



May 31, 2022

Hello Students and Families,

Hope you had a lovely weekend. Thank you to all who made our School Open House a success.

[Jewish Heritage Month](#) During the month of May the TDSB celebrates Jewish Heritage Month. The Toronto District School Board's Jewish Heritage Committee (JHC) is made up of close to 80 staff across every level of the system as well as Trustees. Since its inception in 2015, JHC activities have always been focused around teaching & learning in celebration of Jewish heritage and culture – impactful, innovative, and inspirational work with students in fighting antisemitism, and all forms of hate. Last week the TDSB also recognized Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day – commemorating the tragedy of six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

[Asian Heritage Month](#) Asian Heritage Month is recognized formally throughout Canada through an [official declaration](#) that was signed in May 2002. Subsequently, the Province of Ontario passed the [Asian Heritage Act](#) (2005), and the TDSB passed a motion to recognize [Asian Heritage Month](#) in April 2007. We are proud to celebrate the numerous achievements of Asian-Canadians and their significant role on the global stage. This year our theme is *Many Voices United as One*.

Have a wonderful week.

ONLINE SURVEY FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND GUARDIANS

Week of May 30

The TDSB will be surveying both parents/caregivers (JK to Grade 12) and students (a sample of Grades 7 to 12) during the week of May 30 to learn more about mental health and well-being and student learning during this past school year. Students in select primary and junior classes will participate in a conversation with their classroom teacher to share their thoughts and feedback.

Please watch for an email with a link to the survey and/or check the TDSB website. Thank you in advance for your participation.

PRIDE MONTH

 Happy Pride

June is Pride Month at the TDSB! It's an opportunity to celebrate diversity and raise awareness among all staff and students about the rich culture and history of our LGBTQ2S community.



To launch Pride Month, Director of Education Colleen Russell-Rawlins shared a message to 2SLGBTQIA+ students and staff and our entire TDSB community: [Happy Pride! Message from the TDSB Director of Education.](#)

The TDSB GSA network is proud to present its second annual virtual Pride Week, taking place May 30 - June 3, 2022.

The attached [Secondary](#) flyer has further information.

PROM

Attention graduating students! SOLE students have been invited to the MPC Prom happening on June 16th at Parkview Manor! Please see Debbie for a permission form/waiver and more information.

TDSB UIEC CELEBRATES ITS 2ND ANNUAL TWO-SPIRIT & INDIGIQUEER PRIDE WEEK JUNE 13-17

The Urban Indigenous Education Centre (UIEC) is celebrating its 2nd annual [Two-Spirit & Indigiqueer Pride Week](#) from Monday, June 13 to Friday June 17!

Festivities kick off on Monday, June 13 with a webinar with two-spirit Elder Blu Waters and Keith McCrady, Executive Director, 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations.

The events throughout the week include, an artist panel with Two-Spirit/Indigiqueer artists Thirza Cuthan, Theola Ross and Tyler J Sloane; authors of *Surviving the City* Tasha Spillet and Elder Albert McLeod; Two-Spirit, Ojibwe artist Patrick Hunter; Two-Spirit advocate and mental health expert, Teddy Syrette, author of *Urban Indigenous Youth Reframing Two-Spirit*, Marie Lang, and others.

TDSB PRIDE 2022 T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION

Pride Month 2022 is just around the corner, and the TDSB Pride Planning Committee is holding a T-Shirt Design Competition. We're looking for unique student-created designs that celebrate 2SLGBTQ+ Pride across TDSB. The winning design will be printed on hundreds of TDSB Pride 2022 T-shirts and worn by all members of the TDSB contingent during the 2022 Pride Parade on Sunday, June 26th.

The TDSB Pride 2022 T-shirt Design Competition is open to all TDSB students of any age. Deadline for design submissions is June 6, 2022.

The criteria for design submissions are:

- May be hand-drawn OR digital.
- May be grey-scale OR multi-coloured.
- Must incorporate the TDSB logo OR leave enough space for logo to be added.
- Must be original.
- Must be respectful.

Everything else is up to the designer!

For more information and to submit an entry, please email tdsbpride@tdsb.on.ca attaching an image of the design (e.g., .jpeg, .gif, .png, pdf., etc.).



REMOTE ALTERNATIVE SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

In July 2022, Continuing Education will be running a Remote Summer Alternative School Program for Secondary Alternative students. The Program will run alongside our regular summer program from July 4 to 29, 2022. Students will be expected to attend online and be working synchronously with their teacher Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Attendance is mandatory.

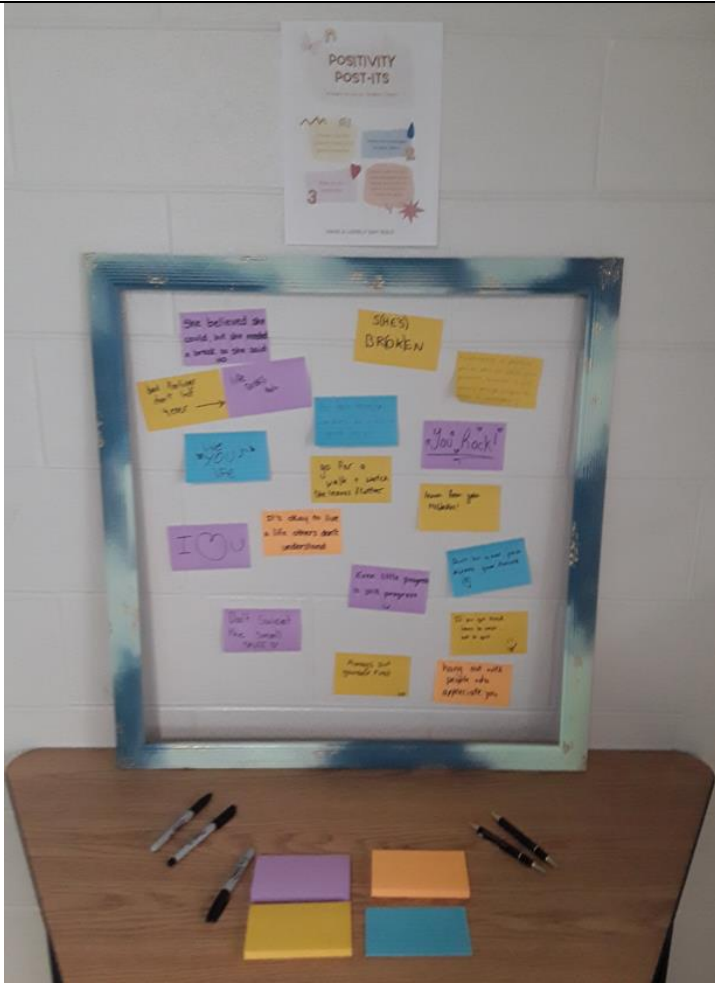
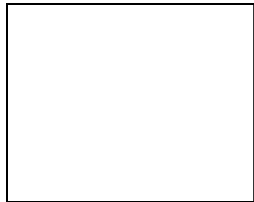
What Courses will the Remote Alternative Summer School be Offering?

- Full credit courses in English, Science, Math, and Civics & Careers will be offered.
- In addition, a 1 credit Co-op course will be offered for those students who have a summer job through our Paid Co-op Program.
- Students can take Credit Recovery and gain credits for courses they have attempted and have not yet been successful in. Students work at their own pace. When they have completed the course, they have two options: They can choose to recover an additional credit or leave summer school at that time. Students can recover credits during the July 4 - 29 timeframe.
- [You can use the following link to register](#)

STUDENT COUNCIL

Thanks to student councillors and student volunteers for their engaged participation in our Open House night, and for putting up Open House posters around the community!

Student Council has been busy with their Positive Affirmations Project and raising awareness about issues important to students by putting up posters around the school. See the attachments for a sampling of what's been going on around the school. Student Council meets every Wednesday at 1:55 and new members are always welcome.





REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

YOUR CLOTHES

- Only 15% of used clothes get recycled.
- Synthetic clothes may take up to 100 years to decompose.
- The average lifetime of a piece of clothing is 3 years.
- The fashion industry produces 10% of global emissions.
- It takes 700 gallons of water to make 1 cotton shirt.

Are you 18 or older?

If so, you are able to partake in this years provincial election!

To pre-register for voting, visit:
<https://eregistration.elections.on.ca/en/home>

Election day : June 2nd

Every election is determined by the people who show up.

- Larry J Sabato

Psst...
It's really easy, just takes 2 minutes!

Upcoming Student Council events!

Monday May 30 - Dress Like a Teacher Day (and Teachers dress like Students!)

June 6-9 - School Spirit Week: Slime Workshop, Swag day, Trash Clean Up and more!

SUMMER DUAL CREDIT

Students 16 years of age or older and who can potentially graduate within 1 year can take a college course in July to get a college AND high school credit.

Courses run from as early as July 4 to as late as July 29.

Summer courses available:

- Culinary Fundamentals (in person)
- Baking Fundamentals (in person)
- Social Psychology (online)
- Canadian Criminal Justice System (online)
- ... and more!



Interested students should come speak to Caitlin a.s.a.p., or email her at caitlin.hewitt-white@tdsb.on.ca.

TUTORIAL REMINDER

Students are invited to tutorial every day from 1:55-2:55 pm to get extra help from their teachers and to get caught up on schoolwork.

TDSB OPTING OUT OF E-LEARNING GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Over the past couple of weeks we have been sending families the opportunity to OPT-Out of the E-Learning Graduation Requirement through Permission Click. We have also [attached a copy](#) to this update for families who are unable to access through Permission Click. Please visit the [TDSB website](#) for access to FAQs about the requirement.
