

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019: TCDSB COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/OUTREACH

Learning Opportunities and Cultural Events

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Nigerian Refugees Outreach	September 2018	Inform	To orient new newcomer families to our education system and inform them of available supports, the Community Relations Department in collaboration with settlement workers and representatives from settlement agencies, initiated an outreach program for newcomer Nigerian parents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Over 60 Nigerian parents attended the session at St. Rene Goupil. ○ Representatives from 8 settlement agencies and 5 Board staff provided information and resources.
TRUST 15/ Men of Distinction Program	September 2018 - June 2019	Inform Involve Collaborate	To support the unique social, emotional and academic needs of African Canadian students and other visible minority groups, the Community Relations Department continues to support Trust 15 and The Men of Distinction Program at Msgr. Percy Johnson, Father Henry Carr and the Ladies on the Rise Program at Father Henry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Over 80 African Canadian students participated in the programs at Msgr. Percy Johnson, Father Henry Carr and St. Andrews. ○ These programs support the unique social, emotional and academic needs of students. ○ Students were provided with a safe, nurturing space to discuss and find solutions for real life issues surrounding

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			Carr. Additional programs include Boys of Excellence and Girls on the Rise at St. Andrews Catholic E.S.	<p>self-esteem, conflict-resolution, abuse, violence, peer pressure, and family life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students were connected to mentors, professionals, and to community leaders who network with the group members, teaching them crucial tips for success and inspiring them to believe in themselves, their talents, and their futures. ○ Working on the implementation of a Boys of Excellence and Girls on the Rise program at St. Dorothy Catholic School.
Partnership Between the TCDSB and Delta Family Resource Centre	September 2018 - June 2019	Collaborate	To support after-school programming for students, parents, caregivers and community members, the Community Relations Department continued its partnership with the Delta Family Resource Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Over 50 students, parents, caregivers and community members continued to participate in the program located at St. Roch. ○ The participants took advantage of the following free services offered by the Centre: daycare, settlement programs and services. ○ Community support included a range of activities that enhance individual skills, and promote healthy communities.

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Partnership Between the TCDSB and Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (MLSE)	September 2018 - June 2019	Collaborate	To provide articles of clothing for distribution to schools in need, the Community Relations Department continued its partnership with the MLSE.	○ All Equity-Poverty Action Network (E-PAN) Secondary schools and several Elementary schools received hundreds of items of clothing and sporting supplies that were distributed to the students.
Partnership Between the TCDSB and Kids Up Front	September 2018 - June 2019	Collaborate	To provide schools, students and parents with opportunities to attend local city sporting events and different art performances free of charge, the Community Relations Department continued its partnership with Kids up Front.	○ Several hundred tickets were distributed throughout the school year to multiple schools within the TCDSB system.

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Partnership Between the TCDSB and Motion Ball Sports	October 2019- May 2019	Collaborate	To facilitate community based lunchtime mentoring recreational basketball programs, the Community Relations Department continued its partnership with Motion Ball Sports, a program designed to enhance life skills and support students in the social, emotional, and academic domains.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 100 students participated in the program at the following schools: St. Roch, St. Stephens, St. Bernard, and St. John the Evangelist. 		
Catholic School Parent Council (CSCP) Welcome and Orientation	October 2018	Inform Involve Collaborate	To provide resources, networking and learning opportunities to new CSCP Executives, the Parent Engagement Department hosted its annual <i>Administrator and CSCP Welcome and Orientation</i> ,	Date	CSPC Professional Learning Plan	No. Of Participants
				Nov. 2018	*The Role Responsibility of the Chair *Communication	55

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			and unveiled the TCDSB`s <i>CSPC Professional Learning Plan for 2019-2020</i> ,	Jan. 2019	*The Role & Responsibility of the Treasurer *Fundraising in Schools	62
				Feb. 2019	*The Role & Responsibility of the Secretary *Conflict Resolution	45
				May2019	*School By-Laws *CSPC End of the Year Activity and Financial Reporting *New On-Line Submission	60
Newcomer Conference	October 2018	Inform	To provide newcomer families with information and resources, the Community Relations Department organized a Newcomer Conference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 300 participants, made up of Grades 6-12 students, teachers and community members attended a plenary session and workshops on 		

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				navigating the Ontario educational system, health and wellness, and on adjusting to life in Canada.
Semana de la Salud (Health Week)	November 2018	Inform	To provide parents with information on mental health and well-being, the Community Relations Department in collaboration with members of the Latin-Hispanic community and the Consulates of Mexico and Colombia participated in the <i>Semana de la Salud</i> forum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mental health information on services and resources was provided to parents.
The International African Inventors Museum (IAIM)	November 2018- March 2019	Inform	To provide students, parents, staff and community with information on the historical contributions made by the African diaspora, the Community Relations Department scheduled the International African Inventors Museum (IAIM).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The mobile museum visited seven schools and the CEC. ○ Students, parents, staff and community members had the opportunity to learn and celebrate contributions of the African diaspora to Canada and the world.
Partnership Between the	November 2018-	Inform	To engage, inspire, and to educate students, staff and community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Over 2000 students, staff and community members from two TCDSB high schools

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TCDSB and G.I.A. Productions	March 2019		members through various art forms, the Community Relations Department continued its partnership with G.I.A. Productions, a theatre arts organization.	participated in workshops and dramatic presentations on shadeism (skin tone/ complexion bias), the use of the N-word; the state of the Black family, and the unique complexities of the Black female experience.
Indigenous Families Engagement Evening (fall and spring)	November 2018 – June 2019	Inform Involve Collaborate	To engage TCDSB’s Indigenous families, the Indigenous Education Department hosted a fall and spring Indigenous Families Evening.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 100 families and community members attended the event that featured celebrations of Indigenous culture and displays by Indigenous community support groups. ○ Indigenous families acknowledged the Board’s efforts in outreach and were reassured of the TCDSB’s commitment to Indigenous education.
Navigating the School System: Workshops for Parents	December 2018 - March 2019	Inform	To support the On-Your-Mark After School Tutoring Program, the Community Relations Department delivered presentations for parents on admissions, school protocol, TCDSB policies and procedures,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 30 parents participated in two workshops held at the Working Women’s Centre. ○ Parents were provided with resources and information on the topics related to navigating the school system.

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		and parental and community engagement.	
Tamil Canadian Heritage Month Celebration	January 2019	Inform Involve Collaborate	<p>To celebrate the Tamil Canadian heritage and culture, the Community Relations Department organized a mass and cultural expose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More than 600 students from Jean Vanier were involved in the celebration. ○ There was trustee, staff, parent and community member representation.
Power to Girls Conference	March 2019	Inform Collaborate	<p>To support African Canadian girls, the Community Relations Department collaborated with the Power to Girls organization to organize a one-day conference to celebrate International Women's Day and to provide learning opportunities for African Canadian girls.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The conference at the CEC was attended by 250 students from 5 schools. ○ There was trustee, staff, parent and community member representation.
Toronto ALPHA's History Meets Humanity	April 2019	Collaborate	<p>To raise awareness of the unique history and involvement of the Asian community in WWII, the Community Relations Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The conference was attended by 120 students from Cardinal Newman. ○ Students participated in the assembly and in various workshops.

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Conference on WWII in Asia			supported the History Meets Humanity Conference.	
Mayor John Tory's Cricket Awards	April 2019	Collaborate	To recognize excellence in the sport of Cricket, the Community Relations Department participated in the annual Mayor John Tory's Cricket Awards event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Over 200 TCDSB students, staff and community volunteers were recognized for their contributions to the growth of Cricket across the GTA.
Food Donation Partnership Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center	April 2019-present	Collaborate	To support E-PAN Nutrition Programs, the Community Relations Department undertook to partner with the Sheraton Hotel C.C. (Airport Location).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All Equity Poverty Action Network (E-PAN) Secondary schools and several Elementary schools received hundreds of food items in support of their nutrition programs.
Asian Canadian Mass and Cultural Expose	May 2019	Inform Involve Collaborate	To celebrate the Asian Canadian heritage and culture, the Community Relations Department organized a mass and cultural expose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 600 participants comprised of students, parents/guardians and staff from 15 schools, along with dignitaries from the Asian community, attended the cultural celebration at St. Joseph Morrow Park.
TCDSB Woodbine Festival of the Arts	May 2019	Inform	To celebrate excellence in the arts, the Community Relations Department organized the yearly Woodbine Festival of the Arts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Over 2000 students from 50 TCDSB schools participated in the festival. ○ There was trustee, staff, parent and community member representation.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students had an opportunity to express their artistic talents in music, band, strings, vocal, visual art, drama and dance in a public space. 		
Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Regional Grant: Engaging and Supporting our Diverse Parent Communities in their Heritage Language	May 2019 – June 2019	Inform Involve Collaborate Empower	To provide parents with learning and engagement opportunities, in an environment free of language and cultural barriers, the Parent Engagement Department, in collaboration with the International Languages Department, enacted a plan to empower, support and engage staff and community leaders in the International Languages Elementary (ILE) After Hours program. A key goal was to plan, organize and deliver parent learning sessions held in the parents'	Date	ILE After Hours Centre – Language Workshops	No. Of Participants
				May 2019	<i>St. Jane Frances-Vietnamese</i> *Parents as Mirrors for Children *Transition to High School	220
				June 2019	<i>James Culnan - Vietnamese</i> *Developing Good Study Habits Now for The Future *Healthy Balanced Lifestyle	200

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			heritage language, in existing ILE After Hours Centres.	June 8, 2019	<i>St. Mary of the Angels-Tigrinya</i> *Building Networks of Parents Advocacy at the Day School *The Education System	180
Navigating Through a Digital World	May 2019	Inform Involve Collaborate	To raise awareness of the free digital and technology programs and services available to students and families, the 21 st Century Learning Department in collaboration with the Parent Engagement Department hosted a day of digital learning sessions for parents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 100 parents registered for the event and had the opportunity to attend the following workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Learning and Exploring Inclusive Education with Minecraft ● Ontario's Virtual Learning Environment in TCDSB: Engaging in Your Child's Learning Online ● Exploring MyBlueprint) ● 21st Century Learning: Full STEAM ahead with the NeXt Lesson ● Google and Read & Write ● Digital Innovation Hubs at your local Toronto Public Library ● Living our Virtues in a Virtual World ● Parenting the Digital Generation 		

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet Safety and Awareness • #Neverstoplearning
2 nd Forum on Education, Immigration and the Work Force	June 2019	Inform Involve Collaborate	<p>To provide parents, students and the community with information on navigating the education system, immigration, and the work force, the Community Relations Department in partnership with members of the Latin-Hispanic community and the Consulates of Mexico, Colombia and Uruguay organized the <i>2nd Forum on Education, Immigration and the Work Force</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Over 100 people attended the event at St. Mary Catholic Academy.
Festa della Lingua Italiana	June 2019	Collaborate	<p>To strengthen the existing partnership between the Board and the Italian community, staff and students from TCDSB`s International Languages schools participated in the <i>Festa della Lingua Italiana</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The event was attended by over 400 students. ○ There was trustee, staff, parent and community member representation.
Italian Canadian	June 2019	Inform Involve	To celebrate Italian Canadian heritage and culture, the

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Heritage Month Celebration	Collaborate	Community Relations Department organized a mass and cultural expose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The event was attended by over 500 students from 10 schools. ○ There was trustee, staff, parent and community member representation.
Latin-Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration	June 2019 Inform Involve Collaborate	To celebrate Latin-Hispanic Canadian heritage and culture, the Community Relations Department organized a mass and cultural expose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The event was attended by over 400 students from 6 schools. ○ There was trustee, staff, parent and community member representation.
70 th Celebration of Polish Language Instruction	June 2019 Collaborate	To commemorate the 70 years of Polish language instruction at St. Casimir`s Church and the 39 years of partnership between TCDSB and St. Casimir`s Church in delivering the Polish After Hours International Languages Program, the International Languages Department After Hours staff organized a mass and celebration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The event was attended by students, staff, parents, community members. ○ TCDSB staff and trustee participated in the ILE After Hours graduation ceremonies and anniversary celebrations.
Parent and Student Forum for Filipino	June 2019 Inform Involve Collaborate	To engage parents, students and members of the Filipino community, the Community Relations Department organized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Around 500 community members attended the event at James Cardinal McGuigan.

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Community: <i>Proudly Pinoy</i>			the annual <i>Proudly Pinoy</i> event to celebrate Filipino heritage and culture and acknowledge the contributions of the Filipino community to our society.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was trustee, staff, parent and community member representation. ○ Participants had the opportunity to participate in workshops on Communicating with your Child, Student Supports/Career Choices, and Wellness.
Filipino Inventors and Innovators Museum	June 2019	Inform	To highlight the contributions of Filipino inventors and innovators, the Community Relations Department hosted a Filipino Inventors and Innovators Museum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 250 students participated from 5 schools. ○ A 10-table exhibit containing Filipino inventors and innovations was featured.
Parent Forum for the Chinese Community	June 2019	Inform Involve Collaborate	To provide Chinese parents, students and community members with information on health and wellness, the Community Relations Department in collaboration with the Chinese Walking With You Cancer Caring Group organized a <i>Parent Forum for the Chinese Community</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Over 250 Chinese parents/guardians, seniors and medical professionals attended the event at Mary Ward Catholic Secondary School. ○ All had the opportunity to learn about personal health strategies and receive information about cancer and available resources for treatment.
Filipino Canadian Mass	June 2019	Inform Involve	To celebrate Filipino Canadian heritage and culture, the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 500 students and parents from 5 schools were in attendance.

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and Cultural Expose'		Collaborate	Community Relations Department organized a mass and cultural expose.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was trustee, staff, parent and community member representation.
Community Learning, Networking and Dinner with Cardinal Collins	June 2019	Inform Involve	To provide parents with information on guiding students in their faith, in modern times, the Community Relations Department in partnership with Filipino Catholic Parents Association in Catholic Education (FCPACE), Filipino Advisory Committee and the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC), organized an evening with Cardinal Collins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 150 parents, students and staff attended the event at the CEC. ○ His Eminence Cardinal Collins delivered the key note address. ○ There was trustee and community member representation.