

Trustee Update

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Ward 4 Update - January 2021

Happy New Year Parents/Caregivers, Students, Staff and Community!

Here's to a much needed new year filled with positivity, happiness and health. Let's continue to support each other, as a community, and build on our foundation of unity in the year to come.

We are happy to bring you our Trustee Update for January 2021 and hope you find it informative.

We welcome your newsletter suggestions or, simply share your thoughts. We appreciate your feedback.

Sincerely,

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Kindergarten Registration Begins in February

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child at our school in September!

To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four-years-old by December 31. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five-years-old by December 31. You may choose to register in person at the school or begin the process online.

For more information about the Kindergarten program and registration requirements, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten.

The TDSB's annual meeting regarding facility partnerships will be held on Friday, February 5, 2021 at 11 a.m. All community and public organizations are welcome to attend the virtual meeting! To RSVP, please send an email to mildred.roach@tdsb.on.ca.

Candidates for the Student Senate Election (2020-21)

Candidates and their campaign videos are now available online for the Student Senate Election (2020-21). Voting will take place online on Wednesday, January 27 and Thursday, January 28. Students are encouraged to view the campaign videos to ensure they are making informed decisions when voting.

For more information, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/StudentSenateElection.

Continuing Education - International Languages Elementary and African Heritage Programs

The International Languages – Elementary / African Heritage Program is offering online language classes to students (TDSB and non TDSB) Kindergarten to Grade 8. One day each week, students have live face-to-face interactive lessons with their instructor and classmates for approximately 30 minutes. Activities are focused on building student's abilities in oral communication, reading and writing.

Visit www.ILEprograms.ca for more information. Twitter: @TDSB_ConEd

Continuing Education - Community Program

Online Learn4Life winter registration begins December 2. Take up a new hobby or learn a language from home. Stay active with our many fitness classes or gain knowledge on how to invest in the stock market. Classes are for adults 18 + and seniors, and start the week of Saturday, January 23, 2021.

Register today at www.learn4life.ca Twitter: @TDSB_ConEd

Adult ESL

Gaining proficiency in English is a critical skill for many newcomers to our city. Every year, nearly 20,000 adults benefit from the TDSB's English as a Second Language classes. Through general language training, and a host of specialized courses, we serve learners at all levels - from those with little or no formal education to those with post-secondary degrees. Currently, all Adult ESL classes are online.

Visit www.ESLToronto.ca for more information. Twitter: @TDSB_ConEd

Tamil Heritage Month

Tamil Heritage Month is recognized nationally since October 2016, provincially since March 2004 and by the Toronto District School Board since January 2016. The month of January was chosen as it coincides with one of the most important celebrations for Canadians of Tamil heritage, the Thai Pongal harvest festival. Millions of Tamil people around the world irrespective of their religion celebrate Thai Pongal and offer thanks for an abundant harvest.

This year, the chosen theme selected by the volunteer planning committee is **வாய்மையே வெல்லும்** - **வாய்மையே வெல்லும்**: Truth - Rights - Unity. Unmai (வாய்மை) recognizes that our lived experiences are our truths and these truths shape our understanding of the world around us. Urimai (உரிமை) examines our right to flourish and shine. Otrumai (ஒருமை) emphasizes our shared lived experiences with other marginalized communities and our shared humanity.

Toronto has the largest Tamil population outside of the South Asian subcontinent with thousands of TDSB students and staff members heritage identified as Tamil. The importance of building awareness, creating a strong self identity and understanding one's own roots and rights are important objectives of the Tamil Heritage Month volunteer planning committee.

Latest News:

- [Optional Attendance for September 2021](#)
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- [Statement by Chair Alexander Brown on Events in Washington, D.C.](#)

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