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Newsletter

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School Update

Daylight Savings

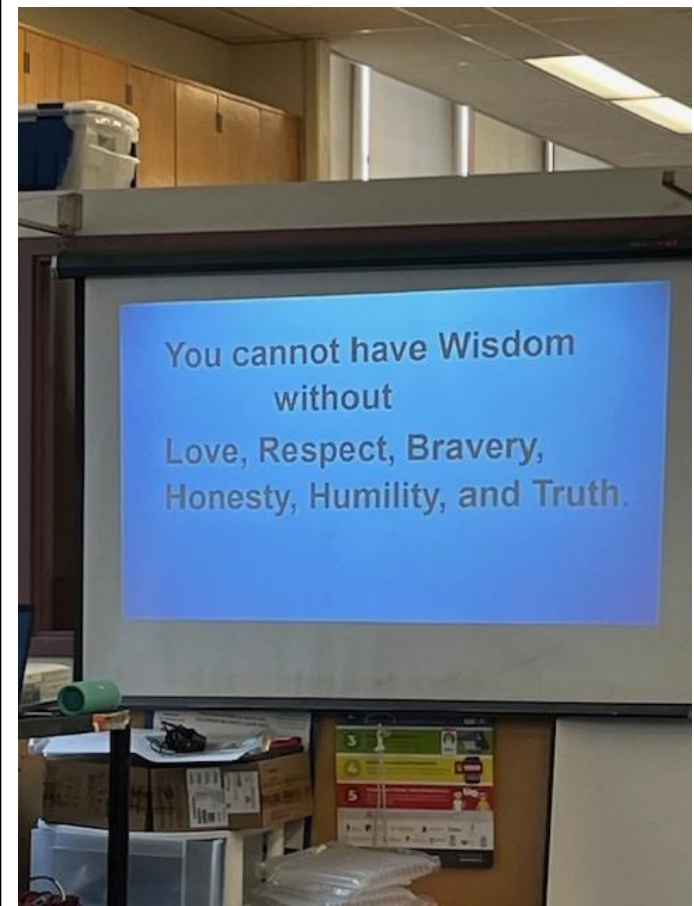
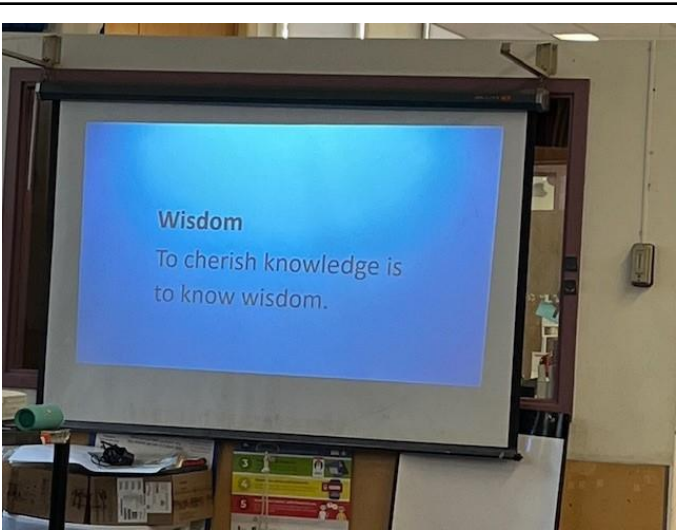
A reminder that Sunday March 10th at 2:00 am, we spring our clocks forward by one hour.

Elder Bob talks Grandfather Teachings

Elder Bob returned again this week to talk with all Kindergarten to Grade 8 classes about the Grandfather Teachings. The teachings focus on the relationships we have with all of creation and offer ways on how people should treat all living things. As Elder Bob puts it, "We are all equal."

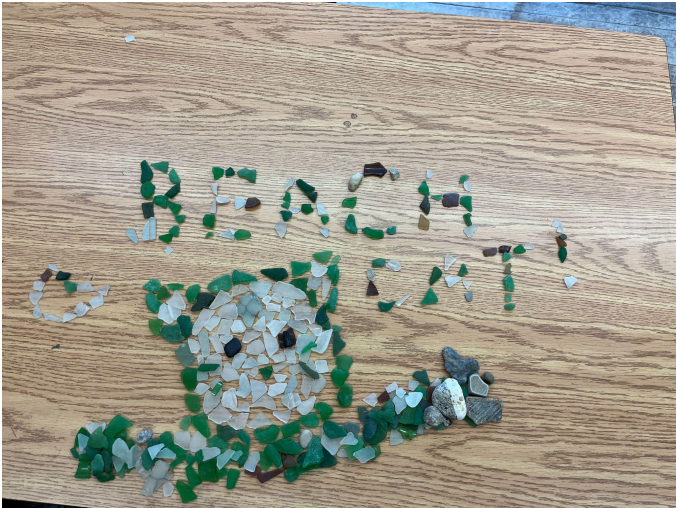
Each of the seven teachings is represented by an animal: **Wisdom** (beaver), **Love** (eagle), **Respect** (buffalo), **Bravery** (bear), **Honesty** (raven), **Humility** (wolf) and **Truth** (turtle). Each animal helps teach us how we can live our lives respecting animals, people, and the environment – every living thing.

In addition, all students observed and/or participated in a smudging circle outside on the field, where this traditional ceremony was explained.



Beach Day

Today Orde Street PS came together in a fun day of community building as we celebrated Beach Day. Students in Grades 1 - 8 participated in six different beach themed activities including: dress up relay, spike ball, frisbee golf, beach blanket bingo, the limbo and conga lines, and beach ball volleyball. The day ended with a staff hula hoop competition. It was a great way to come together and wind down for the March Break.





Mural Update

Every week, until its completion, I will share photos of our mural in action. This way you can see the process from start to finish. If any guardians are interested in coming in to support this mural and do some painting, please reach out to Jennifer at jennifer.zurba@tdsb.on.ca Extra help is always appreciated



Arts and Craft Club News

Grade 3/4 students in the arts and craft club have enjoyed two months of exciting crafting experiences. They have had opportunities to create with salt dough, melting beads, rainbow loom, yarn crafts, paints, plasticine and so much more. Twice a week, the students arrived ready to explore new crafts and were eager to return the next week. Although this years arts and craft club has come to an end, I hope the students have been inspired to continue crafting on their own.

-MS D'Oria



Materials For Garden Club

Garden Club will be starting up after March Break. If anyone has any small plastic pots or seed trays they no longer need, please bring them to Ms. Campbell's room (Rm 7) or Ms. Street's room (Rm 19). Thanks.

Term 3 Pizza

Cash online now open to order pizza for term 3, March 22 to June 2. You can access the website at <https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Cash Online Payments will be available until **Tuesday March 19th, at noon.**

Worth Repeating

Travelling abroad for March Break? Measles is just a plane ride away.

Last week, TPH [announced an investigation of a confirmed case of measles](#) linked to travel. This virus continues to spread in many parts of the world. If you are planning to leave the country over

March Break, get the best protection for you and your loved ones by staying up-to-date with your routine vaccines, including the measles vaccine.

These vaccines are available from your primary health care provider or at a TPH community clinic for school-aged children, by appointment. Visit [TPHbookings.ca](https://www.toronto.ca/immunization) for more information.

If you are unsure of your child's vaccination status, check their yellow card (Ontario Immunization Record), [TPH's Immunization Connect Ontario \(ICON\)](https://www.toronto.ca/immunization) or by speaking with their primary health care provider.

To learn more, visit [toronto.ca/immunization](https://www.toronto.ca/immunization) or contact TPH at publichealth@toronto.ca, or 416-338-7600 (TTY: 416-392-0658), Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Equity Learning and Action

This year, our school wide learning theme is **BELONGING**. Our School-Wide Equity Questions are:

Term 1: What does it mean to belong?

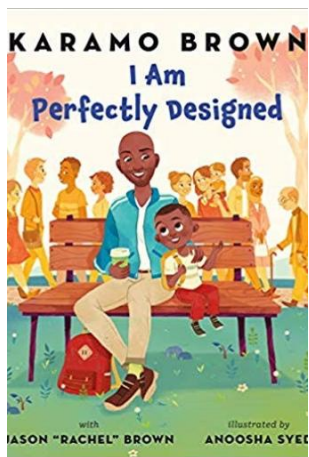
Term 2: How can I contribute to a world where all belong?

Artifact shared in preparation for Ramadan: We are eagerly waiting for Ramadan to start on Monday, March 11th. I just took a picture of the Quran, the prayer beads, and some sweet dates (for breaking our fast), all prepared for our iftar table. These items symbolize the month of Ramadan.



Book Nook

Here are some books in the Orde Street library to celebrate African Heritage Month.

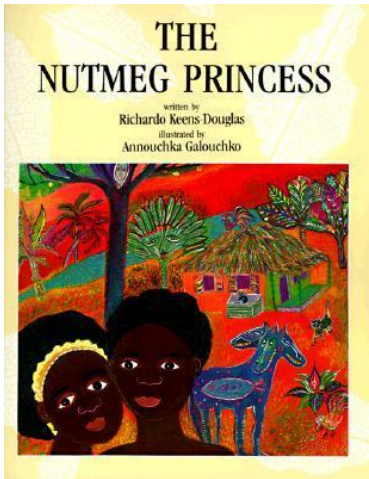


Perfectly Designed

By: Karamo Brown

“I am Perfectly Designed takes readers through the early years of a loving relationship between a father and son, reminiscing about the time they’ve spent together and their unconditional love for each other. From the son riding on his dad’s shoulders or getting held when he’s sad or mad, to joint Halloween costumes or playing in the park and looking up at the stars, the message is clear: We are each perfectly designed as ourselves, and deserve to love and be loved for who we are.”

Picture Book

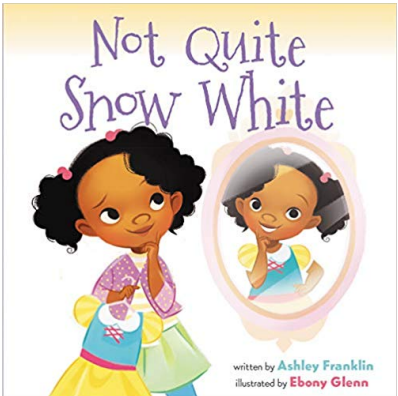


Nutmeg Princess

By: Richardo Keens-Douglas

“In this joyous, modern fable, only those with goodness of heart can see the elusive vision. On the Caribbean island called the “Isle of Spice,” there was a lake with a nutmeg grove nearby. On the lake, some said, live the Nutmeg Princess -- but she would only appear when the nutmeg was ready for picking, and the sweet smell of the spice filled the air. If you were lucky, you might see her, but to do so you had to rise at 4 a.m. and sit just so by the edge of the lake. Two children are determined to do just that, and the townspeople follow along. Only the two children are gifted with a vision of her and her wisdom “Go now, follow your dreams, and if you believe in yourselves, all things are possible.” And then she was gone, never to reappear.”

Picture Book



Not Quite Snow

By: Ashley Franklin

“Not Quite Snow White is a book about a little girl who wanted to be Snow White in her school play. However, she overhears her classmates saying she’s too tall, too chubby, too brown. Tameika is devastated. Her family encourages her and she decides to be just what she wants to be.”

Picture Book

Important Dates

- March 21 - Nowruz, Persian New Year
- March 29 - Good Friday -school closed
- April 1 - Easter Monday - school closed
- April 8 - PD DAY
- April 10 - International Day of Pink
- Aori 10 - End of Ramadan
- April 18 - Grad Photos
- April 23 - Passover begins
- April 25 - School play performance
- April 29 to May 6- Dental Screening

- May 20 - Victoria Day - school closed
- May 23 - Welcome to Kindie Night
- June 7 - PD DAY
- June 13 - Grade 8 Graduation, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- June 20 - Summer Solstice
- June 26 - Report Cards sent home
- June 28 - Last day of School

Extra Curricular Schedule					
	MONDAY March 18	TUESDAY March 19	WEDNESDAY March 20	THURSDAY March 21	FRIDAY March 22
Before School 7:30 - 8:30					
During Lunch		Ukelele Club (in Room 20) ----- Karaoke Club Grade 1 (in the library)	Drama Club (in Rm. 19) ----- Karaoke Club Grade 2 & 3 (in the library)		
After School 3:15 - 4:15	Grade 5/6 Badminton Team Practice	Grade 7/8 Badminton Team Practice	Grade 5/6 Badminton Team Practice	Grade 7/8 Badminton Team Practice	

A reminder that next week is March Break. We hope you all have a restful week and we will see you back on Monday, March 18th. For those of you celebrating

the beginning of Ramadan this weekend, we wish you a Ramadan Mubarak

Jenn

Community Resources

University Settlement

Click on the link below to access University Settlements Winter programs

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MauvFHMfhCOe2Nfmhox-Kepl3kNKZRXXK/view?usp=sharing>

Cecil Street

Check out programs offered for children and youth at

<https://cecilcentre.ca/children-and-youth/>

Trustee Update

Read the latest newsletter from Trustee Deborah Williams here: [Trustee Update: March 2024](#)

School Council News

Keep in touch with School Council

Our What'sApp group is a great way to meet other parents, stay up-to-date on school news, and get answers to your questions.



Join the group [here](#).



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