

Givins/Shaw Junior Public School

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GRADE RANGE: JK to 6

Interesting Feature

Valuing Diversity

Our yearly equity plan includes: School-wide acknowledgement of Days of Significance for our diverse population, e.g. Diwali, Lunar New Year with a focus on Lunar New Year and African Heritage Month. Issues of diversity are addressed daily as part of the curriculum and are reflected in the resources that we use.

Take care of yourself.
Take care of our school.
Take care of other people in our school.

Givins/Shaw is a small downtown school that serves the highly diverse community of Trinity Bellwoods. Givins/Shaw has gained a reputation in the community as being warm, welcoming and inclusive. Our goal is to ensure that all students make constant progress towards meeting provincial expectations in all subject areas. At Givins/Shaw we acknowledge that students come to school with different strengths, interests, experiences and ability. Our challenge is to identify how best to work with each student. To that end, students at Givins/Shaw receive a very well balanced program that addresses all curriculum in ways that are developmentally appropriate.

Balanced Program

In spite of its small size, we are able to offer a wide range of programs at Givins/Shaw. Our goal is to help all students succeed and make constant progress. We acknowledge that students come to school with different strengths. Our challenge is to determine how to best capitalize on those strengths. To that end, students receive a very well balanced program that addresses all curriculum areas in ways that are appropriate to each stage of development. We believe that students need to develop Literacy skills in order to be successful in all curriculum areas.



Eco School

School yard enhancement has been a goal that students, staff and parents have been involved in since the renovation of the school in 2001. Several garden plots have been planted. This project will continue to grow each year. Givins/Shaw is striving to become more eco friendly.



Integrated Arts

Literacy skills are promoted through our strong Arts program which provides students with opportunities to participate in Music, Drama, Dance and Visual Arts activities both with their classroom teachers and with visiting artists. Our annual Arts Alive Day brings parents, students and staff together as they participate in numerous Arts activities in a workshop format.



Safe and Caring Schools

At Givins/Shaw we place great importance in creating a safe learning/teaching environment. We have a well developed Safe Schools plan that effectively addresses issues related to responsible citizenship. Respectful behaviour and appreciation of differences is expected of all stakeholders at Givins/Shaw. One size does not fit all!



Sports

Givins/Shaw has a sports program. Both houseleague and school teams encourage students to improve their skills and practise sportsmanship.



Additional Features

- Safe and Caring Schools initiatives
- Partnership between home and school
- Eco School
- Equity plans
- Balanced Literacy and Numeracy
- Parenting and Child Care Centre
- Strong Arts program
- RAP: Read Aloud Program

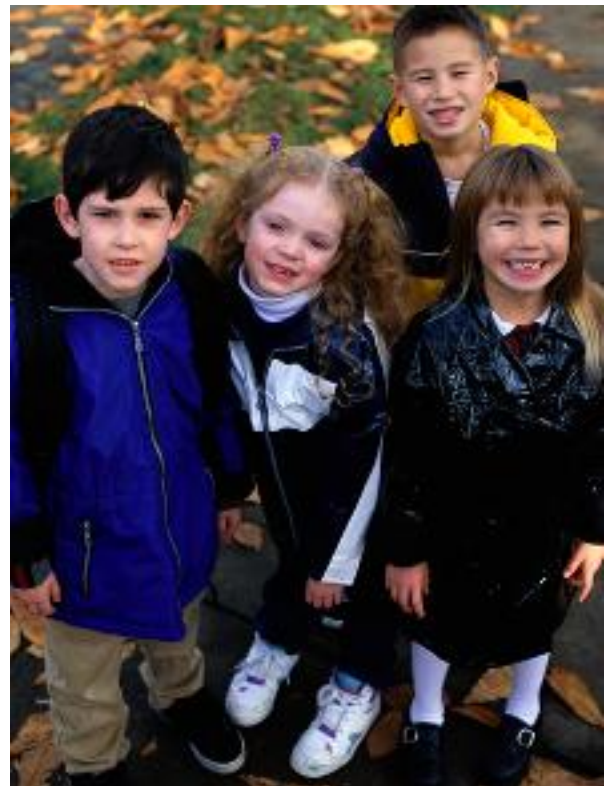
Student Life - Where You Belong

Students at Givins/Shaw participate in a variety of activities and events. They are highly active and are encouraged to develop their interests. Character education is imbedded in all that takes place inside and outside the classroom.



What Sets Us Apart

Givins/Shaw provides an inclusive learning/teaching environment where students, staff, parents, caregivers and visitors feel valued and respected. Givins/Shaw is known in the community as a welcoming, cheerful school. Givins/Shaw has a strong focus on the Arts and on responsible environmental practices.





Parent and Community Engagement

- Public library class visits
- relationship with Trinity Recreation Centre
- Outreach to the Chinese community and other communities which have been underrepresented in the school's decision making
- TYPE Books, School Council provides input into initiatives and plans. The School Council is involved in fundraising and in supporting school events and activities.
- About 40 regular parent volunteers as assistants in classrooms, special events, and other school activities
- Open door policy
- Website
- Parents active in initiating and implementation of projects such as Eco Schools- Parents on committess such as School Improvement Plan Committee, Nutrition Committee, Staffing Committee
- RAP:Read Aloud Program
- Classroom volunteers
- parent work regularly in classrooms
- Arts Alive
- Special Events
- parents initiatie and run Movie Nights, Pot Luck Suppers, Fun Fair etc.



TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.



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