

**TDSB Ward 16 Beaches-East York  
Trustee, SHEILA CARY-MEAGHER  
NEWSLETTER - February 23, 2015**



29 days following receipt of the Minister's directives, the Toronto District School Board dutifully submitted its response to the Education Minister Liz Sandals, only to learn that she does not believe that the reforms implemented go far enough. While an investigator has not yet been appointed, the Minister has not ruled out that measure. Ministry and TDSB officials are expected to meet soon to discuss the Minister's concerns.

On another note, the TDSB has announced the following staffing changes to the Ward 16 Family of Schools, effective February 6, 2015: Vicky

Branco moves from Superintendent of Education, ER11 Family of Schools to System Superintendent (Interim), Shared Services; and, Elizabeth Addo moves from Central Coordinating Principal, School Effectiveness - District Reviews to Superintendent of Education (Interim), ER11 Family of Schools. Please join me in wishing both Vicky and Elizabeth all the best!

As always, should you have any comments, questions or concerns about your child's educational experience, your school, and/or the Board, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## **TDSB SCHOOL COUNCIL WORKSHOPS**

In February and March 2015, the TDSB Parent and Community Engagement Office together with Community Use of Schools will offer a series of workshops on "Running an Effective School Council and Secondary Transitions". For more information, call [416-397-3529](tel:416-397-3529), email [outreach@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:outreach@tdsb.on.ca), or click [here](#).

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## **FEBRUARY is Kindergarten Registration Month!**

Learn more at [www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten) or visit your local school

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## **March is Greek Heritage Month**

The first annual Greek Heritage Festival - *Celebrating Culture: Classic to Contemporary* will be held 11am-3pm on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at East York Collegiate Institute, 650 Coxwell Ave. Event will include music, dance, art, food, demonstrations, cultural displays, special presentations and entertainment provided by students and community members. **Everyone is welcome!**

For more information, call 416-396-6605.

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**EMBRACE AUTISM**  
George Webster Family Support Group



**Join Autism Ontario and Embracing Autism as we join together to host a daytime parent support group for parents and caregivers supporting children and youth on the autism spectrum.**

Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 9:30am-11:30am  
George Webster Elementary School  
2 Cedarcrest Blvd.

This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and caregivers in an informal, relaxed atmosphere to discuss autism and related issues. Our meetings will offer peer-to-peer support as well as special guests and expert speakers. During the first meeting in September, families will be given the opportunity to share their needs and topics for future meetings.

**Child Care is offered at no charge to parents attending this event.** Please call [416-246-9592 x236](tel:416-246-9592) or email [shona@autismontario.com](mailto:shona@autismontario.com) to obtain participant information form and to pre-register for childcare.

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE:  
EMPOWERING FAMILIES THROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND NETWORKING**

Saturday, March 28, 2015, 8:00am-2:30pm  
Earl Haig Secondary School, 100 Princess Ave

Workshops will include: The Individual Education Plan (IEP); The Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) Process; transition planning for elementary, secondary and post-secondary environments; use of technology; psycho-educational assessments; advocacy; and, much more!

Opportunities to connect with parents of children with similar needs, as well as the agencies and personnel which support them will abound.

For more information and/or to register call [416-397-3529](tel:416-397-3529), email [outreach@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:outreach@tdsb.on.ca) or click [here](#).

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## SCHOOL NEWS

**Malvern CI: Social Media Zombies** (with Steve Chapelle)  
Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 7:00pm-8:00pm  
Malvern CI, Library  
55 Malvern Ave  
For more info, email [vickytsorlinis@rogers.com](mailto:vickytsorlinis@rogers.com)

**Adam Beck Jr PS Autism Awareness Event: I Believe in Blue**

Thursday, March 26, 2015, 6:30pm-11:00pm  
Balmy Beach Club  
360 Lakefront (at Beech Ave)  
For more info, visit [www.ibelieveinblue.myevent.com](http://www.ibelieveinblue.myevent.com)

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## Measles Outbreak and Importance of Vaccinations

(letter to parents from Toronto Public Health)

To read, click [here](#).

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Councillor Janet Davis, Ward 31 Annual Skating Party**

Sunday, March 1, 2015, 11:30AM-1:30PM  
East York Memorial Arena  
888 Coxwell Avenue  
For more info, click [here](#).

### **Toronto Sports Council 2015 Sport Summit**

Thursday, March 5, 2015, 5:30pm-7:30pm  
Hyatt Regency, King Street Social Bar  
370 King St W  
For more info, click [here](#).

### **City of Toronto Parks & Recreation: Spring/Summer Registration**

Toronto and East York District  
Wednesday, March 11, 2015  
For more info, click [here](#).

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## Protecting Our Schools: An Open Letter to East End Parents

(from Councillor Janet Davis, Ward 31 and Councillor Paula Fletcher, Ward 30 in response to recent discussions concerning the possible closure of 130 under-utilized TDSB schools)

To read, click [here](#).



### **TDESAA Community Coach Workshops**

All non-teacher (ie parent or community member) coaches, must attend a Community Coach Workshop in order to obtain a TDESAA Coach card. For more information, call [416-396-7181](tel:416-396-7181) or email [steve.westwood@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:steve.westwood@tdsb.on.ca).

April 9 - 140 Borough Drive at 4:30pm  
April 9 - Cummer Valley MS at 4:30pm  
April 9 - Forest Hill PS at 4:30pm  
April 22 - Hilltop MS at 4:30pm

### **French as a Second Language Advisory Committee(FSLAC)**

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00pm  
5050 Yonge St, Committee Room A

### **Parent Involvement Advisory Committee - Annual School Council Appreciation Evening**

February 26, 2015 at 6:00pm  
Montecassino Hotel, 3710 Chesswood Dr  
To register, click [here](#).

### **Ward 16 Council Meeting**

Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 6:00pm  
Earl Haig Jr & Sr PS, 15 Earl Haig Ave

### **Parent Involvement Advisory Committee(PIAC)**

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 6:30pm  
5050 Yonge St, Boardroom

### **Regular Board Meeting**

Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 7:00pm  
5050 Yonge St, Boardroom

### **March Break**

Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20, 2015

### **Special Education Parent Forum**

Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 8:00am  
Earl Haig SS, 100 Princess Ave  
To register, click [here](#).