

January Newsletter

ADAM BECK JR PS

Principal's Message :

Happy New Year Everyone,

We have had incredibly cold days in the month of January and a few days with warm temperatures. The ground has been unsettled with ice and mud so we would like to remind students to be safe and aware of their surroundings. The students have been fantastic in following the rules of safety on the Adam Beck playgrounds. Parents, please remind your children to dress appropriately and warmly for the next couple of months.

We would like to welcome Ms. Sadia Shafiq our new ECE in Room 9 and say goodbye to Ms. Lisa Gagliardi and wish her the best at her new school.

The Valentine's Day Dance-A-Thon is coming to Adam Beck JPS on Wednesday February 14th, 2018. It will be an all day event in the GYM. All Kindergarten – Grade 6 classes will be coming to the Dance-A-Thon for a period at a time to celebrate and dance. The purpose of the Dance-A-Thon is to celebrate Valentine's Day and raise money for the X-movement program/technology at our school. The Dance-A-Thon envelopes are to be returned no later than Wednesday February 14th, 2018. We will even have prizes and raffles! Parents are invited to join in the fun as a schedule will be provided closer to the Dance-A-Thon. If you have a sponsor who gives more than \$25, they are eligible for a tax receipt from the TDSB so please include their address on the envelope.

As you walk through the school hallways you will see the Kindergartens working on Surveys about Winter Clothing and Inquiry based learning on Trees! Grades 1 & 2 – Fairy Tale Reader Theatre, Geometric Art, Rhyming Poetry, Procedural Writing and Structures. Grade 3s – Soils and Environment, Grade 4s – Light and Sound, Forces, Non-Fiction Texts and Newspaper Articles, Grade 5s – First Nations & Early Explorers & Conservation of Energy, Grade 6s – Tamarac Books from Forest of Reading and "Les bandes dessinées". Also, as always, students are keeping healthy in Phys. Ed. through Co-operative Games & Basketball.

In Integrated Arts - Kindergartens are exploring the BEAT in music using drums and their bodies;

- The Gr. 1 and 1/2 classes have been exploring the pitch of music using the xylophones.
- The Gr. 2 and 2/3 classes are practicing the "Do Re Mi" hand signs and creating dances to accompany the famous song from "The Sound of Music".
- Gr. 3 and 3/4 classes have been learning about different kinds of music instruments and creating dances that show different kinds of storms in nature.
- The Gr. 4/5 classes are combining their scientific and arts knowledge to create dances that show water changing through it's various forms.
- The Gr. 5/6 classes have been learning to play "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" on the xylophones and now are creating a dance to accompany the song!

Oh.... and Choir Rehearsals have begun for the Marlies game and the Spring Concert!

We look forward to another successful year for our students at Adam Beck as they move into the 2018 year. Report cards for Grades JK-6 students will be coming home soon and staff will be scheduling Parent/Teacher conferences with our families. This is a good opportunity to ask questions about how your child is doing at school and how you can further support their progress at home.

We wish our families a happy February and we hope you all enjoy your long weekend February 16th to 19th.

Happy Family Day everyone!

Cheers, K. Yee

Report Cards and Interviews

Please note that Grade 1-6 report cards and the Junior Kindergarten Summaries will be coming home with your child/children on Tuesday February 13th. CCAT results will also be sent home with Grade 3 Report Cards for students who participated in the CCAT process. Kindergarten teachers will be scheduling meetings with parents of JK students. Grades 1-6 Teachers will ask to meet with parents with the following criteria:

Parents and guardians are invited for parent/guardian-teacher conference this term in the following circumstances:

- * Students who are or may be at risk for promotion to the next grade
- * Students whose placement in an alternative (e.g., French Immersion) or Special Education program is being considered
- * Students whose achievement has declined significantly
- * In addition, if a parent would like to request a meeting with a teacher to discuss their child's progress, they can also do so



February 19 – Statutory Holiday

There will be no classes on Monday, February 19, 2018 to reflect the province-wide statutory holiday called Family Day. The holiday occurs on the third Monday in February of each year for the purpose of emphasizing and celebrating the importance of families taking time to be together.

Because teachers are involved in professional learning on Friday, February 16 for the Board wide Professional Activity Day, students will not be attending school on Friday, February 16 and Monday, February 19 which is the statutory holiday - Family Day.

Visit the TDSB public web site at www.tdsb.on.ca to view the school year calendar.

ECO TEAM NEWS:


The Eco-Team winter session will be holding a special Valentine Candy gram sale. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards water conservation initiatives!!

Please bring \$1 for each Valentine Candy gram that you wish to send as a surprise to your friends or family. 5 can be purchased for only \$3.00!



Valentine Candy grams will be on sale by the office during recess time on February 5 and February 6. Then the Eco-Team will deliver all Candy grams to classes on Valentine's Day February 14. Surprise your friends and family and help save Earth's most precious resource: WATER!!




Kindergarten Registration 2018



Kindergarten is the first step in a lifelong journey that will see your child learn, grow, and succeed at the Toronto District School Board. At the TDSB, we know early learners learn best through doing; so our four and five year olds are introduced to math and science through play as part of K-12 STEM programming. To inspire a love for learning, kindergarten classrooms are bustling with inquiry and exploration through science activities, math games, art projects and more.




To attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2018, children must turn four-years-old by December 31, 2014. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five-years-old by December 31, 2013.



All of our schools now offer Full-Day Kindergarten where students will attend Kindergarten for the entire school day. This includes a morning and afternoon schedule and a lunch break. Visit the Kindergarten website to learn more about this program and learn how to prepare your child for school.



Registration will take place on:

Tuesday February 6th 9:15 am - 4:00 pm & Wednesday February 7th 9:15 am – 4:00 pm




Please call the office at 416-393-1682 to set up an appointment.

Please bring the following information with you at registration:

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- 1) Proof of age (a birth certificate or baptismal record, passport or proof of citizenship)
 - 2) Proof of address (two pieces of identification that show your address, such as your utility bill, bank statement, income tax form, rental or lease agreement)
 - 3) Immunization (folder that shows a list of needles your child has received)
 - 4) Health Card
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Safe Arrival Automated Call Out System




Just a friendly reminder, parents are encouraged to call the school by 8:00 am or 12:30 pm each day if your child will be late or absent. Families will receive an automated call if they do not call the school to inform us of an absence or late arrival.






Making the Best of Winter Weather at our School




Principals are often asked how we decide whether it's too cold to allow our students out in the schoolyard for recess.



Fresh air and exercise are important for children. It keeps them physically fit, and helps them stay alert all through the school day. Parents can help by making sure their children come to school prepared to spend time outdoors. Hats, mitts, boots and a warm jacket are important to keep students comfortable during lunch and recess. But extreme cold can be dangerous, and parents want to know that their children will be safe. When the temperature is predicted to drop below -15C, the City of Toronto may declare a cold weather alert. Schools are very sensitive to the needs of our students and pay close attention to the weather, especially when the wind chill is below -20 C.



The TDSB Severe Weather Protocol is flexible, so that every principal can make a decision that meets the needs of his or her school. It sets guidelines for when to allow students outside for recess, when to make outdoor breaks shorter, and when to keep students inside altogether.





TDESAA VOLLEYBALL, SOUTH CONFERENCE CHAMPS

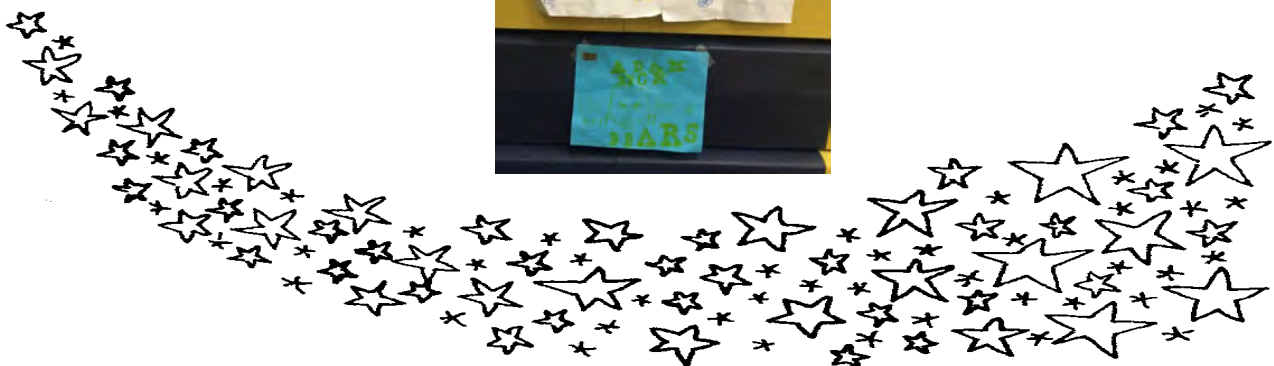
The Grade 5 Boys' Volleyball Team recently wrapped up an absolutely outstanding season! All members of the team demonstrated their great volleyball and teamwork skills at our tournament at Balmy Beach C.S. on November 27th. We won the tournament and showed that we all had amazing school spirit. We advanced to the playoffs, winning the Semi-Finals and advancing to the South Conference Championship. We pulled together as a team and played our very best games of the season at the South Conference Championship. We won our first and second matches, which deemed us the **'TDESAA VOLLEYBALL SOUTH CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS'**. Our banner is proudly hanging in the Adam Beck gym for all to see.

We went on to represent the South Conference at the TDESAA CITY FINALS and played a very strong team from the West. We were very proud of the boys as they took a game from a team that was undefeated throughout the season... until they met the BEARS!! Later we found out that that team went on to be the Grade 5 City Champions. It should also be noted that we were the only team at the City Finals that had more than 8 players on the team. Great job Bears!!

Please join me in congratulating the boys on a stellar season!! They worked so hard and improved so much! Can't wait to coach them again next year!

Miss Smith #proudmamabear

Members of the TDESSA GRADE 5 BOYS' VOLLEYBALL SOUTH CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM include: Ian, Leo, Evan, Isaiah, Orin, Jimmy, Jared, Liam, Rowan, James, Mathias, Jackson and Duncan



Important Dates

Feb 2nd — Read-a-thon begins

February 6th – 7th – Kindergarten Registration

February 9th - Sight & Sound Screening

February 13th – Reports Go Home & Gr 3 CCAT Results (for those who participated)

February 14th – Valentine’s Day Dance-A-Thon & Pizza Lunch

February 15th & 16th - Parent/Teacher Interviews

February 16th - No School/PA Day

February 19th - No School /Family Day

February 22nd – Ski Trip – Grade 5 & 6 & School Council Meeting @6:30 pm

February 23rd - Spirit Day – Silly Hat Day,

February 25th—Read-a-thon Ends

Rendez-Vous Café – 8:45 am &

Movie Night – Doors Open at 6:30 pm