

Changes at Broadlands, Windfields, and York Mills CI

I have worked hard with staff to find ways to eliminate the Junior High model from the last two junior highs in the TDSB: Windfields and St. Andrews. Community consultations were held and staff have made their report as well, and all agreed to change Windfields and St. Andrews to offer grades 6-8 as of September 2018. This means that also that September, the elementary feeder schools including Broadlands will only offer Kindergarten to grade 5. Also, York Mills CI will become a grades 9-12. This is welcome news for students at Broadlands where there is significant over-enrolment, and for French Immersion students who are travelling from Dallington and Brian PS currently to Don Valley Middle School and then to Windfields for grade 9 before going to York Mills for the rest of high school. If this change is approved at board later this month, and I believe it will, it will mean those students will go directly from Don Valley Middle School to York Mills CI without having to spend 1 year at Windfields.

Remembrance Day

On Friday, November 11, students and staff at our school and across the city will mark Remembrance Day with classroom activities and school assemblies. During Remembrance Day, our teachers make connections between global events and students' lives by promoting peace within our school community. On this solemn occasion, our staff, students, parents, and the wider community all join together in a call for peace.

I have been invited to lead the ceremony at 5050 Yonge Street for TDSB staff and am honoured to be a part of this solemn ceremony.

This year's Remembrance Day marks the date and time when fighting stopped on November 11th at 11am in 1918 (the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month) which makes this the 98th anniversary for the end of the First World War. It is also the 71st anniversary of the end of World War II.

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

www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool/GoingtoHighSchool/OpenHousesandInformationNights.aspx.

Continuing Education - Community Programs

Register for Winter Learn4Life beginning November 16. Take up a new hobby, learn a language, and meet people in your community. Put your hands to work and decorate and glaze your own pottery or sculpture. Take up a sport and stay active this winter.

Register at www.learn4life.ca. Learn more at Facebook.com/TDSBLearn4Life and [@TDSB_ConEd](https://Twitter.com/TDSB_ConEd).

Classes begin Saturday, January 14, 2017.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Regular parent-teacher communication is an important part of student learning. Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled throughout the year after report cards are sent home. Check in with your child's school for more information.

These interviews are your opportunity to ask questions about your child's progress and to discuss any issues. In addition to regular scheduled parent-teacher interviews, you can request a meeting at any time during the school year by contacting the school or your child's teacher directly.

November is Aboriginal Education Month

In November, we celebrate Aboriginal Education Month at the TDSB. This month provides an opportunity to centre Aboriginal perspectives, histories and contemporary realities across the curricula, and to focus on treaties and the legacy of residential schools.

At the TDSB, we are proud that as of September 2016, all schools across the district are now beginning the day with an Acknowledgment of Traditional Territories and Ancestral Lands.

November Ward Forum

On November 15, I will host my second Ward Forum of the year at Lescon PS at 7pm. The theme of the evening will be Engaging Parents in Your Parent Council. We will also hold elections for PIAC rep and alternate, and FSLAC rep. I look forward to a short presentation from a TDSB Student Trustee as well discussing their role and goals. Once again, there will be pizza and refreshments and you can ask me questions about this or any other issue important to you! For a listing of all Ward Forums this year, please visit www.kenlister.ca/ward-forums