



# THE GIBSON GAZETTE

Mar. 6



@JosephAGibsonPS

## Website

[www.josephagibson.ps.yrdsb.ca](http://www.josephagibson.ps.yrdsb.ca)

## Email

[joseph.a.gibson.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:joseph.a.gibson.ps@yrdsb.ca)

Grant Fawthrop  
Superintendent  
905-764-6830

Nadeem Mahmood  
Trustee  
905-969-7170

We are once again in the process of planning for next year and looking at creating a school organization for the **2023-2024** school year. As most of you are aware, the Ontario Ministry of Education implemented a hard cap of students in each primary classroom. Although limiting class sizes is certainly a positive move, it does introduce a number of challenges. Flexibility is limited and consequently combined classes are continuing to be a part of our school organizations.

I recognize that parents/guardians may have new and/or important information to share about their child (e.g., a recent medical diagnosis, positive/negative peer relationships which exist outside of school, learning style, individual and family issues, etc.) which may impact class placement decisions. If you wish to express, **IN WRITING** via email to [claudia.fischer@yrdsb.ca](mailto:claudia.fischer@yrdsb.ca), any information that should be considered as we begin to tentatively place students in classes, I ask that you do so **before May 17th**. **These requests are to focus on your child and their needs only.** Please be aware that any information you provide will not be shared and will be kept in confidence as part of the class placement process.

Our primary goal is to develop balanced classes that reflect the diversity of our community and allow for a variety of abilities, interests and talents. Teachers work diligently to balance the classrooms in terms of student needs, academic ability and social and emotional concerns. Class placement is an important and complex process that takes many hours of thought and discussion, so it is imperative that families adhere to the May 17th request deadline.


Please note that your written submissions are **NOT** considered confirmation of your request. Because of changing enrolment patterns during the spring and summer months, final class placement will be shared with students and families just prior to the first day of school.

**LOST AND FOUND REMINDER** – Lost and found items will be displayed in the main hallway from March 8-10<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your child to take a look and see if anything belongs to them. Any unclaimed items will be donated to those in need.

***As we head into March, I wish you and your family a restful and relaxing March Break! The next Gazette will be sent out on March 20<sup>th</sup>.***

## Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
<b>MARCH is</b> <b>Bangladeshi Heritage Month, Greek Heritage Month and Nutrition Month</b>	
<b>Mar. 7</b>	Term 2 IEPs go home
<b>Mar. 12</b>	Daylight Savings Time – turn clocks ahead 1 hour
<b>Mar. 13 – 17</b>	<b>MARCH BREAK</b>
<b>Mar. 20</b>	School resumes
<b>Mar. 21</b>	Grade 8 Graduation Photo Day
<b>Mar. 27</b>	Super Smoothie Day (more information to come)



## EQAO – Webinar for Gr. 3 and 6 Families

### [Webinar for Parents and Guardians of Elementary School Students](#)

Register for this free live webinar and learn about EQAO assessment results and Ontario's large-scale assessment program at the elementary-school level. EQAO will review highlights from the 2021–2022 assessment results. The session will also highlight how the primary-division (Grade 3) and junior-division (Grade 6) assessments have been modernized.

The presentation will be approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by a live Q & A session with EQAO staff. Registration: [www.eventbrite.ca/e/451955981507](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/451955981507)

## YRDSB Podcast

Did you know that YRDSB has a podcast? From in-depth discussions on issues affecting education to practical conversations for families, Tune In YRDSB helps you stay connected to what's happening in education.

Check out some of our latest episodes, available on most podcast platforms. Don't miss our monthly wrap-up episodes sharing the latest news and upcoming events each month.

- [Shine episodes](#) featuring Black voices and celebrating Black excellence in its many forms.
- [Introduction to Special Education](#). Learn more about how students are identified, what to expect, how we work with families to support students and more. We also invited students to tell us how their IEP helps them.
- [Adult Learning](#). Two students sit down with adult learning educators to share their stories and talk about the benefits of adult learning. Find out how it works, what to expect, and why students feel “at home” here.
- [Tamil Heritage Month](#). Staff, students and family members speak about Tamil Heritage Month, Tamil identity and how we can create learning and working spaces that affirm Tamil identity.
- [Yad Vashem](#). Join YRDSB educators as they sit down with staff from Yad Vashem to discuss the importance of Holocaust education in Canada.

## News, Tips and Resources for Families

Looking for the latest news, tips and resources for families? Some of our departments put out monthly newsletters that provide helpful updates and resources for families.

Visit our [newsletters page](#) to see them all, or check out the latest from:

- [Centre for Black Student Excellence](#)
- [Math](#) and [Math Problems of the Month](#)
- [Mental Health](#)
- [Parent, Family and Community Engagement](#)
- ["The Special Edition"](#) Exceptional Learning Strengths and Needs Newsletter

## Every Child Counts Survey Options

***This information is also available in the following languages: [Arabic](#), [Chinese Simplified](#), [Chinese Traditional](#), [Farsi](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hebrew](#), [Korean](#), [Punjabi](#), [Russian](#), [Tamil](#), [Turkish](#), [Urdu](#) and [Vietnamese](#).***

York Region District School Board will be engaging students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 in the [Every Student Counts Survey](#). [CCI Research](#) has been contracted to support YRDSB in the administration of the survey. The online survey will occur from **April 24, 2023 to - May 10, 2023** and will be available in multiple languages.

The Board provided an opportunity for internal and external partners to provide their feedback on the draft surveys. This feedback was used to inform the development of the final surveys. We thank everyone who took the time to provide us with their feedback. Final versions of the survey are available on the [Board website](#).

### **Information for Families of Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3**

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 will complete the survey at home with their parent(s), guardian(s) or caregiver(s). Families of students in Grades K-3 who do not wish for their child to fill out the survey can disregard the paper invitation, which will be considered an opt out.

Families of students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 who require an accommodation (e.g., paper survey in enlarged print, translated paper copies) to complete the survey need to contact CCI Research between February 27, 2023 and March 10, 2023 by phone at 1-866-450-4907, to make a request.

### **Information for Families of Students in Grade 4 to Grade 12**

Students in Grade 4 to Grade 12 will receive a paper invitation to complete the survey from their teacher, and will be provided with in-class time to complete the survey. Parents or guardians of students in Grade 4 to Grade 12 who do not wish for their child to receive the survey will have the opportunity to opt out between February 27, 2023 and March 10, 2023. Families can opt out by completing this [form](#), or by contacting CCI Research by phone at 1-866-450-4907

## Big Box of Cards FUNDRAISER Coming Soon!



To support the purchase of some outdoor benches for our students, School Council will be running our Big Box of Cards fundraiser this Spring to raise funds for this educational endeavor.

The fundraiser will take place from **April 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 24<sup>th</sup>**. More information will be sent to families after March Break. Stay tuned!

## School Council News

2022-23 School Council Chairs:

*Pina Olsson and Lisa Papa*



### ***NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:***

**Monday, April 17, 2023**

7:00 pm in the library

*We welcome all parents and guardians to attend any or all meetings.*

**Claudia Fischer**

Principal

[claudia.fischer@yrdsb.ca](mailto:claudia.fischer@yrdsb.ca)

50 Naylon Street | Maple, Ontario | L6A 1R8 | 905-832-1291 | Fax: 905-832-5014