

# Walter E. Harris Hurricanes!

May 2021



“A unique and caring experience”

“Me tient à coeur.”



## Safe Arrival Line

24 hours

## Toll Free Number:

1-844-350-2646

## Website:

[attendance.ddsb.ca](http://attendance.ddsb.ca)

## Principal

Trina Lewis

## Vice Principal

Michael Loscavo

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From our families and homes to yours, we hope you are all doing well and continue to be safe and healthy. These are extraordinary times and as a school staff we are hoping that everyone is keeping well-being at the top of their lists.

During the past few weeks, staff have been planning and working hard to implement a new way of teaching and learning. The feedback we've received from our community has been appreciated and very positive! We are using it to inform our teaching and next steps. Thank you for all of your patience as we navigate these uncharted waters together, once again.

As administrators we would like to recognize our staff, our students, our parents/guardians and our community for your relentless effort in adapting to this new way of living and learning. As the lockdown in Ontario continues, it is important that we all create sustainable habits that will support our well-being. Informational resources pertaining to well-being can be found within the newsletter.

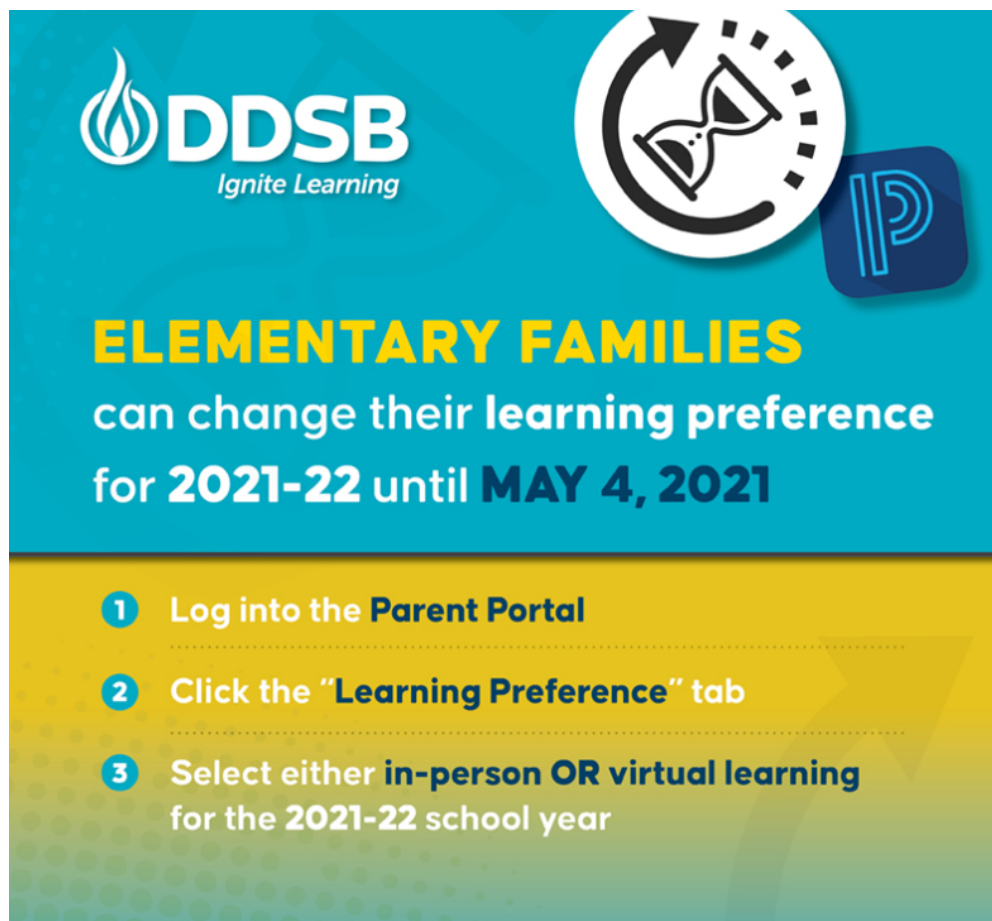
Take care,




Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Loscavo

Elementary families can choose between in-person or virtual learning for the 2021-22 school year by visiting the Parent Portal <https://bit.ly/3v6E6hu>.

Tues, May 4 at 11:59pm is the deadline to select a learning preference for next year. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/2QQ03Rb>

**If a choice is not made through the parent portal before the deadline of Tuesday, May 4 at 11:59pm, your child will be automatically enrolled for in-person learning at your home school.**




**ELEMENTARY FAMILIES**  
can change their learning preference  
for **2021-22** until **MAY 4, 2021**

- 1 Log into the **Parent Portal**
- 2 Click the **"Learning Preference"** tab
- 3 Select either **in-person OR virtual learning** for the **2021-22** school year

The Parent Portal is available to all DDSB Parents and Guardians. Have questions about your Parent Portal account or wondering how it works? Visit [bit.ly/HelpWithParent...](https://bit.ly/HelpWithParent...) to learn more.



**DDSB**  
*Ignite Learning*

**LEARN HOW  
TO ACCESS  
THE PARENT  
PORTAL**

**VISIT:**  
[bit.ly/HelpWithParentPortal](https://bit.ly/HelpWithParentPortal)

The School Mental Health Ontario has released its mental health action toolkit to help students and families who need support. For more information about these resources visit:

<https://bit.ly/3eB54ch>



Your Well-Being Matters  
*Stronger together, even when apart*



*well-being*

Create safe, welcoming, inclusive learning spaces to promote well-being for all students and staff.

equity

Promote a sense of belonging and increase equitable outcomes for all by identifying and addressing barriers to success and engagement.



Addressing  
**ANTI-BLACK  
RACISM &  
ITS IMPACT:**  
A Well-Being Toolkit  
for Families



Check it out at <https://bit.ly/3dAQwst>



# HOW TO LEARN FROM HOME

## 6 Good Habits to Get Into

by @inner\_drive | [www.innerdrive.co.uk](http://www.innerdrive.co.uk)



**1**

**Prioritise school work along with self-care.**

**2**

**Create a To-Do list at the start of the week for some added structure.**

**3**

**Don't spend all day in bed!  
Adjust your body clock to a healthy cycle.**

**4**

**Make sure you're getting all the nutrients you need and drinking enough water.**

**5**

**Get some exercise and fresh air at least once a day to rejuvenate your body and brain.**

**6**

**Socialise with your friends via video call and work together to achieve your goals.**

*Success*

Set high expectations and provide support to ensure all students and staff reach their full potential every year.

If you previously received Support for Learners you should expect to receive your Ontario Child Benefit payment by May 10. **If you do not receive payment by May 10, you can contact the helpline at 1-888-444-3770 or TTY: 1-800-268-7095.**

A photograph of a woman with dark hair, wearing a light-colored top, leaning over a desk to assist a young boy with glasses. The boy is wearing a red and white striped sweater and is looking down at a book or document on the desk. The scene is set in a well-lit room with a window in the background. A blue graphic overlay is positioned in the bottom left corner of the image.

## Ontario COVID-19 Child Benefit

**\$400**/child age 0 to Grade 12

**\$500**/child ages 0-21

with special needs



## ***Class Requests for the 2021-2022 School Year***

We will soon be undertaking the task of organizing next years classes. The staff at Walter E. Harris P.S. take this task very seriously and spend considerable time trying to make the best fit for all concerned. Staff and Administration consider many variables when organizing classes, ranging from academic strengths to social skills, from work habits to balances of boys and girls, from learning styles to class size, as well as Ministry and Board criteria.

Parents are welcome to provide input into this process by contributing additional information about their children. Please note that your input must address programming needs.

Requests for specific teachers or a straight grade are not a part of this process. The teachers who work with your child and all other children at the grade level, have the best perspective on these issues and will be striving to make good decisions for students, teachers and the school. While parental input will be considered, final decisions on student placement rests with the Principal, together with the staff in meeting the needs of all our students. No assurances can be made regarding class placement for specific students.

Parents wishing to have input into the placement process are to email Ms. Lewis in confidence: [trina.lewis@ddsb.ca](mailto:trina.lewis@ddsb.ca) explaining their request.

To be considered, requests must be received by Friday, May 28th, 2021.



## ***Moving? Changing schools?***

If your family will be moving over the upcoming months/summer months, please remember to advise our Office as we are currently looking at staff for the upcoming 2021/2022 School Year.

Please feel free to visit [www.ddsb.ca](http://www.ddsb.ca) and click "Find My School" at the bottom of the page, or visit the link below, if you wish to check home school information at any time"

<http://www.ddsb.ca/Schools/OurSchools/Pages/School-Locator.aspx>





# May is Asian and South Asian Heritage Month

Asian and South Asian Heritage Month acknowledges the rich history and continued contributions of Canadians whose ancestry and heritage includes, but is not limited to, the following;

<b>East Asia</b>	China, Hong Kong, Japan, Mongolia, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan
<b>South Asia</b>	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
<b>Central Asia</b>	Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
<b>Southeast Asia</b>	Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam



# Family Night with DENSA South Asian Heritage Month

May 2021



## Yoga & Well-being with Advaita Movement

6:15-7:15 pm on May 6, 2021

Join Madura Sivanandan from Advaita Movement in our first family night event that will focus on health and well-being. Participants will learn relaxing techniques using Yoga.

Sign up at [www.densa.ca](http://www.densa.ca) or :<https://forms.gle/vy3SGtp1hLxXF8a6>



## STEM (Coding)

5:00 - 6:00 pm on May 11, 2021

Join Maria Khandaker to participate in an engaging STEM based Coding Workshop. This interactive workshop will be an excellent family night event for parents/guardians and students in Grades 4-12.

Sign up at [www.densa.ca](http://www.densa.ca) or :<https://forms.gle/yE4W355tYxQSPBQh6>



## Colour Blind: Why Being "Not Racist" is Not Enough with Aubrey Noronha

6:00 - 7:00 pm on May 20, 2021

Join dynamic guest speaker, Aubrey Noronha, for a youth-friendly dialogue on conscious and unconscious bias, the evolution of the word "racism" and what "systemic" really means. This live event is open to all parents/guardians and students in Grades 7-12.

Sign up at [www.densa.ca](http://www.densa.ca) or :<https://forms.gle/h8hHtGpLAgisEurb9>



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# May is Jewish Heritage Month



## Awareness

- Understand equity, diversity, inclusion & historic barriers

## Advocacy

- Identify current barriers to inclusion
- Support acceptance

## Action

- Plan & create positive social change

SUPPORTING ALL DIMENSIONS OF DIVERSITY



# May is Dutch Heritage Month

Ontario is home to about 500,000 Dutch Canadians. Since the early 1800s, the Dutch Canadian community has made and continues to make significant contributions to the economic, political, social and cultural fabric of Ontario's society.

By proclaiming the month of May as Dutch Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions of Dutch Canadians.

May is a historically significant month for the Dutch Canadian community. On May 5, 1945, the Canadian forces were instrumental in the liberation of the Netherlands from occupation during World War II. The Netherlands celebrates its independence and liberty, along with the heroic efforts of the Canadian forces, with a national holiday known as Liberation Day, which takes place annually on May 5.

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