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PCEO UPDATES

PIAC

- Mandatory orientation for new members will be held virtually on March 02, 2021.
- Support for activation of PIAC e-mail account will continue. PIAC members needing support should schedule a meeting with <u>John.Manalo@tdsb.on.ca</u>

School Council Updates

- Support for School Council E-mail accounts can be found at https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/schoolcouncil
- PCEO continues to work with the Client Service Desk to provide requested Council account activation, login, and troubleshooting support to reduce the back log.
- Councils continue to activate ZOOM accounts. ZOOM accounts can be accessed and activated by accessing the School Council SC.ABCSchool@tdsb.on.ca mailbox. Activation instructions are in the in box of the School Councils e-mail account. To activate the School Councils e-mail account, contact the Principal.
- School Messenger has been rolled out. Information can be found at https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils
- Proposed date for the School Council Town Hall 2 is March 16, 2021 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Vice-Principal Interview Process

 Vice-Principal Interview Committees, Procedure 705 - Selection, Promotion and Placement Process for School Principals and Vice-principals allows for parent/guardian representatives identified through the Parental Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) to participate in Vice-Principal interviews,



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- Over 100+ parents/caregivers registered for the mandatory training session required to participate on an interview panel.
- The virtual interview training took place on **Tuesday**, **February 9**, **2021 with an attendance of 50 parents/caregivers**. Please note **attendance at a Training Session is mandatory** to participate as a Parent/Guardian Representative on a Vice-Principal Interview Team.
- Spring 2021 interviews for Elementary Vice-Principal and Secondary Vice-Principal will be held on two of the three planned interview dates below:
- Tuesday, February 23, 2021
- Wednesday, February 24, 2021
- Tuesday, March 2, 2021
- Parents/Caregivers will not be scheduled for more than one of these dates. Depending on the number of interview teams scheduled, not all parent representatives may be scheduled,
- Selected parents/caregivers will be informed by e-mail no later than the week prior to the scheduled date if they have been placed on an interview team or identified as an alternate/back-up for the day,
- The interview day begins with a team caucus at 8:00am with the site coordinators. The last interview of the day will commence no later than 3:30pm.

Program Priorities Funding (PPF) – Parent Reaching Out Grant (PROG) School Council Allocation

- TDSB was allocated \$131, 563.00 for projects that demonstrate a commitment to respecting the role of parents in students' educational experiences. School Councils have been allocated \$52, 500 for a School Council Anti-Black Racism, anti-Indigenous and anti-oppression
- To date 18 applications have been received. All applications will be reviewed by team of six (6) reviewers composed of TDSB staff. Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until funds are depleted.



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- To apply for the School Council Anti-Oppression, Anti-Black Racism and Anti-Indigenous application process visit https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils/Parents-Reaching-Out-Grants
- The Conversation Series was launched in January with a conversation on race, followed by a
 Conversation on Racial Trauma in February. March will feature the film Screenagers Next
 Chapter along with a post conversation with the director Dr. Delaney Ruston. April will feature
 https://www.drlisadamour.com/ For further details visit
 https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Conversations-Series

Parents as Partners (PasP) Conference 2020

 PasP workshops and presentations can be viewed at https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Conferences/Parents-as-Partners-Conference,

INFORMATION SHARING		

Federal Government COVID-19 Supports

Federal government is still offering supports for individuals' and parents/caregivers. For details visit https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html

Parent Academy

• The Parent Academy features an array of workshops, resources and information for parent/caregivers. Join the Community Support Workers for the next session. For information visit https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/csws/parent-academy?authuser=0

211- Community Supports

• For information on community services ranging from foodbank, mental health and programs in your neighbourhood review the 211 slide deck at



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https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19T6qE37dMo9nulOiG3ulNc2Jz9Pz9eZe6LRdUCycEA/edit#slide=id.p7

TVO Learn and TFO IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison

- The Ministry of Education has announced the launch of two new portals developed in partnership with TVO and TFO. TVO Learn and TFO IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison will provide optional supplemental support for students who are self-screening, quarantining at home, or wishing to build their skills by accessing additional educational resources developed by Ontario certified teachers. These portals provide engaging and interactive ways to support students in furthering their learning in the Grades 1 to 8 Ontario curriculum from home.
- Secondary students can continue to access TVO's Independent Learning Centre (ILC) Open House and Portes ouvertes pour les cours TVO ILC in French-language, which provide access to 144 Grade 9 to 12 courses. These ILC resources are not for credit but are designed to provide flexible learning opportunities to help students keep up with their learning or deepen their understanding of a specific subject. In addition, French-language students also have access to French-language online courses available through the Consortium d'apprentissage vituel de l'Ontario.
- For further information visit: https://tvolearn.com/

Autism Ontario Events and Workshops

Autism Ontario has many events, workshops, and parent groups for December. to Highlight include virtual coffee chats, Christmas sing-alongs, Hanukkah Cookie Kits, Kwanzaa Craft Kits, OAP sessions, and an OAP information session with Vietnamese translation. Visit:

https://www.autismontario.com/events?custom 326=All&custom 325=Toronto&event type id=All

Brightspace, Google Classroom and Other Virtual Information for Parent/Caregivers in Virtual Schools



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Parents/caregivers are encouraged to <u>create a "Brightspace for Parents" account</u> which will provide a window into their child's online classroom.

For information on Google Classroom and other virtual supports visit: https://docs.google.com/document/d/102qPvYkLNGZoucHB BmNTKJjDWsqlsv7yJXU8jCp3oE/edit

Helpful Links

- Resources for <u>mental health and well-being</u>, <u>homework</u>, <u>safety</u>, <u>curriculum</u> and other ways to <u>get involved</u>.
- Talking Race and Racism- https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-
 Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1473/Talking-about-Race-and-Racism-With-Children
- Information on Return to School Virtual & In-person https://www.tdsb.on.ca/
- Information on supporting your child <u>www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/ForParents</u>