporting 6. February 17, 2023 – Parent Teacher Conferences 7. June 2, 2023 – Assessment and Reporting	1. September 6, 2022 – Professional Development 2. October 7, 2022 – Professional Development 3. November 18, 2022 – Professional Development 4. February 2, 2023 – Professional Development 5. February 17, 2023 – Professional Development 6. June 29, 2023 – Professional Development 7. June 30, 2023 – Professional Development

**EQAO:** - The following dates have been established:

Gr. 9 Math: TBD  
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OSSLT: TBD  
Primary/Junior EQAO: TBD

Dates to Remember - School Year Holidays (as per Ministry of Education)	
Labour Day:	September 5, 2022
Thanksgiving:	October 10, 2022
Winter Break:	December 26, 2022 – January 6, 2023
Family Day:	February 20, 2023
Mid-Winter Break:	March 13 - 17, 2023
Good Friday:	April 7, 2023
Easter Monday:	April 10, 2023
Victoria Day:	May 22, 2023

As always, feel free to reach out to me -- even over the summer -- with any questions, comments or concerns!

~Rachel

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***If you or a family member is in crisis, please contact Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868 or get support right now by texting **CONNECT** to 686868.***



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