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Dear friends,

Welcome back from March Break! I hope you all had a relaxing and fun-filled week.

This is just a quick reminder about my next virtual Ward 11 Coffee Morning coming up on Tuesday, March 29th, from 9:30-11:30am. To learn more about these mornings, click on the flyer to the right. To attend, please [register here](#).

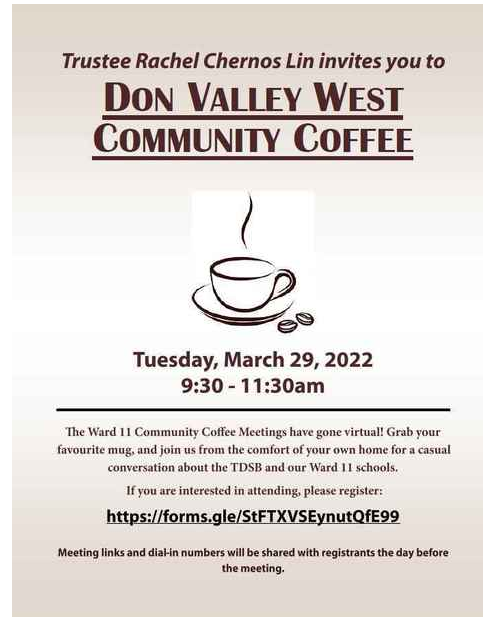
As always, below are a variety of updates about TDSB initiatives, events, and items that may be of interest to students, parents, caregivers and community members. I hope to see as many of you as possible next Tuesday.

Warm regards,

Rachel

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### Coffee Morning: Tuesday, March 29

My Community Coffee meetings are informal gatherings where parents and constituents are invited for a round table-style discussion of information sharing, best practices and interesting conversation related to education in our ward. We often have superintendents and sometimes even principals who drop by, so these are fun and engaging events!

For all information and to [register](#), please see the: [Community Coffee Meeting flyer](#).

*Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin invites you to*

**DON VALLEY WEST**  
**COMMUNITY COFFEE**



**Tuesday, March 29, 2022**  
**9:30 - 11:30am**

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The Ward 11 Community Coffee Meetings have gone virtual! Grab your favourite mug, and join us from the comfort of your own home for a casual conversation about the TDSB and our Ward 11 schools.

If you are interested in attending, please register:

**<https://forms.gle/StFTXVSEynutQfE99>**

Meeting links and dial-in numbers will be shared with registrants the day before the meeting.

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### Earth Hour: March 25 at 2:00pm

[Earth Hour](#) is a world-wide celebration where millions of people around the world turn off their lights for one hour to tackle the dual challenges facing the planet – climate change and loss of nature. Earth Hour started off as a lights-off event in Sydney, Australia, in 2007. It has grown to engage 192 countries and territories to raise awareness for energy consumption and effects on the environment. By turning off non-essential electricity, participants join a global movement to raise awareness and take action for a healthy planet. For more information, please visit [Earth Hour Reports](#).

### ***Environment, Energy and Climate Action***

The Toronto District School Board is dedicated to preparing young people for their future and recognizes its obligation to respond to the escalating climate crisis with education, action and leadership.

Learn more about [the history of climate action and sustainability at the TDSB](#).

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### **Elementary Summer School**

The focus of the Elementary Summer School Program is to continue student learning and engagement through the month of July. Programs, embedded in Literacy and Numeracy, are developed by the local summer school principal to reflect the local school focus. Programs are offered in-person to students in K to Grade 8, from July 4 to July 29, 2022. Most classes run for three (3) hours from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Click for: [more information and the full list of programs](#)

Registration has started!

*Please note, there are limited spaces available and some programs are filling up, and the online/remote program is already full.*

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### **Secondary Credit Programs Summer School July 2022**

The Toronto District School Board offers summer school credit courses to all high school students and adults with current prerequisites. Students may take a new credit, or retake a course previously taken to upgrade a mark. Parents/Guardians and students must consult with their day school guidance counsellor regarding course selections and pre-requisite courses.

Registration opens April 19 at 9:00am. Continuing Education Secondary Credit Summer programs have mandatory attendance daily from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday to Friday

for the duration of the program you register for.

Please check the [Continuing Education Secondary Credit Programs Summer School website](#) for updated information.

Please note: Continuing Education and eLearning Programs are two different departments. Questions about eLearning should be directed to the eLearning department at [ELearning@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:ELearning@tdsb.on.ca) or visit the [e-learning website](#).

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## Covid Vaccination

On February 3, I organized a Ward Forum with special guest dr. Janine McCready about Vaccination of Children. Please check out the [meeting notes](#). Obviously, there was some great news this week with the Moderna company reporting that their vaccine is effective for children from 6 months to 5 years old. Hopefully, this creates the prospect of Summer vaccinations for this age group.



### ***Learn more about vaccination for children 5-11:***

- [Toronto Public Health](#)
- [Ministry of Health](#)

### ***How to book an vaccine appointment:***

Book an appointment online at the dark blue “Book Appointment” button on [toronto.ca/covid-19](https://toronto.ca/covid-19) or by calling the provincial vaccine booking line at 1-833-943-3900 (TTY 1-866-797-0007). Vaccines are also available at [pop-up clinics](#), [pharmacies](#) and some family doctors.

Watch for emails from your school for information about school pop-up clinics in your neighbourhood.

Michael Garron Hospital and East Toronto Health Partners oversee the Thorncliffe Hub Vaccination Centre and a variety of pop-ups clinics in Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park as well as East Toronto.

For more information, click [www.tehp/VaccinePopUps](http://www.tehp/VaccinePopUps). Upcoming local clinics this week:

- March 4-27: Thorncliffe Park Community Hub (45 Overlea Blvd). Times vary.
- March 27: Thorncliffe Park Public School (80 Thorncliffe Park Dr). 12noon - 4pm as supply lasts.

**City clinics** <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>  
Or call: 1-888-999-6488  
(TTY 1-866-797-0007)

**Hospital clinics**  
[www.vaccineto.ca](http://www.vaccineto.ca)  
Or call: 1-888-385-1910

Visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/> to find a pharmacy  
Or call your local pharmacy / website

**Mobile & pop-up clinics**  
Host organizations will promote clinics directly to the target community



### Mass Immunization Clinics



Hospitals / Ontario Health Team

Pharmacies and Primary  
Care Providers

Interactive map available online:  
[toronto.ca/covid19vaccinemap](https://toronto.ca/covid19vaccinemap)

- **Provincial Vaccine Confidence Centre**
  - 1-833-943-3900 Open 7 days/week from 8am-8pm
  - Staffed with Health Specialists and available in over 300 languages
- **VaxFacts Clinic: One-to-One Phone Consultation with a Doctor**
  - Schedule a phone conversation with a doctor to help make an informed decision about the COVID-19 vaccine.
  - Book an appointment online at <https://www.shn.ca/VaxFacts/> or call 416-438-2911 ext. 5738
- **SickKids: COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service**
  - By appointment phone service only (youth 12+ or a parent/caregiver/legal guardian of a child or youth, an Ontario resident)
  - Registered Nurses will answer questions and discuss the COVID-19 vaccines for children and youth
  - Available in multiple languages, using over-the-phone language interpretation
  - To book: <https://www.sickkids.ca/en/care-services/support-services/covid-19-vaccine-consult/#book> or call 437-881-3505

## Winter Well-Being Guide

As parents and caregivers, we may be wondering

## what we can do to help keep our children active

and healthy, and to positively support their mental

health and well-being. Within this guide ([click to download the online document](#)) you find a

variety of culturally responsive resources and accessible activities to help make this winter a

little easier and fun for you and your family. Information on where and how to reach out for

help is also included.

The guide is [available in 18 languages](#).



## Virtual Drop-in hours

## Join our Virtual Drop-ins

Tuesdays 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Thursdays 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
[www.tdsb.on.ca/virtualsupport](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/virtualsupport)

**Connect with Professional Support**  
Services staff to explore ideas  
related to your child's mental health  
and well-being



## Parents/Caregivers of Students with Special/Complex Needs: Virtual Drop-in Hours

## Join our Virtual Drop-ins

Wednesdays 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
[www.tdsb.on.ca/virtualsupport](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/virtualsupport)

Connect with our Professional Support Services staff to talk about taking care of yourself as a caregiver and other ideas related to your child's mental health and well-being



## Mental Health & Well-Being Supports

TDSB Professional Support Services offers virtual

drop-in hours for parents and caregivers to

discuss strategies to help support the mental health and well-being of your child.

## Mental Health and Well-Being Supports and Resources

There are sessions open to all (Tuesdays 10-11am; Thursdays 7-8pm) and a special drop-in for parents/caregivers of students with special/complex needs (Wednesdays 7-8pm).

[Learn more about Virtual Mental Health Support](#) and/or click on the images above for the session links.

## 2021-2022 School Year Calendar

The last day of class is June 30 (for elementary students) or June 29 (for secondary students).

[Days of Significance Calendar](#)



There are no classes for students on the dates listed below.

### PA Days 2021-2022

PA Days	September	November	January	February	June
Elementary	2,3,8	19	14	18	3
Secondary	2,3,8	19		2,18	30
CUPE and PSSP school-based staff	3,7,8	Professional Development days during this period are the same as other employee groups.			

PA Days & Holidays	Date
Winter Break	December 20, 2021 – December 31, 2021
Elementary PA Day	January 14, 2022
Secondary PA Day	February 2, 2022
Board-wide PA Day	February 18, 2022
Family Day	February 21, 2022
March Break	March 14 - 18, 2022
Good Friday	April 15, 2022
Easter Monday	April 18, 2022
Victoria Day	May 23, 2022
Elementary School PA Day	June 3, 2022
Secondary School PA Day	June 30, 2022

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Wishing everyone good health, and hope to "see" many of you virtually next **Tuesday**,

**March 29, at 9:30am!**

As always, feel free to reach out to me with any questions, comments or concerns!

~Rachel

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***If you notice anything at a school that concerns you, please call the TDSB Security Call Centre (416) 395-4620 and the Toronto Police - non-emergencies can be reported by calling 416-808-2222.***

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