



Announcements for *Angel Brigade Week*

April 29 - May 3, 2019

MONDAY April 29, 2019

This week is Angel Brigade Week and we will be celebrating the work of The Angel Foundation for Learning, which is an official charity of The Toronto Catholic District School Board. Like all good angels, The Angel Foundation for Learning's goal is to be present in people's lives. During this week we will explore the many ways The Angel Foundation for Learning strives to support TCDSB students so that they can focus on their education.

Each day, we will discover one of the "wings of support" The Angel Foundation provides to assist students. On Friday you'll find out why you are an important part of building a community of care and how you can help.

The first Wing of Support is Student Nutrition Programs. How many of you had breakfast this morning? Did anyone wake up late? Did the oatmeal burn? Was there any food to prepare a breakfast? Being hungry or hangry is no way to start a day that requires the ability to focus and process in order to learn. The Angel Foundation for Learning provides funding to support over 59,000 students that receive a healthy morning meal or breakfast in 184 programs throughout the city each day. Not only does the student nutrition program provide fuel for your minds but it also teaches healthy food choices. Indeed, the nutrition program is a great foundation for every student and thanks to The Angel Foundation for Learning, parents and volunteers, (school name) is able to provide a morning meal/breakfast program (fill in type of program) for you.

Start thinking about what you'll where on Star Wars Civvies Day this Friday, May 3 and tomorrow, we'll talk about school trips!

Note: if your school does not have a student nutrition program, the blurb above should be edited to speak about student nutrition programs in general.

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TUESDAY April 30, 2019

Today's wing of support that The Angel Foundation for Learning provides is School Allocations. School trips are some of the most prized occasions in the school year. A chance to discover, learn and bond with one another outside the school environment provides memories for years to come. Through fundraising, The Angel Foundation for Learning provides \$50,000 a year to TCDSB schools to assist students who may have trouble funding their trip. The ultimate goal is that no student is ever left behind on school trips.

Don't forget to get ready for Friday's Star Wars Civvies Day and tomorrow, some hard truths, camp and art opportunities, physical and basic needs and how The Angel Foundation for Learning's Guardian Angel Funds address these needs.

WEDNESDAY May 1, 2019

The largest portion of The Angel Foundation for Learning's fundraising efforts go to support The Guardian Angel Funds (Total Disbursed - \$75,000). Some of the funds are sponsored such as The Reliable Life and Loblaw's "Kids See Free" funds that cover medical needs such as glasses, epi pens, hearing aids or crutches. The Loretto Fund supports new families in Canada. Many students are able to enjoy the great outdoors or pursue courses in the arts due to the Angel Foundation Arts and Camp Funds.

The Social Work Emergency Fund and the Angel Foundation Support Fund for Extreme Needs address much harsher realities. It is a fact, we have families and students living in shelters. It is a fact, due to illness or loss of work, some of our families and students struggle to pay bills or buy groceries. It is a fact, that some families or students must leave their home due to abuse and start to build their lives over again. The stories and requests the Angel Foundation for Learning receives are heart breaking and could be any one of our stories should an emergency occur. They also fuel the determination to increase our fundraising efforts so that we are able to increase the amount we give and the requests we are able to answer.

Two days to go until Star Wars Civvies Day and Thursday's wing of support points to the future.

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THURSDAY May 2, 2019

Encouraging students to pursue their educational goals is the final Angel Foundation for Learning wing of support we will cover on this, day four of Angel Brigade week.

The Angel Foundation for Learning administers four Awards for Elementary Schools and eight Bursaries for Secondary school students that are experiencing financial need in order to pursue post-secondary studies. They are given to assist students as they pursue future studies in music, art, skilled trades or other fields of their choice depending on the designation of the individual bursary. Students of all ages are encouraged to investigate these opportunities on our web site and to apply when their turn to graduate comes around.

Friday, the final day of Angel Brigade Week, you'll find out how to sprout some wings of your own and have fun taking part in Star Wars Civvies Day tomorrow and don't forget to bring a toonie if you can for The Angel Foundation for Learning.

FRIDAY May 3, 2019

Some of the programs offered by The Angel Foundation for Learning are funded by Municipal and Provincial grants, parent donations, and corporate donations. Our largest expenditures are for the Social Work Emergency Fund, the AFL Camp Fund and School Allocations. A total of \$165,000 is budgeted for these three areas. This money comes from The Angel Foundation for Learning's Fundraising Activities. This is where we need you to be our voice, our action and our support. Four ways you can help us to help you.

- Participate in our Board-wide Star Wars civvies day on Friday, May the 3rd to support the work of The Angel Foundation for Learning. Any amount that you are able to donate will go directly to these three funds.
- The Angel Foundation for Learning has teamed up with Me to We and is now recognized as a local initiative. Pitch your "We Schools" group and encourage them to support us as their local initiative.
- Or plan your own event to fundraise and educate your school community about the work of The Angel Foundation for Learning.
- Follow and share our work on twitter, Instagram and Facebook

Thank you for listening and celebrating our work this week.
For more information go to www.angelfoundationforlearning.org.