

Thornhill PS Email Information: Monday, January 8, 2024

We hope you all had a relaxing and rejuvenating Winter Break. We look forward to a New Year that holds so much promise and we are grateful to have you all as part of our Thornhill Public School community.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, January 8

- Welcome Back to School!
- Popcorn Orders opens on School Cash Online (deliveries to start in February)

Tuesday, January 9

- Pizza Lunch (for those who order)
- Cookie Fundraiser
- Junior/Intermediate Homework Club

Wednesday, January 10

- Junior/Intermediate Homework Club

Thursday, January 11

- Subway Lunch (for those who order)

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday, January 15

- Junior/Intermediate Homework Club

Tuesday, January 16

- *Pizza Lunch (for those who order)*
- *Young Rembrandts Lunch Program begins (for those who sign up)*
- *Cookie Fundraiser*
- *Junior/Intermediate Homework Club*

Wednesday, January 17

- *Junior/Intermediate Homework Club*

Thursday, January 18

- *Subway Lunch (for those who order)*

Friday, January 19

- *PA Day – No School*

POPCORN FUNDRAISER

We will be having a monthly Popcorn Fundraiser at T.P.S. to fund educational programs and materials for our classes.

Popcorn will be delivered twice a month in February on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 7th and Wednesday February 21st

Pre-packaged butter/salt 23g popcorn bags will be sold for \$2.50 each, for a total of \$5.00. If you are interested in purchasing popcorn for your child, please purchase using School Cash Online by Monday, January 22, 2024.

Popcorn will be delivered to students on the mornings of the dates listed above.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration for September 2024 begins on **Friday, January 19, 2024**. Children who turn four or five years' old during 2024, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. The Board has included a page dedicated to the Kindergarten Registration process linked [here](#). Within this link you will find simple instructions to follow in order to register remotely. If your child is presently attending Junior Kindergarten at Thornhill P.S. there is no need to re-register. More information about our Kindergarten Program can be found [here](#).

FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION SESSION AND REGISTRATION

Any SK family who is looking for information regarding French Immersion should read the message below from our Board.

Grade 1 French Immersion (FI) Information Sessions and Registrations

What is French Immersion?

- Provides opportunities for students to develop enhanced proficiency in French.

- Students receive instruction in French from teachers who are fluent in French.
- Begins in Grade 1 and is designed for children whose first language is not French.
- In Grades 1, 2 and 3, all subjects are taught in French. Starting in Grade 4, instructional time is shared equally between French and English.
- Program continues in secondary school.
- Secondary school students must earn at least 10 French Immersion credits to qualify for the French Immersion Certificate upon graduation.

Important Considerations

- Grade 1 is the only entry point into French immersion in YRDSB.
- Communication with parents/guardians is in English including, but not limited to, report cards, newsletters and parent-teacher interviews.
- For the first few months of Grade 1, children may not acquire skills identical to those learned by children in an English program as the focus is on learning in French.
- During the first few years of the FI program, students may not develop the same level of English proficiency as their peers in an English program, however children should acquire these skills by the end of Grade 8. Families are encouraged to continue to read to their children in their first language.

FI Accommodation Plan

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program is offered in Dual Track or Single-Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school

experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the [Board's website](#). **Please note:** Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

Information Sessions

This year, our Information session for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion program will take place in French Immersion schools on January 18, 2024, at 7 p.m. Program locations and additional information is available on our [website](#). If families are unable to attend the information session, they can hear about the French Immersion program on the [Tune In YRDSB: French Immersion Podcast](#).

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 19, 2024. Parents or guardians of Year 2 Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2023, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can email or call their home school office and indicate their intention to enrol. The home school will notify the French Immersion school, and the French Immersion school will contact families by phone or email to collect any necessary information. Families are asked to register by February 6, 2024. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 6, 2024. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

PARENT MORNING DROP OFF REMINDERS

It has come to our attention that there have been a couple of unsafe maneuvers in our bus/carpool loop at drop off in the morning. Please follow the directions from our supervising staff to ensure we are keeping all of our students safe. Proceed slowly through the loop and only allow children to disembark when the staff member signals that it is safe to do so.

We also ask that parents do not reverse or park in the loop at any time. Please patiently wait for the car in front of you to leave.

NEW EXTERNAL PARTNER LUNCH PROGRAM OFFERED AT THORNHILL PS – YOUNG REMBRANDTS – Begins Tuesday, January 16th

Ring in the New Year with Young Rembrandts by giving your child the gift of drawing and creativity. Young Rembrandts introduces our students to a fascinating world of color, pattern, and design. From a vibrant pop art dog to fascinating art history, a lion batik art and a powerful unicorn, there is so much to learn and love. We prioritize proper technique and excellent color selection in every lesson. **All supplies are provided! Please see [this flyer](#) for more details.**

GRADE 8 GRAD COOKIE FUNDRAISER

Our Grade 8 students will continue to sell Terra Cotta cookies (kosher and nut free) on Tuesdays and Thursdays during morning recess outside of our gym. Cookies are being sold for \$2 each. Please consider helping our Grade 8 students!