



Pierre Berton Public School

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Administrators' Message

October 2020

Oct. 1	Terry Fox Walk
Oct. 2	Rain Date for Terry Fox
Oct. 7	Lights Out
Oct. 12	Thanksgiving No school
Oct. 14	Lights Out
Oct. 15	School Council @ 7pm
Oct. 21	Lights Out
Oct. 30	Orange & Black Day
Oct. 30	Halloween

Important Dates:

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September is always a busy month but this year has seemed like a whirlwind. We have had to adjust to a new normal at school or at home. Our Face to Face (F2F) students have adjusted to sitting in rows, seating longer in their seats, walking through halls in a specific way, staying in cohorts and many other adjustments. Our elementary virtual school (EVS) students have also had to adjust to a new synchronous learning at home model.

The beginning of October will also bring with it an adjustment to some of our classes as more students and teachers move to the online and we reorganize classes.

We wish everyone well in their new classes.

October is a special month. With Thanksgiving quickly approaching we should take time to give thanks for all that we have. At Pierre Berton, we are thankful for our wonderful students, staff and parent community. We look forward to Our Terry Fox Run, as we spread our message of "Be Like Terry", to live our best life, no matter what. October is also Learning Disabilities Awareness month. This month is about raising awareness and reducing stigma to allow people to get the supports they need to reach their potential. More information is available at <http://ldayr.org/>. It is also Islamic Heritage month, announcements will be made around both these focuses.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. May you take time to be thankful and show those you love and matter that you care. Please be safe and thankful for the wonderful lives we have. A little positivity and looking for a silver lining each day will help keep us healthy both mentally and physically.

Remember to follow us on Twitter @PierreBertonPS

Cathy Martino-Porretta



Writing the Pages of our Future!

Parent Information



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

It is important that your child arrives on time and prepared for school each day. Morning drop off starts at 8:15 am. If your child will not be at school, you must call the school at (905)303-4540. You can leave a message any time. You can also report the absence

in Edsby. If you are providing a note to the teacher and/or writing a note in the student agenda it is very important that a note be given to the office as well. There may be times when your child is with a rotary teacher and the homeroom teacher has not seen the note until later that morning. You can also leave a message on the school answering machine. According to YRDSB Safe Arrival Policy 665.0, parents must inform the school of all absences or lates each day your child is away. If there is no contact after all emergency numbers are called the school is expected to contact York Regional Police to report a missing child.



Regarding Visitors/Volunteers

Until further notice, visitor(s) are not to enter the school during hours of operation unless identified through a prearranged exception.

Visitors to schools are required to wear a medical mask at all times. In the event one is not worn, one will be provided and must be worn at all times when in the school.

Please, do not do not drop off any lunches or items, we can not accept them. We request that you do not make dental/doctor appointments during the day unless students will not be returning back to school on that day.

GAMES FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

Covid friendly games to play. Help us by teaching your child a game to play at recess or at home with a friend.

See link below to a site that has MANY outdoor games. They are grouped by grades and encourage social distancing safety.

https://www.asphaltgreen.org/blog/rep-it-out-games-for-social-distancing?fbclid=IwAR2wLtWNv5EANS6s8CLVHRkGwE0VLiuXLAikGVVrr7GD_JWo4-fABxdomTo

FUN GAMES

Parent Information

LITTERLESS LUNCH

In the spirit of the 4R's – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink - please send litter less lunches to school. We will begin [The Boomerang Lunch Program](#) where any left over garbage or food waste will come back home at the end of the day. This will help reduce our waste consumption at PBPS.

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TEAM



WASH YOUR HANDS



HAND SANITIZER

AVAILABLE HERE



Halloween

A reminder to parents and students that Halloween is coming. Please **DO NOT SEND** Halloween treats to school for snacks or lunches.

We prefer our students to eat healthier snacks. We also have several students who are severely allergic to nuts and nut products, that may be in the Halloween treats.



Pierre Berton Public School is a nut free safe environment. We appreciate your support in working towards a safe environment for all of our students. Please make sure that all snacks/lunches are **NUT FREE**.

October Eco Theme: Lights Out



This month we are challenged to “Rethink” our use of lighting at Pierre Berton P.S. Simply turning lights off when not in use is one very effective way to reduce energy consumption and help the environment. A significant savings in energy is achieved when lights are turned off in classrooms during the lunch period. This month our school will be hosting **Lights Out** Lunch on Wednesdays. The following dates are scheduled to shut off lights during the lunch hour:

Wednesday, October 7
Wednesday, October 14
Wednesday, October 21
Wednesday, October 28

If you are virtual, please join us by doing this at home

We will celebrate our success by reviewing data that monitors our energy consumption and share our results with the school. Our students will be reminded to be mindful of turning lights off in learning spaces and at home, when not in use. Also, if you know of a light that everyone forgets to turn off, make a sticker or a sign to hang next to the switch that says “Lights Out!”. Thank you for your continued support to protect our planet.

Parent information

Reminders for Parents:



As we near the end of our second full week of school, just some reminders that will help everything run smoother here at Pierre Berton Public School

1. **Extra Masks** - We have many students each day coming to the office to get masks for a variety of reasons (e.g., they have forgotten it at home, it is dirty, they lost it, etc.). It is very helpful if students come to school with 3 clean masks in their backpacks. This way they have an extra if they need a replacement throughout the day and they do not need to miss instructional time to deal with this. Thank you!



2. **Terry Fox Run** - This year is the 40th Anniversary of the Marathon of Hope. Since the school opened, we have participated in the Terry Fox School Walk/Run to help raise money for cancer research in support of The Terry Fox Foundation. Last year we raised \$1094.80 as a school community. This year we hope to raise just as much. All donations will be made online this year to the Terry Fox foundation, through our assigned school page.



Please do not send money to the school.

Please visit the following link to make a donation:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/PierreBertonPSWoodbridge>

We will be holding our school's walk/run on **Thursday, October 1, 2020**, with October 2nd as the rain date for the event. Additional safety measures will continue to be followed during our Terry Fox Walk/Run, including staggering times students participate in the walk throughout the day, students completing the event with their cohort, staying on school property, and physical distancing. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have any parent volunteers this year, due to restrictions in place to keep our school community safe.

For those students who are online, we encourage you to participate as well. Take a walk with your families, during the lunch break or in the evening. It's a great time to talk about Terry, giving, and being an advocate for change.

Thank you for your continued support!

3. **Create Edsby Account** - For in class students, if you have not created an Edsby account, please email anna.gabrielli@yrdsb.ca to send you an invitation to create one.



4. **Agendas** - In class students, if you wish to purchase agendas, please visit our school cash online. If you do not have a student number please email anna.gabrielli@yrdsb.ca



5. **Fork/spoons** - Parents please remember to pack forks/spoons for your children's snacks/lunches. For safety reason we would like the students to stay in their classrooms instead of coming to the office.



6. **Water Bottles** - Parents please remember to give your child re-fillable water bottles

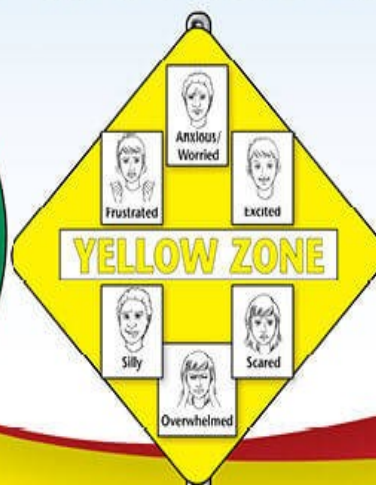
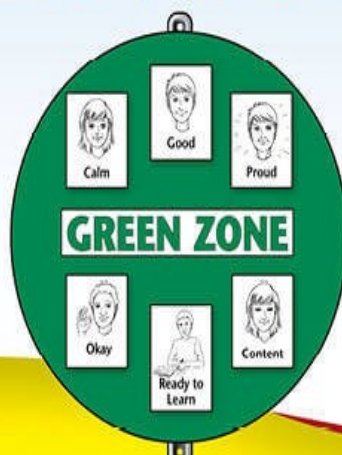
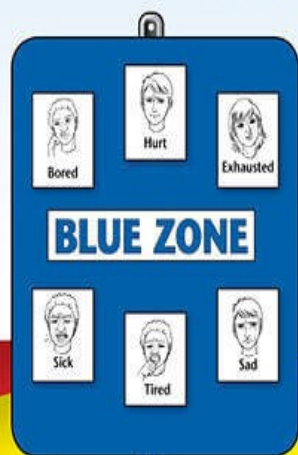


School information

As teachers, we model our different feelings all the time. While there are no “bad feelings”, it is important to manage ourselves safely. Our goal is for students to build self-awareness in recognizing how they are feeling, as well as identifying personal strategies for transitioning back to the green zone when they start to feel anxious or upset.

This month, as a family, check-in with your zones and come up with simple ways to identify your feelings and some strategies to help you get back to the green zone when you feel yourself moving towards a different zone.

THE ZONES OF REGULATION®



Blue Zone Tools

Stretch

Green Zone Tools

Drink water

Yellow Zone Tools

Deep breaths

Red Zone Tools

Take a break
