
February 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian/Caregiver:

Welcome to an exciting opportunity to participate in an After-School Leisure program for students with autism. This program is open to TDSB students in Grades 4 -10 with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

This program provides an opportunity for students to develop, build and enhance their social -communication skills through either weekly in-person or weekly virtual sessions. While participating in various leisure activities, students will engage in a variety of cooperative activities that will focus on developing and improving skills in the areas of turn-taking, communicating thoughts and feelings, engaging with others, building empathy for others as well as learning how to identify their personal feelings and apply appropriate strategies to regulate their feelings and behaviours.

An important goal of the program is for students to learn a variety of leisure/recreation type activities that they will feel confident doing at home, at school or in the community. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to take part in our scheduled meetings and to practice the various leisure activities together. Activities will be led by qualified teachers who will reinforce Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Instructional Methods throughout the sessions.

The program is being offered both in-person and virtually. Students are required to choose their preferred setting and stay with their choice for the duration of the program.

The Virtual Program

This program will run **every Tuesday** from March 25, 2025 to June 10, 2025 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Please note that to participate in this program, students will need access to a device as well as internet connection.

If you are interested in the Virtual Program for your child, **please complete [this registration form \(VIRTUAL\)](#) (click to access) by Friday, March 7, 2025.**

The In-Person Program:

This program will run **every Thursday** from March 27, 2025 to June 12, 2025. Sessions will run from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- 1 CR Marchant MS - 1 Ralph St, York
2. Charlottetown Public School, 85 Charlottetown Blvd. Scarborough
3. Duke of Connaught PS - 70 Woodfield Rd, Toronto
4. James S. Bell JM Sports and Wellness Academy - 90 Thirty First St., Etobicoke
5. Shaughnessy Public School – 30 Shaughnessy Blvd., North York

If you are interested in the In-Person Program for your child, **please complete [this registration form \(IN-PERSON\)](#) (click to access) by Friday, March 7, 2025.**



Please note that we are unable to provide transportation for students. Parents are responsible for bringing their children to the program and must stay for the duration of the program to enjoy the activities and learn more about the strategies our teachers use.

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

The After School Leisure Development Committee

