

TERRY FOX TRAIL BLAZERS

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TERRY FOX PUBLIC SCHOOL

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November Character Trait: Courage



Upcoming Events

- Nov.** 2 Daylight Savings Time - clocks fall back 1 hour
5 School Council Meeting @ 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Library
7 Grade 6 Trip - Science Centre
11 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45 a.m. Parents Welcome
12 Progress Report Cards go home
13 Evening Student- led Conferences
14 Morning Student-led Conferences (to 11:00 a.m.)
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17 Coffee and an informal chat with our superintendent,
Mr. Paul Carew in the Library 12-3 p.m.
19 Vision Screening SK's only

Opportunities for Student Involvement at Terry Fox

- **Games Club:** Morning recess – Library
Tuesdays for grades 1-3
Thursdays for grades 4-6
- **Library Monitors**
- **Lunch Monitors** - Every day at lunch for students in K-2
- **Music Monitors** Grades 6, 7 & 8
- **Morning Announcements (Student Announcers)**
- **Hall Monitors (to open the door for washroom use during lunch recess)**

Other Extra Curricular Activities

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
Lunch Recess	Senior Band (7/8) Music Room.	Concert Band (6/7/8) Music Room	Int. Boys Volleyball GYM	Int. Boys Volleyball GYM	Int. Girls Volleyball GYM
	Junior Girls Volleyball GYM		Extra Music Practice Music Room	Extra Music Practice Music Room	Junior Band (4/5) Music Room
After School		Junior Boys Volleyball Gym		Junior Boys Volleyball Gym	

Progress Reports

On **November 12th**, your child will bring home his/her progress report card. Students and teachers from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be conducting **Student-led Conferences on the evening of Thursday, November 13th** and **during the morning of the P.A. day on Friday, November 14th**. Parents will be sent confirmation of their conference date and time from their child's homeroom teacher.



As always, please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about your child's program and/or progress.

Grade 8 Parent Night

Sir William Mulock High School – December 4th, 7:00 p.m.

- One-hour presentation
 - Ontario Secondary School Diploma requirements
 - Different Pathways (Locally Developed, Applied and Academic)
 - Planning for the various post-secondary pathways
 - "Life" in high school
- 30-minute question-and-answer period

TERRY FOX RUN!

The results are in from our Terry Fox Run!. We have raised \$3,580.00 for cancer research. Way to go Trailblazers! Congratulations to all students and staff for all their hard work!





Remembrance Day Assembly at Terry Fox

On Tuesday, November 11th, Terry Fox Public School will recognize and honour those who have served our nation and given their lives. As part of the assembly, we will be showing a Power Point presentation with pictures of veterans from Terry Fox families. If you would like to have a veteran in your family, such as a great grandfather, represented in the presentation, please send in a photocopied picture by Friday, November 7th and we will add it to the power point. If you would like the photo-copy to be returned, please make sure that the photo is in a labeled envelope with your child's name and classroom. **Parents are welcome to attend the assembly which will begin promptly at 10:45 a.m.** If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kohler at the school.



Cold Weather Reminder



As the cooler weather approaches, we ask that you ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately. All students are expected to go outside during morning and lunch recesses. This means your child needs to be dressed warm enough to be outside for 30 minutes at morning recess time and 40 minutes at lunch time. ***Students who are ill should stay at home until they are well enough to participate in all school activities. This includes recess, physical education and all outdoor activities. There is no supervision available for students to stay inside because they are not feeling well.***

Also, all students should have indoor shoes. Thank you.



WOW Butter Reminder...

A substitute peanut butter product is being marketed to consumers as a safe alternative for children to bring to schools in place of peanut butter. We ask that parents refrain from including these kinds of products in your child's lunches or snacks. These products tend to look, taste, and smell very much like peanut butter. While the product is nut free, it mimics a known allergen that causes anaphylaxis in some children to the degree that it is indistinguishable from the allergen. It is a convincing substitute, opening up the possibility that it can be confused as peanut butter, or worse yet, peanut butter could be confused as this soy-based product. The safety and well-being of our students is our first priority, which is why our schools have procedures in place to minimize risk of anaphylaxis reactions in our students. **We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in avoiding the use of these products to assist in our continued efforts to create a safe, caring and inclusive learning environment for all students.**

Attendance- Lates



If your son/daughter is absent from school, you **must** call to let us know before 7:45 a.m. Our answering machine is able to accept messages from calls placed outside of school hours. Please tell us your child's name, grade, teacher's name and the reason they are away.

Being on time and prepared for instruction not only supports student success and academic achievement, but it is also an expectation of the staff at Terry Fox P.S. The school times are included below as a gentle reminder to everyone.



Classes Begin: 8:00 a.m. Lunch: 11:50 a.m.- 12:50 p.m. Dismissal: 2:30 p.m.



School Council

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our first School Council meeting. We are looking forward to meeting again on **Wednesday, November 5th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** The School Council is an advisory board that is reflective of the views of the community and works for the best interest of all students in the school.

Terry Fox School Council Executive 2014-15

Co-Chairs:	Karem Atkinson & Meagan Held
Treasury Liaison:	Lisa McWhirter
Fundraising Co-chairs:	Jessica Tucker
Secretary:	Sue Durbacz

School Council email: terry.fox.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Scooters

We have run out of indoor space for our scooters! We are storing approximately 15 scooters on a daily basis in our spare office. This is posing a safety risk for the staff members & students that utilize this space during the day (e.g. our school Psychologist, Speech & Language Pathologist, Inter-disciplinary staff, students working and teachers accessing the OSRs). As a result, we have purchased a scooter rack which will be installed beside our bike rack on the north east corner of the school. The scooter rack will have the option of locking up the scooters and can hold up to twenty. Should we require an additional rack, we will look at purchasing that in the spring.

Field Trips

Field trips support curriculum and provide students with educational experiences that enhance classroom learning. Students do not pay for mandatory field trips. Non-mandatory field trips may have a cost associated with them and every reasonable effort will be made to ensure no student is excluded from participating. Students who are unable to go on a trip are required to be at school where they will receive alternate programming.



Recess Time Switch

In order to work through some operational issues, we have postponed switching our eating and play times during recesses until after the December Break. Having the students play outside first allows our staff to take students directly outdoors optimizing our supervision, gives them a physical break after working at their desks, stimulates appetite and allows our younger students to have a little more time to eat if needed. Our new routine will begin when students return to school in January.



Spectator Behaviour at Athletic Events



All spectators at school athletic events are expected to:

- Treat the premises, students, staff and players of the host school and officials with respect and courtesy
- Abide by the decisions of the officials whether or not they are in favour of your team
- Respond politely to the requests of officials and staff
- Remain in the areas designated for spectators and leave the playing surface clear at all times.
- Be polite and courteous and use only appropriate language
- Refrain from any behaviour that might distract the athletes or officials or interfere with the progress of the game
- Applaud good plays and never make derogatory remarks about the officials, players or coaches of the other teams
- Be under the supervision of an adult



Please respect the privacy rights of friends, neighbours and colleagues should you take photographs or videos at school events. ***Please refrain from publicly posting images and personal information of others on social media without their permission.***



Newmarket Cares for Kids is a local non-profit organization whose aim is to promote and facilitate the participation of children ages 3-18 in physical and cultural activities, regardless of their ability to pay for services.

Opportunities with local groups featuring drama/musical theatre, karate, music and dance are offered (subject to availability). In some cases, transportation through a local taxi company may be available.

Call (905) 716-1447 for more information.

COMMUNITY YOUTH GANG SEMINAR



When: Sunday, November 16, 2014
12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Newmarket Theatre
505 Pickering Cr., Newmarket

We invite all community members to join us for a Community Youth Gang Seminar featuring presentations from psychotherapist Randy Ketterling and the York Regional Police Guns and Gangs Prevention Unit, Guns and Gangs Enforcement Unit and Drugs and Vice Unit.

Topics will include:

- Signs and identifiers of gang involvement
 - The prevalence of gangs
 - The operation of gangs
 - The community's role in gang prevention
 - Tips to help keep youth out of gangs
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For more information contact Constable Paul Strong at 1555@yrp.ca or 1-866-876-5423 ext. 2815.