## Student Life - Where You Belong

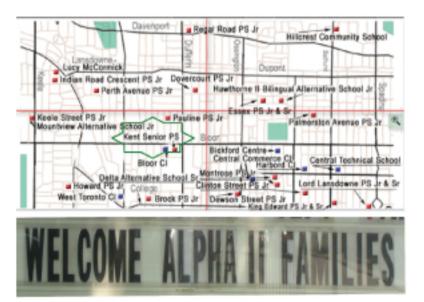
#### Be Part of a Community

At Alpha II you will be part of a strong, vibrant community of students, teachers and parents who share the goal of supporting what is meaningful to you in relation to the curriculum, in ways that reflect what you value. Teachers invite you to consider different ways of learning; they are there to facilitate your own goals and to help you explore who you are and what you care about in learning.

You work and learn across grades, often collaboratively in groups as well as individually. Students teach and mentor each other with the guidance of teachers and other adults in the community. Many activities will involve the entire school community. At Alpha II participating in the community is an important aspect of your learning experience.



## Map and Contact Information



## Alpha II Alternative School

For the 2008/9 school year, we welcome all students seeking grades 7- 9 placement in a student-directed environment. By 2011, we will have completed adding one additional secondary school grade a year until we will offer all secondary school years. You can find us on the southwest corner of Dufferin and Bloor, across from the Dufferin subway station in the historic Kent Senior Public School. To find out more, call us at (416) 393-0400 ext. 20011. We look forward to hearing from you.





# **Alpha II Alternative School**

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# Special Feature

### **Democratic Schooling**

Our learning environment positions your voice as the central actor in defining your education, engaging you in every facet of school decision making including leadership, and learning, associated with governance and teaching.

Alpha II's democratic method is based on the world's oldest surviving democratic school. A private school founded in 1921 by educator A. S. Neill-Summerhill in England.

As a Toronto District School Board public school you can trust that Alpha II's curriculum and teachers meet standards set by the Ontario Ministry of Education. Meeting standards is a protection for you as a student and for your parents. Alpha II is accountable to the community because it is a Toronto public school.

## TDSB Discovery - School Selection Made Easy

#### A Student-Directed School

You're a student who learns best by pursuing your own interests, in your own way, at your own pace and for your own reasons. We are your school. Welcome to Alpha II Alternative School, a one of a kind school where you direct and take responsibility for your education and at the same time address the Ministry approved curriculum with the help of our teachers, other students, parents and valued community members.

There are no grades and no competitions at Alpha II. You keep a portfolio of your work and the curriculum is covered by inspiring you to pursue your own interests. What's key?--you address academic material while learning how to express who you are in your own unique way.

### Equity Admissions

Alpha II works towards creating a welcoming learning environment that is student-centred, cooperative, democratic, community-driven, arts-infused and dedicated to social justice. We encourage people from all communities in our city to be part of Alpha II, including students of colour, Aboriginal students, LGBTQ students, and others. We have an equity admissions process which ensures



that students often under-represented in alternative schools have a space at Alpha II. As an alternative school, Alpha II works to honour both the differences and similarities between and among us. We are a community in which diverse values, experiences and cultures are both respected and nourished.

