



# CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FEBRUARY 5, 2021



#### Upcoming Dates and Events

February 12th is a PA Day.

February 15th - Family Day

February 22nd - School Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

March 15th to 19th - March Break

#### Report Card Information

Report card will be encrypted and emailed to parents or guardians the week of February 8, 2021. Parent interviews will take place on February 11, 2021 after school and February 12, 2021 all day

#### African Heritage Month 2021

People of African descent have a rich legacy of cultural practices and traditions across generations. Toronto District School Board (TDSB) continues to be committed to honouring the contributions and activism of African and Black communities worldwide. Every February, educators, students, and their families honour the histories and contributions of people of African descent from around the world. At the TDSB, this year's theme is *Kujichagulia*, which means self-determination. *Kujichagulia*, the second principle of the Nguzo Saba, demands that people of African descent define and develop for themselves the environments that center their own identities and lived experiences. This African Heritage month resource has two purposes. First, the resource encourages educators and students to explore and deepen their understanding of the histories and excellence of Black and African communities. Second, this resource supports educators in focusing on key questions as they engage in lessons and conversations that promote the theme of *Kujichagulia*.

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#### Chinese Heritage Month 2021

February is Chinese Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize Chinese Heritage Month (CHM) during the month of February 2021. This year is the Year of the Ox: Loyal, Honest, Responsible, Hard-Working and Logical. Many Chinese Canadians will celebrate Lunar New Year on Friday, February 12. The Lunar New Year is also known as the spring festival and begins with the first moon of the lunar calendar and ends on the first full moon of the lunar calendar 15 days later. Though celebrations will be altered this year because of the pandemic, the spirit and joyfulness will remain the same through virtual events and in-home family-based festivities. Follow us at Twitter (@tdsbChineseHM). Further information about these initiatives are currently available on our official CHM site <https://bit.ly/2021CHM>

#### Winter Walk Day 2021

On February 5, TDSB students are joining schools across Canada for Winter Walk Day - an annual celebration of active transportation!

It's the perfect opportunity for parents and kids to get outside together and stretch those legs. Walk to school for daily physical activity, a healthier environment, safer streets, making friends and to have fun! Walking is the simplest form of exercise and helps kids get the 60 minutes of daily physical activity they need.

Winter is still a great time to walk and be outside and it's also a great cure for those winter blues! Dress properly and don't let cold, wind, snow or rain keep you from heading out for a walk. Below are some great winter weather dressing tips from Green Communities Canada:

- Keep hands and head covered to prevent heat loss
- Wear warm, waterproof boots
- Wear a warm coat that deflects the wind
- Woolen clothing helps to retain heat
- On really cold days, wear a scarf over your face and mouth
- If possible, change wet clothes at school
- Wear clothing or carry knapsacks with reflective material, it's important to be seen

- Below -25 degrees Celsius is considered too cold for walking, so move your walk indoors or select another day

For more information visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools/Home/Feature-Archive/Winter-Walk-Day>

To learn more about road safety visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Road-Safety>