

February Newsletter

Adam Beck JR PS

Principal's Message:

The month of February was recorded as one of the busiest months at Adam Beck JPS. We celebrated African (Character Education Assembly) & Chinese Heritage month (Kindergarten - Chinese Dragon Parade), the Winter Olympics, the upcoming Grade 5 & 6 Ski Trip, Kindergarten Registration, a Valentine's Dance-A-Thon and our competitive sports teams (Basketball, Volleyball and Ice Hockey) have been doing very well. Good Luck to our ice hockey team that made it to the South Conference Division 2 Finals and will play Clinton P.S. on Thursday. It has been non-stop activities and excitement for our Adam Beck students!

The past week's weather has been above seasonal temperatures in the early teens and we expect warmer temperatures will arrive soon. Parents, please remind your children to dress appropriately for the unpredictable temperatures in next couple of months.

Fundraising at Adam Beck has always been supported generously by parents. We are so fortunate to have so many kind families who have contributed in the past and present to enrich the lives of our students. We are so thankful for your donations and contributions to the school. The Dance-A-Thon was a huge success. The students enjoyed the fun activities and dancing to DJ Volpato music compilations. The families of Adam Beck were able to raise \$5,984. Well done to Rooms 8 & 22 for raising the highest funds for the Dance-A-Thon, they will be receiving a class Pizza Party. Congratulations to all of the contributors and families at Adam Beck and thank you for what you do each and every day.

The Read-A-Thon was another great event at Adam Beck organized by parent/volunteer Michelle Hooper-Lavoie. Those amazing door hangers, prizes and the Dassios Cup keep the interest and love for reading in our students. A big thanks goes out to Michelle Hooper-Lavoie for another extraordinary Read-A-Thon event at Adam Beck.

We also have the Toronto Marlies game vs Rochester Americans at Ricoh Coliseum on Saturday March 3rd at 4:00 pm. Please don't forget that March Break is around the corner and we wish all of our Adam Beck families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable break from March 12th-16th.

Portables 1 & 2 had a visit from Global TV Weather Anchor/Chief Meteorologist, Anthony Farnell who gave a presentation on anything related to the science of weather! This encompasses anything from the change of seasons, global warming, extreme weather events like Tsunamis, Hurricanes etc....or understanding radar and weather maps and/or how Anthony tracks weather which is usually accurate!!! Check out the footage via this link: <https://globalnews.ca/video/4051742/globals-anthony-farnell-gives-grade-4-students-a-lesson-in-tv-meteorology>

Our Kindergarten Registration was a success and a special thanks to our Kindergarten teachers, Ms. DeFazio and Ms. Di Croce for supporting and assisting during registration. If you know of any child born in 2014, they would be eligible for Junior Kindergarten. Remind them to call the office to set up an appointment. Learning is a partnership and we encourage you to continue to be involved in your child's education.

Cheers,

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Elementary Summer School

Elementary summer program; increase engagement and build self-confidence in our students. This summer, from July 4 – 27, we are opening schools across the city to help build reading, writing and math skills in students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Visit www.tdsb.on.ca/summer for a complete list of participating schools. @TDSB_ConEd

TDSB Earth Hour 2018 - Friday, March 23rd from 2-3pm

During Earth Hour, we'll be using as little electricity as possible in the office, halls, classrooms, library, gym, cafeteria. Where possible, schools will also be reducing their electricity usage over the weekend.

More information is available on the EcoSchools website at <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools>

Parents as Partners Conference

You're invited to our annual Parents as Partners Conference!

The Parents as Partners Conference 2018 is on Saturday, April 28 and all parents are welcome!

This free conference – planned by parents, for parents – includes a variety of workshops and resources that will help any parent support their child in their achievement and well-being at school and at home.

This year's keynote speaker is Unstoppable Tracy, an award-winning educator and leader in schools, business and in sport, humanitarian, advocate, decorated athlete and international speaker.



The banner features the Toronto District School Board logo on the left, followed by the text "Parents as Partners" in orange and blue. Below this is "Toronto District School Board Parent Conference 2018" in green. On the right, the date "Saturday, April 28, 2018" and location "Beanfield Centre, 105 Princes' Blvd, Toronto, ON M6K 3C3" are displayed in green. At the bottom, there are logos for the Parent & Community Engagement Office (PCEO), PIAC (Parent Involvement Advisory Committee), SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee), Model Schools for Inner Cities, and Mental Health and Well-Being Parent Partnership Committee.

Transportation, childcare, lunch and translators are all provided. Registration opens on March 1 at www.parentsaspartners.ca.

High Water Levels Brings Increased Risks

The Toronto and Region Conservation monitors hazardous ice conditions as thaw begins and are reminding everyone to be very careful around all bodies of water. The first hint of warming weather and the promise of spring thaw can bring extreme danger to the shores and surfaces of streams, rivers, ponds and lakes, according to Toronto and Region Conservation.

As warmer temperatures arrive, stream banks become increasingly slippery and unstable. Lake and river ice weakens, becoming thinner or with higher flows breaking with little or no warning. During this time, the potential for flooding and ice jamming is high.

Higher, faster-flowing water and extreme cold temperatures combine to create increased dangers on or near rivers, streams and ponds for people wishing to enjoy the seasonal changes. Parents and caregivers are being asked to keep children away from stream banks, ponds and lakes.

Nominate Someone for an Excellence Award!

Staff at the Toronto District School Board are among the most dedicated and qualified in Canada. Every day, nearly 39,000 professionals support our students and help them achieve their very best. We want to recognize those staff who go above and beyond every day in support of students, staff, parents and the community. The Excellence Awards is our opportunity to honour and celebrate outstanding TDSB individuals and programs.

EXCELLENCE

Nominate someone who goes above and beyond every day.

→ Nomination deadline:
March 19, 2018

We invite you – staff, students, parents, community members – to nominate a TDSB staff member or team who work has made a difference in your life or the lives of those around you for an Excellence Award.

Ready to nominate? To start, you need to gather two letters of reference and one statement of recognition. The statement of recognition is an opportunity to deepen the nomination and can be written by the nominator. Then, you can complete the online nomination form.

The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, March 19, 2018.

All nominees will receive a personalized letter congratulating them on their nomination as well as informing them of those who contributed to the nomination. The winners are additionally celebrated at an awards ceremony on May 24, 2018.

World Autism Day

World Autism Awareness Day is Monday, April 2, 2018.



Important Dates:

**March 1st: Ice Hockey South Conference Final; – Division 2 - Adam Beck v; Clinton
9 am – Ted Reeve Arena**

March 2nd: Ski Trip

March 3rd: Toronto Marlies v; Rochester Americans; game at Ricoh Coliseum 4pm

March 12-16th: March Break - School Closed

March 21st: Pizza Lunch

March 23rd: Rendez-Vous Café – Conference Room – 8:45 am & Spirit Day - Read My Shirt Day

March 30th & April 2: Good Friday & Easter Monday – School Closed

April 2nd: World Autism Day