

## Thursday, May 1, 2025

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### National Principals' Day

Date and Time: Thursday, May 1 5:00 pm

## Monday, May 5, 2025

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### Cinco De Mayo

Date and Time: Monday, May 5 11:55 pm

### National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ Peoples (MMIWG2SLGBTQIA+)

Date and Time: Monday, May 5 11:55 pm

## Wednesday, May 7, 2025

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### DDSB Massed Bands Concert

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 7 6:00 pm

Address: 400 Taunton Road East Whitby

**Attention Students in Grades 7-12!**

Do you play an instrument? **Sign up to be part of DDSB Massed Bands!**

You are invited to join a google classroom for your instrument, get music, practice, perform, and even join in on a year end 'massed band concert' at the DDSB Education Centre in the Atrium on May 7, 2025.

The Massed Bands concert will perform at the DDSB Education Centre, 400 Taunton Road Whitby on May 7.

**Join a Google Classroom today!**

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| • Flutes     | January 13/14  | mv2g4dm |
| • Clarinets  | February 10/11 | fsc5rjo |
| • Saxophones | March 24/25    | fjc6ohn |

- Brass April 14/15 zobw363
- **MASSED BANDS** May 6/7 voxfbvj

Rehearsals are 4-6 pm on the 1st night. Concerts are at 6 pm on the 2nd night.

**Pre-performances for each section will be hosted at Anderson CVI.** Music and other information is available in each google classroom.

**Teachers are encouraged to contact Paul Noble-Gresty at Anderson CVI for details.**

## **Monday, May 12, 2025**

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### **Vesak**

Date and Time: Monday, May 12 11:55 pm

## **Wednesday, May 14, 2025**

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### **Great Beginnings Webinar Series 2025**

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 14 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Join the Durham District School Board (DDSB) Early Years Department and community partners for the Great Beginnings Virtual Family Introduction Series. Parents/Guardians are invited to attend five webinar sessions to learn more about what they can expect as their child enters Kindergarten at the DDSB and hear helpful tips from the experts!

### **Kindergarten kick-off at the DDSB!**

**April 2, 2025 @ 6:00 pm**

[Register for April 2](#)

Is your child registered for Kindergarten at the DDSB? Are you curious about what they might learn during their first two years of school? Do you wonder about what a “typical Kindergarten day” might look like? This “kick-off to Kindergarten” webinar will provide families with information and tips to help prepare children for this new and exciting chapter in their young lives: Kindergarten! Families will be provided with general information about The Kindergarten Program, an explanation of play-based learning, things to consider when preparing for September, and helpful tips for a successful transition.

Presenters: Samantha Churchill, Lorra Walter, Amanda Gleed, Conor Jinkinson, Kristin Bennett, Karina Bogardts, Smita Sharma

### **Getting Ready for Kindergarten: Building Social-Emotional Skills**

**April 16, 2025 @ 6:30 pm**

[Register for April 16](#)

Starting kindergarten is a major milestone in a child's life and preparing them for this transition goes beyond academic skills. Kindergarten readiness is not just about knowing letters and numbers; it's about nurturing connection with others, navigating emotions, and adapting to new environments. In this session, you'll discover how social emotional skills can help prepare your child for this exciting journey, while setting the stage for meaningful learning, connection, and well-being.

Presenter(s): Steffanie Pelleboer

## **The Power of Loose Parts Play: Strengthening Whole Child Development**

**April 29, 2025 @ 6:00 pm**

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Discover the power of "loose parts play" and how it fuels creativity, problem-solving, and overall development in young children. In this fun and informative webinar, we'll explore what loose parts are, where to find them, and simple ways to incorporate them into your child's daily life. You'll gain practical tips and easy-to-implement strategies to create an environment that encourages curiosity, independent thinking, and whole-child development—without the need for expensive toys. Join us and unlock the endless possibilities of loose parts play! Join Angela Odusanya for this wonderful learning opportunity!

Presenter(s): Angela Odusanya

## **Fine Motor Skills for School**

**May 14, 2025 @ 6:00 pm**

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Join Grandview Kid's Occupational Therapists as they talk about the fine motor skills needed to support not only printing and using scissors, but also such important things as doing up zippers, and opening snack containers. We will learn about the development of fine motor skills and fun activities to do at home to help your child be ready for Kindergarten. We will also share information about OT services in your school.

Presenters: Anna Murray, Suvaathy Vigneswaran

## **Ready, Set, Kindergarten: Building Self-Care Skills for Success**

**May 29, 2025 @ 6:00 pm**

[Register for May 29](#)

Every child grows at a unique pace, but the important piece to focus on is that they are making progress as they get ready for kindergarten. Building self-care skills means supporting your child to look after their own needs (e.g., dressing themselves, toileting on their own). This session will help you gain knowledge about self-care skills and learn strategies to support your child in the areas of school readiness and physical independence skills."

Presenters: Chandecia French, Jenn Sullivan, Carly Guile, *(additional staff from EarlyON still to be named)*

## **Friday, May 16, 2025**

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**Support Staff Appreciation Day**

Date and Time: Friday, May 16 5:00 pm

## **Saturday, May 17, 2025**

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### **International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, Biphobia**

Date and Time: Saturday, May 17 11:55 pm

## **Monday, May 19, 2025**

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### **Victoria Day - schools closed**

Date and Time: Monday, May 19 11:55 pm

## **Tuesday, May 27, 2025**

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### **Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (May 27-28)**

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 27 11:55 pm

## **Wednesday, May 28, 2025**

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### **Red Shirt Day**

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 28 11:55 pm

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