

Thornhill PS Email Information: Monday, October 28, 2024

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, October 28

- *Families may begin booking Parent-Teacher conferences on Edsby (see below)*
- *Spirit Wear Sales Open- <https://thornhillps.peeluniforms.store/>*

Tuesday, October 29

- *Pizza Day – for those who ordered*
- *School Council Winter Holiday Basket Fundraiser begins! – more information coming*

Thursday, October 31

- *Subway Sandwich Day– for those who ordered*
- *Fall Spirit Day*

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Sunday, November 3- Daylight Savings Ends — Don't forget to turn your clocks back!

Monday, November 4

- *Homework Club – Ms. Sacks*

Tuesday, November 5

- *Pizza Day – for those who ordered*
- *Homework Club – Ms. Rehan*
- *Intermediate Girls Volleyball @ EJ Sand 3-4:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, November 6

- *Grade 8 visit to Thornhill Secondary School*
- *Popcorn delivery – for those who order*

Thursday, November 7

- *Subway Sandwich Day– for those who ordered*
- *Homework Club – Ms. Noordeh*
- *Errol Lee School Presentation*

Friday, November 8

- *Progress Report Cards sent home electronically to families (Nov. 8-11)*
- *Intermediate Boys Volleyball – Area Tournament*

SPIRIT WEAR IS BACK!

We are proud to offer Thornhill Public School Spirit Wear!

Please use [this link](#) to view the items available for purchase and to place your orders. If you choose to have your order delivered to the school, orders will arrive the week of December 16th for distributions. **The last day to order in time before the winter break is November 24th....hurry, don't delay!**

We would like to thank you in advance for your support in raising our school spirit.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Dear Families of Thornhill Public School,

Each year, your School Council raises and sets aside a certain amount of funds to benefit from a cost-sharing program to upgrade the technology (i.e. iPads and Chromebooks) within our school and other initiatives such as the [Forest of Reading](#) program (quality Canadian books to foster a love of reading and develop literacy skills). We are thrilled to introduce this fundraiser early in our school year to help us reach our goals!

The Great Holiday Basket Auction.

From now until Wednesday, November 6th, we will be collecting donations from students to build themed Winter Holiday Baskets. Each classroom has been assigned a theme (see below) and we are asking that your child bring in a brand new, unwrapped item to school which can be included in the basket being prepared by his/her classroom. Please use your discretion when spending, we are thrilled to receive donations of any size.

All donations must be submitted by November 6th at the very latest to be included.

Additional donations for other classroom basket themes are always appreciated. If you know any local businesses that may be interested in participating, please have them contact Ms. Hascal at lisa.hascal@yrdsb.ca to coordinate their donation.

The baskets will be on display during our Parent-Teacher conferences on Thursday, November 14th and Friday, November 15th. Parents will be able to complete a “bid form” and place it in a sealed box next to the basket you would like to bid on. The family with the highest bid will be contacted.

Thank you in advance for your participation and your generous support!

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 6th - last day for donations

November 14 & 15 -families (adults) may bid on the baskets. They will be on display in the library along with our annual Book Fair/

November 19 - The highest bidder will be notified to arrange for payment on School Cash Online and basket pick up.

Interested in learning more about the School Council? Join us at our next general meeting on Tuesday, November 26th at 7pm in the library. All are welcome!

Holiday Basket Themes - by Homeroom Teacher

Teachers	Basket Theme	Ideas
Ms. De Luca	Sport	<p>. Gift Cards: Sport chek, Foot locker, Sporting Life</p> <p>. Mini/Regular sport equipment: Hockey, baseball, basketball, tennis, soccer</p> <p>. Jerseys, safety equipments, collectible cards</p>
Ms. Rehan/Ms. Hood	Camp Fire	<p>*NUT FREE*</p> <p>.S'more kit, Blanket, Bug spray, Snacks, Marshmallows, marshmallow sticks, chocolate bars, outdoor coffee mugs, outdoor hot chocolate kit.</p> <p>Gift card: Canadian Tire, Bass Pro, Home Depot</p>
Ms. Shillinger	Bookworm	Cozy blanket, Indigo gift card, night light, tea, hot coco, books of all level, cozy socks, journal books, pens etc
Ms. O'Brien	Arts and Crafts/ Stationery	<p>Crayons, makers, colour pencils, water colours, paints, ink pad, sponge, glitter, pom pom, white glue, glue stick, stickers, play dough, notebooks, sketchbooks, stapler, pencils, erasers, ruler, protractor set, calculator, pens etc</p> <p>Gift cards: Michael's, Walmart, Dollar Store</p>

Ms. Wilson/Ms. Kaplan	Toy Mountain	Silly putty, Hot Wheels, Squish mallow, Lego, Rubik's cube, Pop it, Fidget toys, slime Gift Cards: MasterMind, Toys r Us, Walmart, Amazon, etc
Ms. Kirshenbaum	Home Goods	Home Sense, home decor, candles, decorative seasonal goods Gift Cards
Ms. Pistritto	Pet Bucket	Treats, Pet toys, leash, gift card to PetSmart, gift certificate for pet grooming, doggy daycare, grooming tools, etc
Ms. Pleten, Ms. Savage, Ms. DiMatteo, Ms. Soudack	Spa Rejuvenation	Bath bomb, loofah, comfy slippers, magazine, robe, face mask, body soaps/ lotion, bath pillow, bath salt, massage certificate, facial certificate, mani-pedi certificate
Ms. Fischer	Movie Night	Blanket, pan popcorn, snacks, Cineplex gift card, fast food restaurant gift card, popcorn holder, Netflix certificate, apple certificate
Ms. Noordeh	Baking Basket	*NUT FREE* Cookie cutters, spatula, whisk, apron, mixing bowl, pre-mixed batter, baking sheets, homemade recipes
Ms. Sacks	Family game night	Board games, Cards, dice, Mind games, snacks, collect four, etc Gift certificates: Mastermind, Toys r us, Walmart

PREVIOUSLY COMMUNICATED

FALL SPIRIT DAY!

Our Leadership Team will be coordinating a Fall Spirit Day on Thursday, October 31st. To celebrate Fall, students may choose to wear fall colours, including red, yellow, orange and black. Students are also welcome to dress up in costume (ensuring it aligns with Board expectations below);

- Not require students to change at school
- Not include a mask (i.e. that is not the mask normally worn as per COVID-19 protocols)
- Not include make up that requires reapplication
- Not include any replica weapons of any kind
- Be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs should not be worn as a costume.

Students are welcome to bring their own treat to eat as a snack, but there will be no sharing of treats and no class parties.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Please read the information below regarding parent-teacher interview booking.

Invitations to book interviews will be sent on Monday, October 28th. Interviews will take place on November 14th and 15th. On Monday, October 28th, you will receive an email through EDSBY inviting you to book an interview with your child's teacher.

Parents' Night is on Thursday, November 14th in the evening and Friday, November 15th during the day. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) in person, and learn more about the classroom. Edsby is the online tool supported for scheduling elementary interviews/conferences. Families will receive an invitation to sign up for a meeting time once the schedules are available.

[Edsby](#) is a cloud-based platform that lets families easily reserve times to meet with your child(ren)'s teachers. YRDSB in partnership with Edsby have created a secure platform that protects the privacy of information for families.

Families that already have an Edsby account may use their previously created account. The username is the full email address that is on file at your child(ren)'s home school and the password is the one created at activation. If you have forgotten your password, you can find [resources on the Board website](#) to help, including how to reset your password.

Families who **do not have** an Edsby account will need to create one to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parents' Night. **An up-to-date and valid email address must be provided to your child's home school.** For help creating an Edsby account, [instructions can be found on the Board website](#). An email from York Region District School Board with instructions on how to create an Edsby account will be sent to your email inbox. If you do not receive the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

Below is the sample invitation email sent to parent(s)/guardian(s) on behalf of YRDSB.

Edsby has been chosen by [school board name] to provide a modern way for parents and guardians to follow their children's progress at school, receive school updates, and much more.

You are receiving this Edsby invitation because you are listed as a parent or guardian of [child's name].

To activate a new Edsby account, or to connect this student to your existing Edsby account, please [click here to accept](#).

If you have any questions regarding Edsby please contact the school office.

To watch a video that describes how to set up your parent account please use the following link:

<https://vimeopro.com/edsby/edsby-help-videos-for-school-administrators/video/144798060>

If this message was sent to you in error, or you do not wish to join Edsby, please [click here to decline](#).

If you have any questions about this process please contact our main office for support.

If you have any challenges with meeting in-person on the scheduled days, please contact your child's teacher.

For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit [our board website](#).

Important Timelines

No later than
October 25th

Parents/guardians to create Edsby accounts.

October 28th

Parents' Night schedule opens at 9:00 a.m. for booking. Log into your Edsby account. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby account and a notification to your email. Instructions for signing up for interview slots are found [here](#).

November 12th

Interview Scheduler closes at (9:00 a.m.)

November 14 - 15th Family-Teacher Interviews/Conferences

Errol Lee Presentation

We are excited to welcome Toronto singer/song writer Errol Lee to Thornhill Public School on Thursday, November 7th, 2024. Errol Lee's presentations speak to everyone being somebody with a focus on intrinsic value, inclusion, and belonging. Our K-5 students will learn about how to use their words in respectful and kind ways with *The Friendship Promise presentation*. The Grade 6-8 students will be taught about how their character is defined by their actions and their words which shape their reputation in the *My Character, My Rep, My Decision* presentation. These presentations support the social-emotional learning expectations found in the Ontario Health and Physical Education curriculum. **In order to bring these valuable experiences to our TPS students we are asking each family to contribute \$5/student through School Cash Online by Friday, October 25th. If funds are not received, we may need to cancel this event.**

