

Combined

Monday, May 2, 2022

Standing Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Monday, May 2 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

Eid-ul-Fitr

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 3 12:00 am

Eid Mubarak to all DDSB Families observing.

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Cinco de Mayo

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Join psychologist, best-selling author, speaker, and American National Media Personality Dr. John Duffy as he guides the turbulent waters of parenting the “New Teen in the Age of Anxiety.”

Dr. Duffy will deliver a virtual keynote presentation and will then host a discussion session in which your questions will be answered.

To register for this event: https://ddsb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eoVkiFA7Rgi75GJ0Gc58RQ
Event flyer attached.

We will be giving away a number of Dr. Duffy’s best selling eponymous book, “Parenting the New Teen in the Age of Anxiety”

Friday, May 6, 2022

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Date and Time: Friday, May 6 12:00 am

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Mother's Day

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Ascension

Date and Time: Friday, May 13 12:00 am

Sunday, May 15, 2022

International Day of Families

Date and Time: Sunday, May 15 12:00 am

Monday, May 16, 2022

Board Meeting

Date and Time: Monday, May 16 7:00 pm

To submit a question for the Virtual Public Question Period please complete the information in the following form:

<https://Forms.ddsb.ca/Public-Question-Period/Public-Question-Period>

This form will open on Friday, May 13, 2022 at 12:00 noon and close at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022.

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Int. Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 17 12:00 am

Building Positive Relationships Conference

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 17 6:00 pm

The Durham Partners (Caring, Collaborating, Co-Learning) Conference is an opportunity for parents and guardians to engage in learning about building and maintaining positive relationships for students and families.

The format of the conference includes a panel discussion around the topic of building positive relationships, followed by a series of breakout discussions to go deeper into the supports that parents/guardians can use to help their students connect and thrive in our current reality.

Speakers:

- **Indigenous Education**

Erin Elmhurst; Denise Nickerson; Michelle Evans; Jennifer Henderson

This department strives to fulfill the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliations Calls to Action and raise awareness of Indigenous history, perspectives and contributions in a holistic and integrated approach. The department hopes to strengthen students' sense of identity, foster positive self-image, and engage community members and organizations in an ongoing dialogue.

- **Equity & Inclusion**

Merrill Mathews & Camille Alli

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- **Positive School Climate**

Dan Hogan & Holly Richard

The Positive School Climate Department is committed to maintaining a positive school environment. This happens when all members of the school community feel safe, comfortable and accepted.

- **Inclusive Student Services**

Conor Jinkinson & Steffanie Pelleboer

Inclusive Student Services provide a range of services, supports, programs and placements for students with special education needs in the Durham District School Board (DDSB). Students' needs are met through a variety of supports and programs within the DDSB at both the elementary and secondary levels. All programs promote integration and independence that are optimally suited for each individual student.

Breakout Topics Include:

- **Starting the Conversation**

Conor Jinkinson & Steffanie Pelleboer

Join us to learn more about how to start the conversation when you have concerns about your child. Together we will unpack how we can start the conversation, who do we communicate these concerns to, how does that communication happen, and what might be the pathways for support for you and your child.

- **The Changing Patterns of Recreational Substance Use for Youth**

Dan Hogan

This presentation will explore current substance use trends for youth and the role parents can take to support their children to make healthy choices.

- **Digital Footprint Awareness**

Chris Anderson

Digital Footprint Awareness is a session aimed at supporting families as they navigate the online environment. "Footprints", the information trail you leave behind you online, can be positive or negative. What sorts of footprints are you making as you and your loved ones engage with the internet?

- **Parenting in the Age of Social Media**

Today's children and youth are growing up in an increasingly digital world. This reality is changing the experience of childhood and youth in significant ways, which is changing some aspects of parenting along with it. Parenting in the Age of Social Media addresses a variety of new considerations for parents and caregivers while offering suggestions for keeping kids safe, responsible and ethical as they navigate online spaces.

- **BeMe: the 'Black Excellence Made Evident' Group**

Riisa Dear, Nicole Bedward, Sandra Newton & Jamila Williams

Join us to learn more about BeMe (Black Excellence Made Evident), a group designed to amplify the voices and experiences of Black students. This 8-week program, offered virtually, brings Black-identifying youth from our Board together in a safe space to: • Affirm and validate Black students' identity • Discuss strategies to confront marginalization and Anti-Black Racism • Promote positive leadership • Provide mentorship opportunities and build connection to community

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- **Student Success**

Nicole Dolabaille & Choosing My Success Counsellors

REGISTER NOW!

Each family who registers by Tuesday, May 10, 2022 will have FREE pizza delivered to their door!

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Tamil Genocide Education Week

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Education Finance Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 18 7:00 pm

The Durham District School Board (DDSB) will hold its 2022-2023 budget deliberation meetings in the following upcoming public sessions. All meetings will be held virtually and will be live-streamed on DDSB's YouTube Live channel.

- Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. – 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget Analysis, and Public Deputations to the Education Finance Committee.
- Wednesday May 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. – Overview of the 2022-2023 Grants for Student Needs. **CANCELLED.**
- **Wednesday June 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** – Interested stakeholders need to contact Kristien Talbot, Executive Assistant, kristin.talbot@ddsb.ca or 905-666-6459 by June 1 if they would like to present at the June 8 meeting. Watch the meeting via livestream: <https://youtu.be/Cg4IH5L1UOY>
- Wednesday June 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. – Public Deputations to the Education Finance Committee, and presentation of the 2022-2023 draft budget. DDSB's 2022-2023 draft budget will be tabled for consideration and potential recommendation for approval to the Board of Trustees.

Members of the public and DDSB stakeholder groups are welcome to prepare a written submission or make a public presentation to the Education Finance Committee at the March 30 or June 1 meetings. Please contact Kristin Talbot, Executive Assistant, at 905-666-6459 or by email at kristin.talbot@ddsb.ca.

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