



October 17, 2021

Good Afternoon S.O.L.E. Students and Families:

Hope you all had a nice weekend. Please see below for important information for this week.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead.

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## ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ASCAC)

Below is a message from the ASCAC:

Please note that the first meeting of the Alternative Schools Community Advisory Committee (ASCAC) is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Monday, October 18, 2021

TIME: 6:30 pm (meeting)

If you are interested in attending this meeting please fill out the [ASCAC October 18 Meeting Registration form](#). Deadline to register is the end of the day Friday, October 15, 2021. For those who register, a confirmation email will be sent to you by 4 pm Monday, October 18 and this email will contain the Zoom meeting link and any additional information.

Attached is the agenda for the October 18 meeting.

*A message from Angela Match, ASCAC Chair*

[Did you know ASCAC represents you and your alternative school?](#)

The Alternative Schools Community Advisory Committee (ASCAC) is the only TDSB recognized organization that represents and advocates on behalf of all parents/guardians and students from the elementary and secondary alternative schools within the Board.

The ASCAC Executive is composed annually of elected volunteer parents/guardians and students currently enrolled in TDSB alternative schools, as well as Board approved staff, such as Trustees. Think of ASCAC as a mega School Council working on behalf of all alternative school communities, including yours.

To learn about ASCAC, please read the attached the Fall 2021 ASCAC Newsletter

[ASCAC 2021-2022 Annual Executive Elections](#)

Alternative school students and/or parents/guardians are welcome to nominate themselves for any of the following ASCAC Executive positions: Co-Chair, Student Elementary/Secondary Representatives, and Members at Large. Elected members are required to attend at least 50% of ASCAC formal Zoom meetings (i.e., approx. two of four meetings each school year). The Executive volunteer roles may be as big or as little as you like.

Elections will be conducted at the ASCAC meeting held on:

*October 18, 2021, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.*

To nominate yourself for ASCAC, please click on [ASCAC Election Form](#) and complete the Google form by the end of the day Friday, October 15, 2021. Self nominations will also be accepted at the October 18 meeting prior to the election. If 15 or less people volunteer for the ASCAC Executive, they will automatically be elected without a required vote.

For additional information on ASCAC, please visit the [Alternative Schools Community Advisory Committee website](#).

Have questions? Please email the ASCAC Chair at [AlternativeSchoolsCAC@gmail.com](mailto:AlternativeSchoolsCAC@gmail.com)

Please see attached flyer for more information.

## ISLAMIC HERITAGE MONTH

Islamic Heritage Month Event, Thurs. Oct. 21, 1-2 pm

The TDSB proudly recognizes Islamic Heritage Month during the month of October. On Thurs. Oct. 21 from 1-2 pm, all S.O.L.E. classes will be watching a special virtual presentation by Bilqis Abdul-Qadir, former American Professional Basketball Player who challenged the International Basketball Federation when informed that she could not participate in the league while wearing a hijab.

## NUTRITION PROGRAM

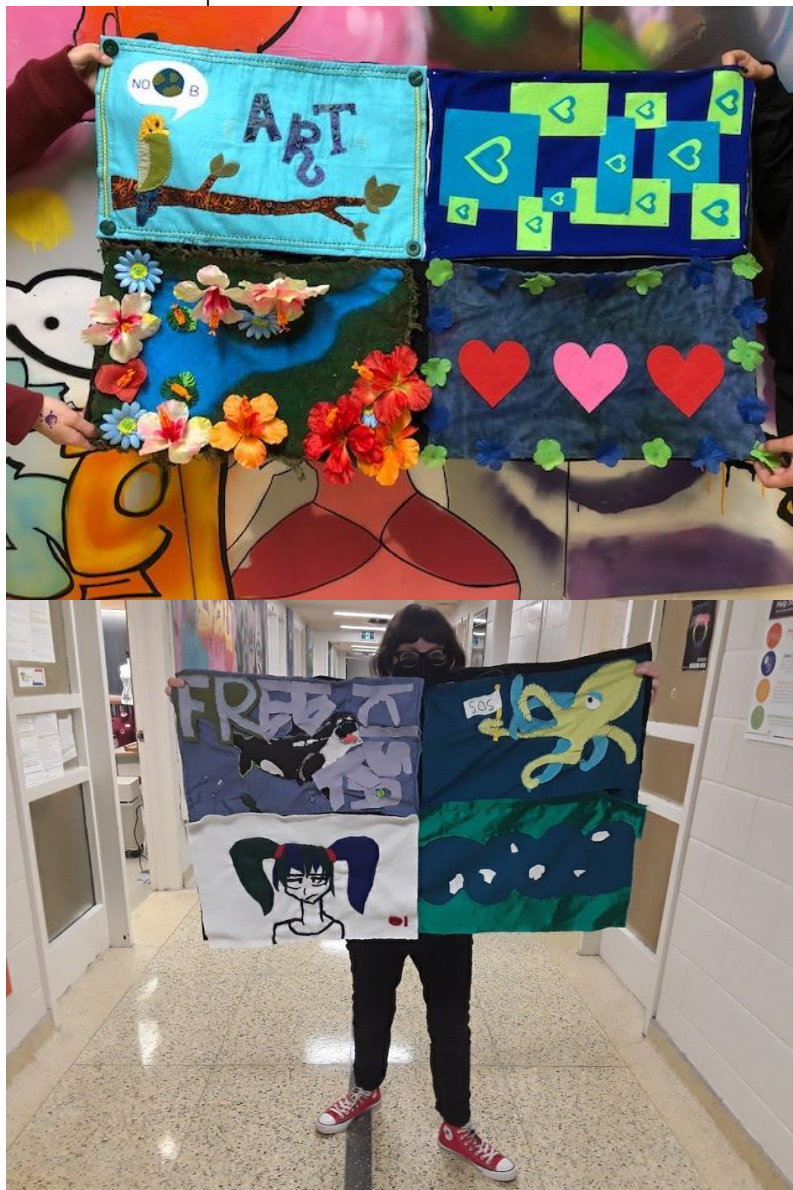
Healthy snacks are now available for students every morning upon arriving at school. Student volunteers are needed - speak to Rob for more info.

## SOLE CRAFTIVISM

Students in Rachel's Crafting and the World of Design class recently participated in the [Stitches For Survival](#) project, a worldwide knitting, crocheting, and sewing project intended to raise awareness about climate change at the UN's COP26 conference in Glasgow.

SOLE created and sent two panels that will be joined with the work of hundreds of other crafters. The final scarf will be 1.5 miles in length, symbolizing the Paris Agreement's goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees celsius. Afterwards, the work will be recycled into other projects, such as art installations and blankets for unhoused people and refugees.

Though it's still being sewn together, the scarf is already beginning to gather media attention, including [by the BBC](#), where the organizers gave a shoutout to the Canadian contribution. Keep a lookout for our pieces when the final creation is assembled and displayed in November!



## STUDENT COUNCIL

S.O.L.E.'s Student Council is up and running! Student Council volunteers had their first meeting last week and will be running some exciting Hallowe'en activities. More details to come soon.

## FROM STUDENT SERVICES

### OUAC/ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES

Application PINs distributed: November 2021



### ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES FAIR

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

<https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/>

### ONTARIO COLLEGE MONDAYS

Register to attend a session from October 4, 2021 – November 29, 2021

<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/college-recruitment>

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

#### TPH AND COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Ensuring the health and safety of our students and staff is a priority and everyone plays a role. Toronto Public Health has made updates its [COVID-19 screening for students/children in childcares and JK to Grade 12 schools](#). Please use this updated version when conducting your daily screening before coming to school.

Here is the revised [TDSB Health Pass](#) paper version and these updates are reflected in the TDSB Health Screening App.

One of the most important thing families can do to help mitigate the transmission of COVID-19, is to screen their children daily for any COVID-19 symptoms and keep them home from school if they are sick or have had close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our schools safe and healthy.