

# BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2017

## MANNA WONG

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Scarborough-Agincourt**



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Dear Parents, Guardians and Public Education Supporters,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. I hope you and your family had a restful summer and will start the new school year with renewed energy and spirit.

As the School Board Trustee for Scarborough-Agincourt, my job is to advocate for you and to represent the needs of students and parents/guardians within the Toronto District School Board. To be effective in the role, I need to hear directly from you and involve you in the process of making your schools better. Please sign up to receive my regular Trustee Reports and Updates by emailing me at [manna.wong@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:manna.wong@tdsb.on.ca) and visit my webpage [www.tdsb.on.ca/wong](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/wong) to stay informed about news and events throughout the year.

Thank you and I look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Manna".

## Looking for Useful Tips On Getting Your Children Off To A Great Start This School Year?

### Parents' Resources

As you return to school, we have created a webpage with key information and resources including homework tips and the school year calendar, safety and student supports. Learn more at [www.tdsb.on.ca/needtoknow](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/needtoknow).

### Transportation Information

Parents with children who are transported by school buses can now access their children's transportation information online and receive email notifications if there are any school bus cancellations or delays.

**1. Transportation Portal:** Access information specific to your child's transportation, including route number, stop

location, times and bus company at

<https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/transportation-portal/>

**2. Toronto Student Transportation Group:**

Phone: 416-394-4287; Fax: 416-394-3806

Email: [transportation@torontoschoolbus.org](mailto:transportation@torontoschoolbus.org)

Web: [www.torontoschoolbus.org](http://www.torontoschoolbus.org)

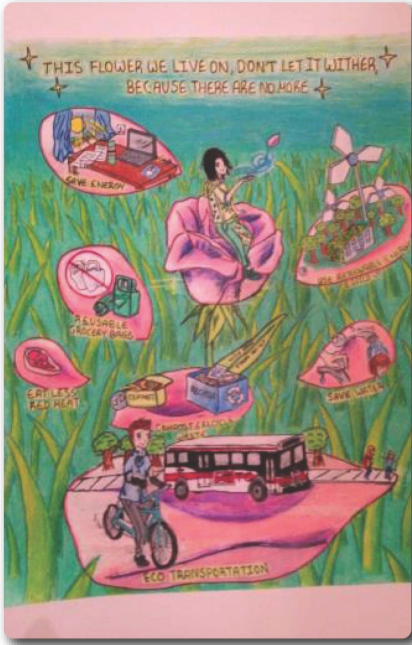
Delay Notifications:

[www.torontoschoolbus.org/school-bus-delays/](http://www.torontoschoolbus.org/school-bus-delays/)

**3. Your School:** Schools have access to the transportation information and often post the routes to the main doors. Route maps identifying all the stops on the large capacity buses are also available on the transportation portal:

<https://www.torontoschoolbus.org/transportation-portal/>

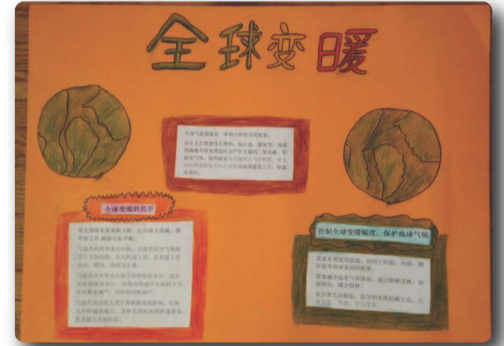
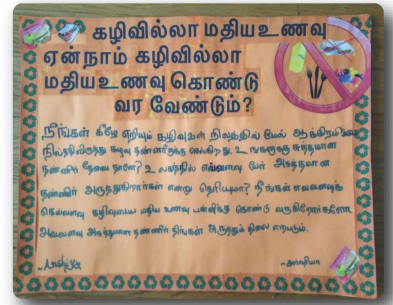
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## JOIN MANNA IN HER INITIATIVES

### Eco Fair 2018

I was pleased to present the first annual Eco Fair on April 22, 2017, a fun day of information and activities in promoting green healthy living. Thank you for the efforts and participation of our students, staff and parents, Eco Fair 2017 was a huge success in showcasing our greening projects. I am inviting all interested parties to join me in the organizing of Eco Fair 2018, which is scheduled for **Saturday, April 14, 2018**.



### Arts Education Work Group

The arts foster positive development and well-being, creative problem solving and critical thinking in our students and enable a collaborative culture to thrive within our schools.

I have initiated an **Arts Education Work Group** to discuss and explore how arts enrichment can help remove systemic barriers and create an equitable and vibrant environment for our students. With the support of parents, teachers and principals in the development of arts programming for students together with parent participation, a proposal for provincial PRO Regional Grant funding was submitted in June and now awaits approval. In the meantime, we will continue exploring arts enrichment possibilities and avenues.

Please join me at the Work Group sharing your experiences and expertise with the goal of extending enriched arts education programming to every local school.

### PARENTS, HAVE YOUR SAY!

School councils provide a forum for student, parent and community voices and advise principals on school issues. To learn more about school council, contact your school for information and the date of school council election which is usually held in late September/early October.

I would also like to invite you to become a Ward representative for Ward 20 to sit on the **French as a Second Language Advisory Committee**. If you are an interested parent who would like to interact directly with trustees and senior staff at the Board level to provide us with your best advice, please contact me for more information. It is important that our Ward is represented at the table.

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/community/howtogetinvolved/communityadvisorycommittees/frenchasasecondlanguageadvisorycommittee.aspx>

## Connecting with you on school issues is important to me.

### Ward Council Meetings

I hold ward council meetings throughout the school year. They are regular meetings to share information and encourage dialogue among parents/guardians, superintendents and myself as your trustee. Locations will be announced via email and on my website and meetings are from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

Please hold these dates on your calendar:

- Monday, October 16, 2017
- Tuesday, December 5, 2017
- Monday, January 15, 2018
- Tuesday, February 27, 2018
- Tuesday, April 10, 2018
- Thursday, May 24, 2018

As always, I look forward to your comments, questions and ideas for topics to explore at ward council meetings and in future updates. Wishing you all a productive and meaningful 2017-2018 school year!

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 நான் நாடலாம்.”

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