

## **Monday, April 1, 2024**

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### **Easter Monday - schools closed**

Date and Time: Monday, April 1 12:05 am

## **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

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### **World Autism Awareness Day (UN)**

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 2 11:55 pm

On United Nations World Autism Awareness Day, we recognize and celebrate the rights and strengths of people with Autism. #DDSBCelebrateTheSpectrum

## **Friday, April 5, 2024**

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### **Laylat al-Qadr**

Date and Time: Friday, April 5 11:55 pm

Wishing a peaceful Laylat-al Qadr to all DDSB families observing in the month of Ramadan.

## **Monday, April 8, 2024**

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### **PA Day: all schools**

Date and Time: Monday, April 8 12:05 am

This scheduled PA day was originally scheduled for April 19. At the January 22, 2024 Board meeting, it was approved to be moved to April 8, 2024 to accommodate safety among students during the Solar Eclipse.

## **Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

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### **Vimy Ridge Day**

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 9 11:55 pm

April 9th is Vimy Ridge Day in Canada. On this day in 1917, Canadians fought to capture the ridge under German control. This ridge in France provided a superb view of the Allied lines causing thousands of deaths in efforts to retake it. In 3 days, Canadians captured the ridge.

## **Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

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### **International Day of Pink**

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 10 11:55 pm

On this day and every day we need to stand up for the rights of 2SLGBTQI people. #InternationaldayofPink

### **Eid-ul-Fitr**

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 10 11:55 pm

Eid Mubarak to all DDSB Families observing.

## **Friday, April 12, 2024**

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### **International Day of Silence**

Date and Time: Friday, April 12 11:55 pm

Today is the International Day of Silence to represent students who are silenced everyday by bullying and harassment. Together, we can help break the silence.

## **Saturday, April 13, 2024**

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### **Tamil and Sinhala New Year**

Date and Time: Saturday, April 13 11:55 pm

Warm Wishes to all DDSB families observing the Tamil and Sinhala New Year.

## **Sunday, April 14, 2024**

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### **Vaisakhi**

Date and Time: Sunday, April 14 11:55 pm

Happy Vaisakhi to all DDSB families observing.

## Wednesday, April 17, 2024

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### Navigating the Transition: Understanding Behaviour When Starting School

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 17 7:00 pm - 8:30 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!

**See attached flyer on right.**

### The Kindergarten Experience at the DDSB

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

[Registration Link for Thursday, April 4, 2024](#)

**Presenters:** DDSB Facilitators, EarlyON Educators, and Early Years Partners

Is your child registered for Kindergarten at the DDSB? Do you have questions about what a “typical” day for a Kindergarten student might look like? This webinar will offer families information to help prepare their child(ren) for this new and exciting chapter in their young lives: Kindergarten! Families will be provided with general information about The Kindergarten Program (2016), what a typical day in Kindergarten might look like for their child, as well as things to consider when preparing for a successful start at the DDSB.

### Promoting Learning Through Play

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

[Registration Link for Wednesday, April 17, 2024](#)

**Presenters:** Nadia Kenisha Bynoe and Angelique Thompson (Coaches Corner EY)

How do young children learn? You have heard that play is a “child’s work”, but what does that mean for Kindergarten? To answer these questions and more, this session will highlight the importance of play and how it supports the development of all learners. Families are invited to join Kenisha Bynoe and Angelique Thompson from the Coaches Corner Early Years Team, as they explore the benefits of play and how it connects to The Kindergarten Program. Using interactive approaches, Kenisha and Angelique will uncover the possibilities for learning using playful materials. In addition, families will be given practical strategies that can be used at home to support learners transitioning into Kindergarten. Families are welcome to come to the session with questions they may have for Kenisha and Angelique as they begin to embark on the Kindergarten transition for September 2024!

## **Self-Reg: Supporting the Path to Young Children's Well-being**

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

[Registration Link for Wednesday, May 1, 2024](#)

**Presenter:** Lisa Bayrami (Mehrit Centre)

In this session we will explore self-regulation and its role in supporting young children's social and emotional development, and overall well-being. We will discuss self-regulation strategies that support the growth of children's social and emotional development as well as their academic engagement and successful and positive early learning. Families are invited to join Lisa Bayrami and bring any questions they may have about self-regulation as they begin to embark on the Kindergarten transition for September 2024.

## **Navigating the Transition: Understanding Behaviour When Starting School**

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

[Registration Link for Tuesday, May 14, 2024](#)

**Presenters:** Heidi Perryman and Marcia MacKay (Children's Developmental and Behavioural Supports)

In this information session, caregivers will learn about how starting school may affect behaviours in children. We will focus on learning about behaviour and what it communicates, how to set your child up for a successful school start and even some tips and tricks to use right now! Families are welcome to come to the session with questions they may have for Heidi Perryman and Marcia MacKay as they begin to embark on the Kindergarten transition for September 2024!

## **Parent and Caregiver Masterclass in Stress Management**

**Date and Time:** Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

[Registration Link for Thursday, May 30, 2024](#)

**Presenter:** Anne Murray (Strong Minds, Strong Kids)

This workshop on the fundamentals of stress and resilience is the first step towards understanding, recognizing, and applying strategies to support the young people in your life to manage life's inevitable ups and downs. This session will walk families through skill-based activities that guide them to recognize the signs and symptoms of stress in children, understand what stress "feels" like, identify children's stressors and their impacts, see the upside of stress, and learn to support their children with the implementation of coping and problem-solving strategies.

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**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

## First Day of Ridvan (April 20-May 2)

Date and Time: Saturday, April 20 5:00 pm

Warmest tidings to those celebrating Ridvan.

## Monday, April 22, 2024

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### Passover/Pesach (April 22-30)

Date and Time: Monday, April 22 5:00 pm

Chag Sameach to all DDSB families observing Passover.

### International Earth Day

Date and Time: Monday, April 22 11:55 pm

#DYK that on #InternationalEarthDay people around the world commit to preserving and protecting our planet and solving the climate crisis? Together we can work towards a more sustainable future by investing in our planet. What are you doing to reduce your carbon footprint?

## Wednesday, April 24, 2024

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### French Immersion in DDSB Schools

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 24 6:00 pm

FSL Information Night for families interested in French Immersion at DDSB schools.

Virtual drop-in.

Join us here: <https://meet.google.com/hcv-mozb-gtw>

### Administrative Professionals' Day

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 24 11:55 pm

Happy Administrative Professionals' Day to all our DDSB staff at schools, facilities, Education Centre and everywhere. You make things look easy! #DDSBsuccess #DDSBleadership #AdministrativeProfessionalsDay