

School Safety Lead Update

Met with Mr. Bryce in December to discuss opportunities and key areas of focus below.

Current status across areas:

On the topic of Mental Health

Organized and prepared Bell Let's Talk Day-of Activities

- Proposed school-wide and classroom activities to promote mental health awareness, with detailed resources and links provided for teachers and students. Activities include announcements, kindness/gratitude initiatives, and classroom mindfulness and self-care exercises.
- Secured items for distribution to students: 400 keychains, 400 pens, 400 stress balls, and 200 toques.

Planned for After Bell Let's Talk Day

1. Kids Help Phone – Counsellor in the Classroom

- In touch with KHP to host free program for Grades 4–8 featuring classroom lessons and a live session with a professional counsellor.
- Decision needed on number of classes, grades, language, and scheduling.

2. Parent Engagement Session

- Partnered for virtual parent session through Thriving Minds (SickKids/CAMH) introducing mental health resources and the Information Hub.
- Proposed dates in late January/early February to be confirmed.

On the topic of Traffic Safety

1. Submitted a Traffic Safety Investigation Request to city to explore options for barriers between sidewalk and Kingston road in front of school in bus loading area.

2. Connected with Constable Peter from the Toronto Police Service Traffic Safety Unit to explore potential opportunities to support student safety through school-based engagement and education. The program offers resources and presentations focused on traffic safety, awareness, and injury prevention.

3. Preparing resources and options to provide to students and parents.
4. Exploring online options to engage parents.
5. Exploring additional support resources and lessons plans to share with teachers.

On the topic of Online Safety

1. Reached out again to the TPS Community Liaison who supports Online Safety sessions. No response yet. Exploring additional opportunities with other organizations for students.

8j Identified 2 free webinars to share with parents on Parenting in the Online World through Protect Kids Online in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. Webinar covers concerning trends, and resources for talking with children and youth about online safety. Not.intended.for.children;

- Feb 19 at 6 pm CST (7 pm EST) English
 - April 15 at 7:30 pm CST (8:30 pm EST) English
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