



Something To Hoot About!

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Upcoming Dates

December 21-January
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Winter Break

First Day of School in
2026
Monday, January 5

PA Day
Friday, January 16



December News

December was a busy month with lots of events and happenings! We're looking forward to lots more fun in 2026!

Holiday Market

Many classes participated in the Holiday Market on December 16th. Students showcased their games based on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math concepts. Students ran stalls selling their goods and raising money for different charities.

Comic Art Workshop

On Thursday, December 11th Freeze DNA sponsored free workshops for students from Grade 1 to 4. A Comic artist worked with students to create comic book characters.



Athletics Update

Mr. Perretta

Boys Volleyball

It's been a thrilling volleyball season with both our grade 5 and grade 6 boys volleyball teams developing their game and building trust in one another. All games were exciting to watch and filled with passing, setting, and spiking. Both teams won their respective tournaments and conference playoff games leading them all the way to the City Championships which were held on December 17th at Humber College. Our grade 5s played their match first and showed true determination in their 3 set battle with McKee PS. Although we lost a nail biter in the 3rd set by a score of 16-14, the boys should be proud of an amazing season. Way to go team! Our grade 6s followed later in the day and put together their best volleyball of the season. All of their games were filled with great serving, exciting rallies, and many punctuating spikes. Congrats on winning both matches and earning the title, "City Champions"!!! Way to go Owls!

Girls Basketball

Congratulations to both our grade 5 and grade 6 girls basketball teams on their impressive season! Not only did both teams win their respective tournaments but they also advanced to the playoffs. The grade 5 team played an exciting and competitive semifinal against Secord and lost a nail biter by a score of 16-15. Way to go team! Our grade 6 team grasped the concept of a tenacious zone defense leading them to victory in their quarterfinal, semifinal, and conference final. As a result, our team advanced to the City Championships which were held at Hoop Dome on December 16th. The team put together a solid performance and won the 1st game. Although our team lost the final game, it was an unforgettable season filled with good passing, solid defense, teamwork, and good sportsmanship. Congratulations on a historic season and finishing the year off as City Finalists (first time ever for our girls basketball team)! Way to go team!

Boys Basketball (Coach: Frank Perretta (frank.perretta@tdsb.on.ca))

Our school will field both a grade 5 and grade 6 boys basketball team. Tryouts are now complete and practices will commence in the month of January. Both teams are looking forward to upcoming tournaments which will take place in the new year. Go Owls!

Girls Volleyball

Girls' volleyball tryouts have begun and will continue in the new year. Special thanks to Mr. Davis, Ms. Burgher, and Ms. Tomlinson who will be coaching the teams this year. Go Owls!

All Gender Ball Hockey

All gender ball hockey tryouts will commence in January. Special thanks to Ms. Barkin and Ms. Sidney who are coaching the team.



Athletics Photo Album





Safe Arrival Information:

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify the school if your child is going to be absent. Notifying our Office Staff can be done in one of the following ways:

1. Safe Arrival Phone: 1-833-250-2290

Our Safe Arrival Phone is available 24 hrs and can be called at any time.

Parents/Guardians are asked to follow the prompts and leave a message with information if your child will be absent for a full day.

2. School Messenger App - [Click here to download the APP](#)

Families also have the option to use the School Messenger app for a faster and easier way to report absences and receive communication sent by the TDSB and your school.

EARLY PICK UP

If you need to pick up your young person early for an appointment, please avoid arriving during recess time as you will need to wait until the end of recess. We are not able to redeploy staff supervisors to track down students!

AM recess: 10:10 – 10:25

Lunch recess: 11:55 – 12:35

PM recess: 1:55 – 2:05

TDSB Property and Dogs

Please remember that dogs are NOT allowed on TDSB property unless they are a certified service animal with proper documentation and apparatus.

If you bring your dog when picking up or dropping off, please ensure that you have someone with you who can wait outside the fence with your furry friend.

Many of us have dogs and we love them however we do want to respect the By-Laws in place to create a safe, hygienic, and welcoming environment for all students.

