



CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 14, 2021



Upcoming Dates and Events

May 24, 2021 – Victoria Day – School Closed

June 4, 2021 – P.A. Day – No School

June 29, 2021 – Last Day of School

Bicycle Safety

With warmer weather approaching, children may be participating in more outdoor activities like bike riding. To help keep children safe while playing outdoors this summer please follow social distancing and all other guidelines provided by Toronto Public Health.

When children are riding their bicycles, parents and caregivers can take steps to protect them.

Here's how:

1. An adult should always supervise children 10 years of age or younger when they are using a bicycle or other wheeled sports equipment. Even older children may need on-going supervision when riding near the road.
2. Make sure children wear the correct helmet properly when they ride. Ontario's bike helmet law requires all children and youth under age 18 to wear an approved bike helmet when riding a bicycle.
3. Keep children away from traffic when they use wheeled sports equipment. Make sure they ride in a safe place.
4. Teach children how to:
 - a. steer, brake and ride in a straight line
 - b. wear the right safety gear, and
 - c. do a safety check every time they ride a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, use in-line skates or wear shoes with wheels.
5. Be within arm's reach when your children are learning to ride any wheeled equipment.
6. Always walk a bicycle, scooter or skateboard across a street intersection, instead of riding across.
7. Tell children that you are happy when you see them riding safely.
8. Remind children of the safety rules when they forget.
9. Be a good role model - wear a helmet and safety gear yourself. Children copy what adults do.

Asian Heritage Month

The Toronto District School Board's Jewish Heritage Committee (JHC) is made May is Asian Heritage Month at the TDSB

Asian Heritage Month is recognized during the month of May at the Toronto District School Board. Our theme this year is, "Our stories. Our voices. Our journey."

Asia is a land of great political, economic, social, ethnic, cultural and religious diversity; this diversity creates challenges when we attempt to define Asia in geographic and political terms. More than 40% of TDSB students identify as Asian. During May there will be many opportunities to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian Canadians and to recognize the narratives and wisdom of various Asian cultures.

We are pleased to share with you that a number of Asian Heritage Month Events being held across the system. A few of these initiatives are listed below.

Asian Heritage Month Launch

Date: Monday, May 6, 2019

Asian Heritage Month - Student Panel Discussion

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Asian Heritage Month - Culminating Arts Event

Date: Friday, May 17, 2019

In addition to the above, a student poster competition was held for grades kindergarten to 12. We are pleased to inform you that the first place poster is from a Grade 11 Lester B Pearson Collegiate Institute student and that this poster will be shared with all schools.

The second place poster design was from North Albion Collegiate Institute, and the third place poster design from Princess Margaret Junior School. Schools were also invited to share their photographs that represents the theme of "Our stories. Our voices. Our journey." at our Administrative sites during the month of May. Further, students and staff were also invited to showcase their photography through a slideshow presentation that will be showcased at 5050 Yonge Street throughout the month of May.