

# **Timberbank Junior Public School**

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**GRADE RANGE:** JK to 6

## Interesting **Feature**

## Focus On Arts and **Technology**

Timberbank has a special focus on the Arts and Computer Technology. All students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 receive two periods of instruction each week in vocal music and Orff accompaniment, dance and drama, and computer technology taught by specialist teachers in specialized teaching spaces. In addition, we provide an enrichment, instrumental band program to students selected from the junior division. Visual art is integrated into the classroom programs and augmented through quest artist workshops. Each Grade 1-6 class includes interactive white board

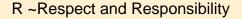
technology.

Timberbank Junior Public School is located in the Agincourt community on the north side of Timberbank Blvd., just west of Birchmount Road. The school was officially opened in 1969, and modernized its Resource Centre in 1998 adding a computer lab. Today we have interactive white board technology in every classroom. A dance floor was added in 2007 to expand our arts education. Timberbank Junior Public School offers classes from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6. The school serves approximately 250 students from diverse cultural backgrounds. Many of our students speak English as a second language. While two of our largest cultural groups are Chinese and Tamil, we also include a variety student heritages from around the world.

#### Focus on Character

Our school supports a vision that all students will be working towards being on T.R.A.C.K. Students demonstrate theses qualities in their school work, personal interactions and contributions at school.

T ~Teamwork and Trust



A ~Attitude and Achievement

C ~Cooperation, Commitment and Courtesy

K ~Kindness and Keeping Safe



### More Information about Timberbank Junior Public School

#### **Our Mission**

Our mission is to enable all students to reach high levels of achievement and to acquire the knowledge, skills, and values they need to become responsible members of a democratic society.

Our mission is supported by focused time on task, strategic literacy and numeracy instruction, current technological experiences, character development and enriched arts experiences.



#### **Our Motto**

Our motto, "Timberbank is Teamwork," reflects the expectation that we all work together in an atmosphere of mutual respect, trust and co-operation to achieve our objectives. Our Timberbank culture lays the foundation for successful learners. We strive for a school culture that supports a positive and supportive learning environment for each student.



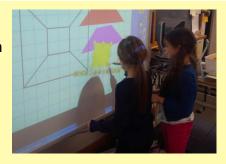
#### Timberbank Is A Clicker5 Centre

At Timberbank we use Clicker5, a powerful, versatile and user-friendly talking word processor with advanced graphic support and a multimedia authoring tool. Clicker5 can be integrated into any area of the curriculum and used to facilitate student learning. ESL and Special Ed. students can use Clicker5, and therein lies the power of this amazing tool - its inclusiveness.



## **Interactive White Board Technology**

We have expanded the use of interactive white boards (Promethean ActivBoard) to include all of our teachers. Each grade 1-6 classroom now has access to a board. The interactive whiteboards are used to foster active engagement in the learning process. A recent upgrade to a dual stylus now permits students and teachers to collaborate at the Activboard simultaneously.



#### **Additional Features**

- Enriched Arts
- Eco Schools
- Literacy and Numeracy Tutoring
- Early Reading Intervention

- Current Technologies
- Toronto Schools on the Move
- Character Education
- Engaged School Council

For a list of all programs that are also offered visit <a href="http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Findyour/Schools.aspx?schno=4740&schoolId=1245">http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Findyour/Schools.aspx?schno=4740&schoolId=1245</a>

## Student Life - Where You Belong

Student life at Timberbank begins with a high value on caring and safe learning environments. Character education and bullying prevention are clearly valued and consistently promoted. When students are recognized at one of our character assemblies, special care is taken to note what their contribution to being on TRACK looks and sounds like. Students have a variety of opportunities to learn to lead and take responsibility. Students contribute to our safer school through Office Support, Ambassadors, House League Leaders, PALS, Canteen, Library & Lunch Room Helpers. At Timberbank, all students are engaged by a combination of high expectations for students' academic success, robust programming in the arts and advanced opportunities to utilize new technologies to support different learning styles. Time on task is valued and we have blocks of focused instruction in both literacy and numeracy. We recognize that student health and wellness impacts their readiness to learn. Timberbank is proud to be a Toronto School on the Move, promoting active lifestyles, healthy eating, cooperation/teamwork through our active house league program, wellness thru MindUP &"Walking Wednesdays".



## **What Sets Us Apart**

Timberbank has a particular focus on arts education. Specialist teachers provide two classes each week in dance/drama and Orff music/global drumming to students in grades K-6. Beginning in grades 4-6 students are invited to participate in an enrichment band. Our dance program places an emphasis on contemporary dance forms and the global influences that are infused. Guest artist workshops throughout the year permit our students to experience and benefit from the specialty expertise in our community. Ballroom dancing, brass technique, pottery, mask performance and global dance forms are but a few of the workshops that enrich our students' participation in and appreciation for the arts in a context of high expectation for academic success.



## **Parent and Community Engagement**

Timberbank generates an active School Council who meets monthly to provide consultation to the principal in support of a safe, academically challenging and enriched learning environment. School Council organizes an annual parent engagement evening. Annually, we host a Welcome to Kindergarten Night. School Council generates funds to support school enrichment with a raffle held at our 'standing room only' concerts each December and May. They also plan our annual Spring Fair. Monthly newsletters and our personalized web page keep parents informed. Secondary and post-secondary students contribute as volunteers, co-op students and tutors to support our students. We are so pleased to have such strong community engagement and encourage our parents to be in engaged in their child's education.



Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.

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