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**“Soaring to Success”**



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**November 2019**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM'S MESSAGE**

### **DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**



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The past month has been a hub of activity in the classrooms and on the fields and courts, thanks to the combined efforts of enthusiastic students, dedicated staff and supportive parents! Students have excelled in a wide variety of activities both inside and outside the classroom and they also continue to serve as wonderful ambassadors for our school.

On Wednesday, November 13th, your child will be bringing home the Provincial Progress Report. The Elementary Progress Report Card is designed to show:

- a student's development of the learning skills and work habits during the initial weeks of the school year
- A student's general progress in working toward the achievement of the curriculum expectations

Parents and guardians should have received a Parent Instruction Communication letter in October to book a convenient meeting time with the classroom teacher to review current progress. This is a valuable time to reflect on your child's achievement strength and needs. Teacher interviews are scheduled for the evening of November 14th and the morning of November 15th.

Dr. S.J. Phillips is a great place to be, with wonderful students, staff and parents working together to increase student achievement and build a sense of community. We are off to a fantastic start!





Nov. 1st - All Saints' Day

Nov. 4th - Standing Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm

Nov. 6th - Diwali

Nov. 6th - Take Our Kids to Work Day

Nov. 7th - Inuit Day

Nov. 8th - Indigenous Veterans Day

Nov. 8th - Pizza Day

Nov. 10th - Oshawa Generals Game

Nov. 11th to Nov 14th - Book Fair

Nov. 11th - Remembrance Day

Nov. 13th - Progress Reports go home

Nov. 14th - Picture Retake Day

Nov. 14th - Interview Evening

Nov. 15th - PA Day (Interviews in AM)

Nov. 16th - Louis Riel Day

Nov. 18th - MADD - grade 7 & 8

Nov. 18th - Board Meeting - 7:00 pm

Nov. 19-22 - Jungle Sports

Nov. 20th - Educational Assistants' Appreciation Day

Nov. 21st - SEAC Meeting - 6:30 pm

Nov. 22nd - Holodomor Memorial Day

Nov. 22nd - Pizza Day

Nov. 23rd - Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji

Nov. 25th - International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Nov. 25th - Fall Immunization Clinic (Gd. 7)

Nov. 29th - Character Counts Assembly

Nov. 29th - Pizza Day



Student safety is our number one priority at Dr. S.J. Phillips. We continually strive to keep our students safe from strangers, traffic and threats. When you visit the school, you will notice that the doors are locked and they are electronically monitored. Please push the buzzer at the front doors and listen for the click to open the door. Please remember to begin your visit at the office and sign in. If you are picking up your child for an appointment, please remember that they must be signed out at the office and signed in if they return during class time. Thanks for your attention and cooperation with this.

### [COACHES CORNER - PHILLIPS ATHLETICS](#)

With all the great things happening it is safe to say we are  
'Soaring to Success' in physical education and sports!

#### Junglesport

Junglesport climbing program is coming to our gym November 19th to November 22nd. Some of the activities are: Rock Climbing, Bouldering, Low Ropes, Vertical Challenges, Obstacle Courses, Cable Ride and Team Challenges. Parents can pay on School Cash online.

#### Junior (Grade 4-6) Volleyball

The Junior boy's and girl's volleyball teams have recently been selected. Mrs. Desveaux and Mrs. Raymer are coaching the girl's team. Mr. Murphy is coaching the boy's team. The teams have numerous games booked to prepare for their Area Championships at the end of November. Details will be sent home with all athletes that made the teams.



## NEWS FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT



Engage students, parents and community members to improve student outcomes and build public confidence

# ENGAGEMENT

### Dr. S.J. Phillips Christmas Concert

The Intermediate Choir directed by Mrs. Walchuk is up and running again this year. We practice twice weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11:50. Presently, we are preparing pieces to perform at both the Remembrance Day Ceremony and the Christmas Concert. All girls from Grades 6, 7 and 8 are welcome to join!

**Tuesday December 10th at 1:00 p.m. - Kindergarten Matinee**

**Tuesday December 10th at 6:30 p.m. - Primary Concert**

**Thursday December 12th at 6:30 p.m. - Junior/Intermediate Concert (Extra Curricular groups only)**



## SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (SCC)



Identify future leaders, actively develop new leaders, and responsively support current leaders

# LEADERSHIP

### Upcoming SCC Meeting Dates

**6:30 P.M. in the library**

**January 8th**

**February 5th**

**April 8th**

**May 6th**

**June 3rd**



## NEWS FROM THE ARTS DEPARTMENT



Reimagine learning and teaching spaces through digital technologies and innovative resources

# INNOVATION



Set high expectations and provide support to ensure all students and staff reach their full potential every year

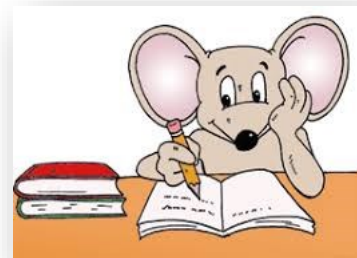
# SUCCESS

Our resident "Library Mouse" is still causing quite a stir as he and friends leave clues and books for the primaries to enjoy!

Students are intently listening to stories that bring our appreciation of sacrifice and commitment to the forefront as we share thoughts about the war times. Ask your primary student about the animals in war stories they have heard.

Scholastic Book Fair will run Monday, Nov. 11 through to Friday at 11:30 AM, Nov. 15. Book Fair is also open during our interview evening on Thursday.

Students will be given their class visit schedule by Mrs. Scott and their teacher. Students may visit other times to purchase with a library pass or after school until 3:40 on Tuesday and Wednesday. Announcements about the Book Fair and any changes, will be made in school. Purchases can be made by cash or cheque. Thank you for supporting our love of reading!



Thank you to our SCC for organizing a Happy Halloween Dance on October 31st. It was a friendly and fun time for grades Kindergarten to Grade 8! We collected lots of donations for Settlement House in Oshawa.



## Volunteer of Distinction



Congratulations to Beverley Gibbs-Canning our Volunteer of Distinction. She was recognized at the Volunteer of Distinction awards ceremony on October 24th.

Thank you to all our volunteers at Dr. S.J. Phillips! We appreciate all you do to support our students, staff and community.

**Character Education**  
**In October our students were recognized for**  
**Responsibility**  
**November Focus is - Respect**  
**Character Counts Assembly - November 29th**  
**Kindergarten/Primary - 9:00 and Junior/Intermediate - 10:10**



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# CHARACTER Education

A FOUNDATION for your FUTURE!

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|---|--|--|---|---|
| <b>TEAMWORK</b><br>I am cooperative, I work well with others, I am helpful, I am responsible, I am a team player.       | <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b><br>I am reliable and dependable, I do my work, I take responsibility for my actions. | <b>RESPECT</b><br>I am courteous and polite, I listen, I think before I act, I protect property and the environment.         | <b>PERSEVERANCE</b><br>I am determined, I am confident, I am resilient, I am optimistic, I am a challenge seeker.   | <b>OPTIMISM</b><br>I am positive, I am hopeful, I am a challenge seeker, I leave hope for the future. |
| <b>KINDNESS</b><br>I am sensitive, I am caring, I help, I am a good listener, I am a good friend, I am a good neighbor. | <b>INTEGRITY</b><br>I am honest, I am truthful, I am ethical, I am fair, I am a good role model.           | <b>GENUINITY</b><br>I am authentic, I am genuine, I am real, I am a good listener, I am a good friend, I am a good neighbor. | <b>EMPATHY</b><br>I respect the feelings of others, I am a good listener, I am a good friend, I am a good neighbor. | <b>COURAGE</b><br>I am brave, I am confident, I am a challenge seeker, I leave hope for the future.   |

# RESPECT

I treat others the way that I want to be treated.  
 I am **courteous** and **polite**.

**I LISTEN**  
 to what people say.  
 I don't insult, ridicule or name call.

**I PROTECT**  
 property and the environment.

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# RESPONSIBILITY

I am **reliable** and **dependable** to do my work.

I take **RESPONSIBILITY** for what I do and say.  
**I THINK BEFORE I ACT**, understanding there are consequences for my actions.

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Promote a sense of belonging and increase equitable outcomes for all by identifying and addressing barriers to success and engagement

EQUITY

## **Some Dates of Significance for November 2019**

\*\* Please bear in mind that this is not meant to be an exhaustive list and there may be diverse celebrations and religious dates that are not addressed.

### **November is Albanian Heritage Month**

Ontario is home to more than 28 000 Albanian Canadians. During the month of November, people of Albanian origin celebrate the Albanian Declaration of Independence which declared them an independent and sovereign nation. Albania also commemorates Liberation Day in this month which is the day that it was liberated from Nazi Germany forces after the Albanian Resistance. On this day, the Province recognizes the meaningful contributions that Albanians have made to Ontario. It is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Ontario's rich history.

Source: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/16a29>

### **November is Hindu Heritage Month**

Ontario is home to a large and vibrant Hindu community. Since the first Hindu immigrants arrived in Canada at the beginning of the 20th century, Hindu Canadians from across Ontario have made significant contributions across all fields: science, education, medicine, law, politics, business, culture and sports. Hindu Canadians have helped build Ontario into the multicultural success story that it is and have helped to build this province into the best place to live, work and raise families. They continue to help foster growth, prosperity and innovation throughout Ontario.

Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario

Source: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s16035>

### **Treaties Recognition Week November 5-11**

Ontario has designated the first week of November as Treaties Recognition Week to promote education. **Treaties Recognition Week** was introduced to honour the importance of Treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about Treaty rights and Treaty relationships. Treaties Recognition Week provides an opportunity for educators to continue planning curriculum-linked learning activities about Treaties and will help build awareness and a greater understanding of why we acknowledge the land/territory we are on.

### **Inuit Day November 7th**

On International Inuit Day, we celebrate the cultural, history, and impact Inuit people have on Canada and around the world.

Click here for a Storytelling Project: <https://www.itk.ca/taimannganit/>





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### Indigenous Veterans Day November 8th

National Aboriginal Veterans Day began in Winnipeg in 1994 when Indigenous veterans were not recognized in Remembrance Day activities. Over 12,000 Indigenous people are estimated to have volunteered in all three wars, including 7,000 First Nations members, and approximately 300 died during these conflicts.

First Nations, Inuit and Metis people were not eligible for conscription because they were not citizens of Canada (they were also unable to vote), but many volunteered despite the challenges they faced, including traveling long distances from remote communities to enlist, learning a new language (English), and coping with racism against them. Indigenous people were not allowed to join the Canadian Air Force until 1942 and the Canadian Navy until 1943. Both men and women enlisted, serving as soldiers, nurses and in other roles. Many served with distinction, winning medals for bravery in action.

After the war, enlisted Indigenous people returned home to continued discrimination, including in some cases denial of benefits, loss of Indian Status, and expropriation of their land by the government for non-Indigenous veterans. It was only in 1995 that Indigenous veterans were allowed to lay wreaths commemorating their fallen comrades at the National War Memorial in Ottawa.

The first monument commemorating the role of Indigenous people during these three wars was dedicated in 2001 in Ottawa. It took until 2003 for the Government of Canada to provide veterans' benefits to First Nations soldiers who had been denied them in the past, and Metis veterans have never received them.

Source: <https://www.righttoplay.ca/en-ca/national-offices/national-office-canada/whats-new/honouring-indigenous-veterans-this-national-aboriginal-veterans-day/>

November is  
**Hindu Heritage Month**

By proclaiming the month of November as Hindu Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Hindu Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political & cultural fabric. Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario.

Support all dimensions of diversity.

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ГОЛОДОМОР  
**HOLODOMOR**  
MEMORIAL DAY

**Holodomor:**  
THE UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE

The Durham District School Board recognizes the fourth Friday in November as Holodomor Memorial Day. The literal meaning, from the Ukrainian word Holodomor, is death by hunger.

Holodomor was a human-engineered famine that led to the deaths of up to 10 million Ukrainians in 1932 and 1933. News reports and records of the genocide were denied by the Stalin regime and were subsequently suppressed by Soviet authorities for more than 70 years.

The Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario recognize Holodomor Memorial Day on the fourth Saturday in November.

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### **November 11th, Remembrance Day**

On Remembrance Day we honour all who served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, people who live in Canada as well as many other Commonwealth countries will stop what they are doing to observe a moment of silence to pay tribute to the sacrifices that were made and are still being made on our behalf. Over 6000 First Nations soldiers fought alongside the Canadian Forces throughout the First and Second World Wars. However, those who returned from the war quickly realized that the freedom that they fought for did not equally apply to them. This then, may also be a time to look both into the past and forward toward a better future for Canada’s Indigenous People.

### **November 16, International Day of Tolerance**



The United Nations has defined tolerance as respect, acceptance and appreciation of the endless richness of our world’s cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human (Declaration of Principles on Tolerance, 1995). The International Day of Tolerance encourages people to learn about, respect and recognize the rights and beliefs of others. It is also a time to reflect on the impact of intolerance and how various forms of injustice, oppression, racism and other forms of discrimination have a negative impact on society.

### **November 16th, Louis Riel Day**

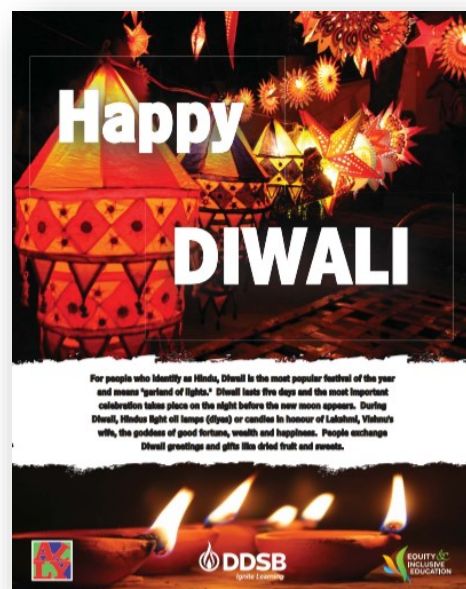
Louis Riel was a Métis man who is also called the ‘Father of Manitoba’. He was a heroic and influential teacher and leader who took on the challenge of ensuring that the Métis people could preserve their heritage and identity. To do this, Riel headed a Provisional Government which negotiated the Manitoba Act and provided some protection for the French language. He was a man of strength and courage, but he was not seen as a hero by everyone. Riel was labelled as a traitor for taking a stand and defending Metis rights and was consequently executed by the Canadian government.

Louis Riel Day is held every year across the homeland on November 16, the anniversary of Riel’s execution in 1885. While Louis Riel Day marks one of the great tragedies of Canadian history, its recognition demonstrates their continuing resilience and determination to regain their rights and preserve their way-of-life in Ontario and across the Homeland. To commemorate Louis Riel Day, MNO citizens and communities hold events across the province to recognize the many contributions of the Métis to Canada, to celebrate Métis culture and to highlight the struggles that Métis continue to face.

The great niece of Louis Riel, Augustine Abraham called for unity among Métis people.

Listen to the voice of Alexandre, 7ans qui est Métis.

<https://unis.ca/videos?v=0j77zxwvot6ub>





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### **November 19th-23rd, Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week**

Bullying is defined as a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance (Ontario Ministry of Education). Looking at your School Climate Data and planning next steps is a part of how schools can work proactively in response to how students are feeling.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/climate.html>

### **November 20th, Transgender Day of Remembrance**

Transgender Day of Remembrance is held in November to honour Rita Hester who was killed for being who she was. This day urges us all to raise awareness of the threat of violence faced by people who identify as transgender and the persistence of the prejudice felt by the transgender community.

DDSB Support Documents

Scroll to Recommended Reading

[https://sites.google.com/s/1Fr78mY-](https://sites.google.com/s/1Fr78mY-T4608ykJ8uSYMkEnviNLHsOtG/p/1hs9LE3SigY0Xo_hw7pV6SJNikZpsFEWr/edit)

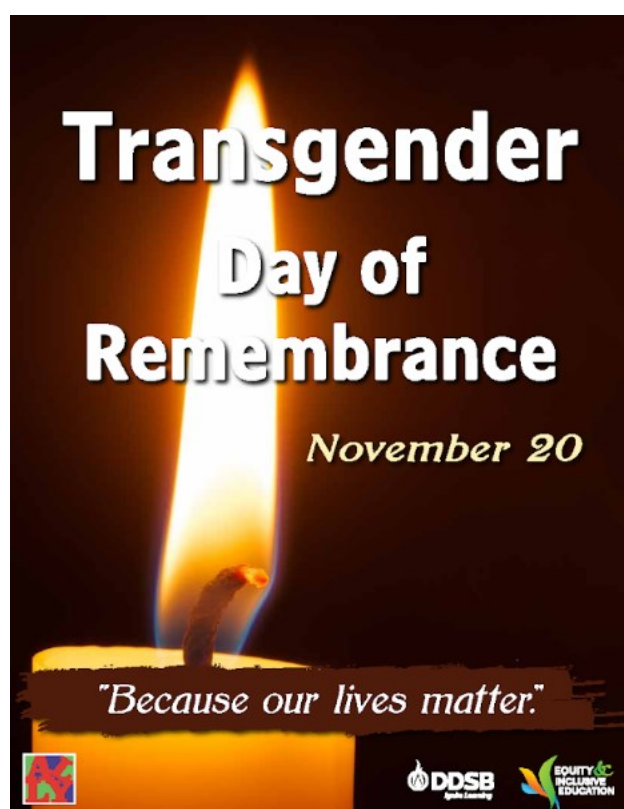
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### **November 23rd, Holodomor Memorial Day**

The Holodomor is the name given to the genocide by famine that occurred in Ukraine from 1932-1933 under Joseph Stalin's regime. As many as 10 million people perished. In Ukrainian, "Holod" means starvation/famine and "moryty" means to inflict death. This Memorial Day was introduced in 2009 in Ontario.

For more information and resources, please see:

<http://www.holodomoreducation.org/index.php/id/181>







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**November 25th, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**

Violence against women is still a devastating human rights violation present in today’s world. For far too long, impunity silence and stigma have allowed violence against women to escalate to pandemic proportions—one in three women worldwide experience gender-based violence.

While gender-based violence can happen to anyone, anywhere, some women and girls are particularly vulnerable - for instance, young girls and older women, women who identify as lesbian, bisexual, transgender or intersex, migrants and refugees, indigenous women and ethnic minorities, or women and girls living with HIV and disabilities, and those living through humanitarian crises.

Violence against women continues to be an obstacle to achieving equality, development, peace as well as to the fulfillment of women and girls’ human rights. All in all, the promise of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - to leave no one behind - cannot be fulfilled without putting an end to violence against women and girls.

Source: <https://www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday/>

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Quality Learning

**DENSA**

**EQUITY INCLUSIVE EDUCATION**

# DENSA Dhamaka

dandiya night

*DENSA cordially invites parents and students to participate in an evening of art, dance, and heritage.*

**DENSA Dhamaka (Celebration)**

Date: Tuesday, November 19th, 2019

Time: 5:30 – 7:30pm

Location:  
Da Vinci Public School  
61 Williamson Dr. E. Ajax, ON

Sign up on Eventbrite to RSVP for this event:  
<https://densoadventengagement.eventbrite.ca>

You will have an opportunity to attend TWO workshops during this fantastic celebration.

Dhya Decorating – decorate your own dhya (clay lamp)

Dandiya Decorating – decorate your own dandiya (dance sticks)

Bollywood Dance – explore traditional and contemporary South Asian Dance forms.

Yoga – learn the origins of Yoga and practice Yoga poses and movements.

*This event is proudly sponsored by **Bollywood in Motion** and **Ashvika Movement***



# VISIONS OF THE FUTURE

## THE MAKING OF...

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2019**

**6 pm - 9 pm**

**DURHAM COLLEGE  
W. GALEN WESTON CENTRE FOR FOOD**

1610 CHAMPLAIN AVE, WHITBY, ON L1N 6A7

Welcoming students in Grades  
7 to 10 who represent the black  
diaspora, to the post-secondary  
environment

Experience a Culinary hands-on lab

Increasing awareness of  
post secondary options and  
supports

Opportunities for  
Parents / Guardians  
to network and discuss  
academic options

Child-friendly environment

**FREE EVENT FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS REGISTER AT:**  
[www.dben.org/events-1/visions-of-the-future-the-making-of/form](http://www.dben.org/events-1/visions-of-the-future-the-making-of/form)



**RISE**

REACH, INCLUDE, SUPPORT, ELEVATE

## SCC Volunteer Form

### Do you have time, skills, ideas or help to offer our SCC and school as a whole?

This is a list of names and emails for parents/guardians who want to contribute to the school community but can't or would rather not officially join the SCC. If you are one of these people please fill out this form and return to the booth or send in to school with your child.

Please circle what applies to you:

I have time during: Daytime Evenings Weekends It changes

I would like to help with: Fall Festival planning Fall festival setup (afternoon before)  
Festival take down (right after the festival ends) Fall craft (after school)  
Raffle baskets wrapping Christmas decor Popcorn Days  
Dance-a-thon behind the scenes (making signs or flyers, shopping or calling for donations etc)  
Teacher's Luncheon day of Luncheon donations of a dish to serve  
Bakesale donations Other upcoming events or jobs

I have a skill/experience with: Graphic design Crafting/arts Baking/cooking  
Fundraising/grant proposals New ideas etc

I have a child in highschool who needs volunteer hours: Yes No

Add your name and email or phone number and you will be added to our volunteer list. Please note that you are under no obligation to volunteer when contacted. We will send out a general email when we need many people and specific emails if it is for a certain skill needed or things of that nature. If you cannot help with that one just reply not this time or don't and just wait for our next email. You won't be excluded or passed over if you say no. Even if you can only do a very small amount it is helpful and appreciated! Thank you in advance!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Our monthly school newsletters will be "paperless" and will be posted to our school website. *If you require a hard copy of the newsletter, please let your child's teacher know.*

A poster with a rainbow-colored inverted triangle in the center. The words "Positive Space" are written in a large, bold, white font with a red outline, centered over the triangle. Below the triangle, there is a paragraph of text in purple. At the bottom, there are logos for DDSB, ETFO, CUPE, and OSSTF.

**Positive Space**

This is a **SAFE SPACE** where human rights are respected and where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender students, teachers, friends, families, and allies are welcome and supported.

CUPE Local 218  
Durham District School Board  
ETFO Durham Teachers' Local  
OSSTF District 13

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