

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2019

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**School Trustee, Ward 20
Scarborough-Agincourt**



Dear Parents and Neighbours,

As we bid farewell to the gorgeous summer of 2019, we are saying hello to a new school year of great learning, adventure and fun. As your School Trustee, I'm committed to working with you to represent the best interests and needs of our students. Your support of your school and public education is more critical than ever in this climate of funding shortfalls.

Please email or call me, and sign up to receive my regular Trustee Reports. I appreciate every opportunity I have to speak with you. Let's continue working together through the challenges ahead for another successful school year.

Join Manna in her Arts Intersections and Eco Fair Initiatives

As parents and educators, we believe in education that supports the diversity of our children's learning and skills through arts and wellness initiatives. By revitalizing environmentally-conscious education, arts, and extracurricular activities, we strengthen the bonds between students, parents, teachers and the community.

EcoSchools is a TDSB school greening program asking us to examine the decisions we make in our schools, inside and out – from modifying practices in our classrooms, offices, and boiler rooms to designing the school ground as a place for healthy, enriched learning. **The TDSB's Environment Policy and our Go Green Climate Change Action Plan** outlines the Board's commitment to environmental literacy for all students and to environmentally responsible operations. I am so proud of the certified schools for 2019/20 in Ward 20.

| SCHOOL | 2019-20 |
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| Beverly Glen Junior Public School | Platinum |
| Bridlewood Junior Public School | Gold |
| Dr Norman Bethune Collegiate Institute | Platinum |
| Fairglen Junior Public School | Silver |
| JB Tyrrell Senior Public School | Platinum |
| John Buchan Senior Public School | Silver |
| Kennedy Public School | Platinum |
| Lynnwood Heights Junior Public School | Gold |
| North Bridlewood Junior Public School | Silver |
| Sir Ernest MacMillan Senior Public School | Gold |
| Sir Samuel B Steele Junior Public School | Platinum |
| Sir William Osler High School | Platinum |
| Tam OShanter Junior Public School | Gold |
| Timberbank Junior Public School | Gold |
| Vradenburg Junior Public School | Gold |

I encourage you to speak to your school on how you can contribute towards their greening practices. It's our concerted efforts that will ensure a livable environment for our children and for generations to come.

Eco Fair 2020

I was pleased to have organized the Ward 20 Eco Fair in 2017 and the 4th annual Eco Fair will be scheduled for April, 2020. I invite all interested parties to join me in the organizing of the Fair by emailing me at manna.wong@tdsb.on.ca

Arts Intersections

The arts have been instrumental in helping students realize their potential to be articulate, expressive, and disciplined in ways that could be unfamiliar but exciting. With the support of parents, students, educators and arts advocates, I initiated the Arts Intersections project with the goal of extending enriched arts programming to every local school.

A proposal for funding to the Ontario Arts Council was sent in March sharing our goals, experiences and collaboration accumulated from the successful Arts Intersections events and bus tours in 2017 and 2018. I am pleased to announce that we have been approved for funding for the new school year. I'm inviting you to join me at the first organizing planning meeting on:

Thursday, September 19, 2019, 6:30 pm
Beverly Glen Jr. P.S., at the Library

Useful Tips on Getting Your Children Off To A Great Start This School Year

Starting a new school year can be an exciting and overwhelming time – for both parents and students. Here are some resources to help you have a great year. Learn more at www.tdsb.on.ca/needtoknow

Resources Available

- Find out what students need to graduate, credit tracker and information on new programs, www.ontario.ca/morestudentsuccess
- Online information for students eligible for school bus transportation <https://www.torontoschoolbus.org>
- Find and map out extra-curricular activities www.kidsPrograms.ca
- Parents tips for a smooth back-to-school transition, www.understood.org
- K-12 news, lessons and shared resources www.teachhub.com
- Lesson plans, activities and games designed by grade level or topic engaging our children in learning about road safety www.ontarioroadsafety.ca
- Wonderful resources to empower special needs parents www.specialneedsroadmaps.ca

2019-2020 School Year Calendar

Manna Wong, Trustee
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| SEPTEMBER 2 Labour Day 3 First day of class 30 Orange Shirt Day | DECEMBER 6 PA Day – elementary & secondary 23 – Jan 3 Christmas Break | APRIL 10 Good Friday 13 Easter Monday 22 Earth Day |
| OCTOBER 5 World Teachers' Day 9 Walk to School Day 11 PA Day – elementary & secondary 14 Thanksgiving | JANUARY 1 New Year's Day 13 – 24 Gr. 9 Math EQAO 17 PA Day – elementary 30 PA Day – semestered secondary | MAY 10 Mother's Day 18 Victoria Day 19 – June 1 Primary/Junior EQAO 25 – 29 Bike to School Week |
| NOVEMBER 3 Turn clocks back 11 Remembrance Day 15 PA Day – elementary & secondary | FEBRUARY 14 PA Day – elementary & secondary 17 Family Day | JUNE 2 - 15 Gr. 9 Math EQAO 5 PA Day - elementary 21 Father's Day 23 Last day of class – secondary 25 Last day of class - elementary |
| | MARCH 8 Turn clocks ahead 16 – 20 March Break 31 OSSLT | |

Beautiful Things Happen When Parents Are Engaged

Please join me at these meetings:

Arts Intersections Project
Thursday, September 19, 2019, Beverly Glen Jr. P.S.
 a planning session for 2019-2020 as funding has been approved by the Ontario Arts Council.

Trustee Ward Meeting, Tuesday, October 22, 2019
David Lewis P.S.
 to share information, discuss education topics and dialogue with other parents and staff.

Eco Fair 2020
 to organize a day of information activities promoting green living and student leadership. The Fair is scheduled for April 2020.

你对学校问题的看法对我非常重要。
 请随时联系教育委员 **黄婉贞**

“கல்வி சார்ந்த உங்கள் விடையங்களை
 தயவு செய்து என்னுடன் பயிர்ந்துகொள்ளவும்.
 என்னை எந்நேரமும் நுங்கள் நாடலாம்.”

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