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PCEO UPDATES

PCEO School Council 2023-2024 Priorities

- Collaborate with schools, Councils, and Superintendents to improve the number of Councils with Bylaws and collection of Council chair contacts
- Continue to work with Superintendents, Schools, and Community Support Workers to ensure every school has an active Council, particularly the 150 Model Schools for Inner City.
- Rollout of 23/24 Council training schedule
- Rollout leadership training for Council Executives & Community Advisory Committees
- Rollout optional Council training for Principals
- Rollout optional professional for teachers engaging parents
- Commence work on Parent/caregiver Engagement Institute

PIAC Refresher/Orientation Sessions-Mark Your Calendar

Sessions will be held on:

- Thursday, November 17, 2023, 6:00 pm
- Thursday, February 22, 2023, 6:00 pm

PIAC E-mail Accounts

All PIAC members' account has been opened and credentials have been sent to your personal email address. Please send an email using your TDSB email address.

The PCCE has set up a process to request for IT support. The IT Request form has a link, and the electronic link was sent to all members of PIAC. To ensure a timely response, it is important that the form be filled out as completely as possible. In October, there were 3 requests from PIAC and all three requestors had a follow-up with John Manalo to clarify the request. The accounts were checked for activation and the reminder of credentials was sent to the requestors.

Please mark your calendar for upcoming support sessions with John.Manalo@tdsb:
November 15 & November 22, 2023.



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Parent/Caregiver as Partners Conference

Thank you to all volunteers, presenters, and attendees for another good year of the annual Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference that was held on October 21 and 22, 2023. Parents, guardians, and caregivers participated in a weekend of learning, connection, and engagement and learned strategies to support their children throughout the year.

2023 – 2024 School Council Innovation Grant (SCIG) Application

The School Council Innovation Grant went live on September 20, 2023 and closed on November 3, 2023. There were 296 applications submitted, requesting a total of \$474,693.14. Decisions will be released on November 20, 2023.

New Online Vulnerable Sector Check Process for Volunteers

Effective September 05, 2023, TDSB volunteers who reside in Toronto can complete the Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) online. We strongly encourage all volunteers to complete the VSC online. Please visit <https://www.tps.ca/services/police-record-checks/> to register for an account using the TDSB Code: 202309TPSOND7EFC. The cost of \$26.72+tax can be paid with Visa, Visa Debit, MasterCard, or American Express.

TDB System Calendar

Want to know what activities/events are taking place on the board? Visit the system calendar at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Year-Calendar>

TDSB Connects

TDSB Connects is a monthly electronic newsletter for parents/guardians with information about news and events from across the Toronto District School Board. If you are a parent/guardian who doesn't currently receive TDSB Connects, please contact your local school to ensure your email address is up to date in your child's student contact record. To sign up visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Media/News/Newsletters/TDSB-Connects/Sep-27-2021>

INFORMATION SHARING

Out-of-Area Admissions and French Language Programs

Students in French programs have designated a pathway through middle/secondary based on the home address at the time of entry. Given changes to the Out-of-Area Admissions



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policy in May 2022, students in French Immersion/Extended French programs at a school other than their French program school based on their address, must return to their designated French pathway school by address for middle/secondary school. If students wish to attend a middle/secondary French Immersion/Extended French program that is not associated with their address, they must apply to that school via the Out-of-Area Admissions process within the timeframes provided at each transition point.

For more information visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Pathways>

International Languages Elementary Program

The International Languages Elementary Program is an enriching learning experience to learn or maintain a language and discover other cultures. No language background is

necessary to participate.

Who: Kindergarten to Grade 8 (TDSB and Non-TDSB students).

When: Classes start from September to June, one day a week for two and a half hours.

Classes are held after school or on Saturdays.

Cost: \$20 material fee (one time).

For more information visit <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/Beyond-the-Classroom/International-Languages-Elementary-and-African-Heritage>

TDSB Parent/Caregiver Literacy Site: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/Family-and-Caregivers>

TDSB Early Instruction Guide:

[https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/EarlyYears/docs/TDSBEarlyReadingInstruction Family_CaregiverGuide_Final.pdf](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/EarlyYears/docs/TDSBEarlyReadingInstruction_Family_CaregiverGuide_Final.pdf)

TDSB French Resources for Parents/Caregivers of Students in French Programs

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Supporting-Students-at-Home>

TDSB Math Program-Supports for Parents/Caregivers: bit.ly/tdsbmathforfamilies