

Thornhill PS Email Information: Monday, February 5, 2024

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 6

- Pizza Lunch (for those who order)
- Young Rembrandts Lunch Program
- Cookie Fundraiser
- Boys Intermediate Basketball Game after school @ Charlton

Wednesday, February 7

- Junior/Intermediate Homework Club
- Popcorn Distribution #1

Thursday, February 8

- Junior/Intermediate Homework Club
- Subway Lunch (for those who order)

Friday, February 9

- Junior/Intermediate Homework Club
- Games Club – Gr. 3 -5

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, February 13

- Pizza Lunch (for those who order)
- Young Rembrandts Lunch Program
- Cookie Fundraiser
- Boys Intermediate Basketball Game after school @ Frechette
- Primary Literacy Night

Wednesday, February 14

- Candy Grams

Thursday, February 15

- Junior/Intermediate Homework Club
- Subway Lunch (for those who order)

Friday, February 16

- Junior/Intermediate Homework Club
- Games Club – Gr. 3 -5

PETS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

This is a reminder that families should avoid bring their pets on property at drop off and dismissal. This is to ensure the safety of our students, families and staff. If you are meeting your child on the public sidewalk with a pet, please ensure pets are kept on a leash. Thank you for making everyone feel safe in our community.

POPCORN

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 March on the following dates:

-Wednesday, March 6th and Wednesday, March 20th

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 February 25, 2024. Popcorn will be delivered to students on the mornings of the dates listed above.

GRADE 8 FUNDRAISER: CANDY GRAMS

The Grade 8 students at TPS will be selling Candy Grams as a way to raise money for their graduation. The candy grams are peanut-free, kosher, strawberry heart lollipops. They will be sold during recess on Tuesday and Thursday for \$1.00 from January 30th to February 8th. Students can send one to themselves or buy one to send to a friend, sibling, or other family member. They will be delivered to students on February 14th. Please note, that all students in the school will receive one Candy Gram to ensure no one is left out. Deliveries of purchased Candy Grams will be done discreetly. **If for any reason you would not like your child to receive one, please let their teacher know in writing before February 14th.**

PRIMARY LITERACY NIGHT

Attention all families of children in Kindergarten to Grade 3! We would like to invite you and your child to join us in our school library on the evening of **Tuesday February 13th, 2024 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** for **Primary Literacy Night!** This is an opportunity to spend time together with your child participating in engaging Literacy activities, games and snuggling up to read a book together. Please consider coming dressed in your pajamas, bringing a stuffed toy/animal and your favourite book. Please note this event is for our students in Kindergarten to Grade 3. We hope to see you all there!

MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

February 2024

As we start the second semester and second half of the school year, I want to take this opportunity to share some updates about upcoming dates, events and initiatives taking place across our system with you. I also want to thank everyone who contributes to building a strong educational community in York Region District School Board - the students, families, staff members and community partners who come together in support of student learning, achievement and well-being.

February is **Black History Month**. In addition to a number of [events taking place](#) within the school board and local community, the school board is once again Celebrating Black Excellence through its Black Voices campaign. [Black Voices](#) aims to centre and celebrate the Black members of our YRDSB community and share their voices. For families looking to learn more about school board and community events and programs for Black students and families, you can [subscribe to the Centre for Black Student Excellence mailing list](#) to receive regular updates.

Later this month, we will also recognize the [Lunar New Year](#) and wish all students, staff and community celebrating Lunar New Year a happy and joyful celebration.

While we have seen milder **winter weather** this year, I also want to remind families that we have protocols in place for [severe weather](#) and school transportation cancellation in the case of inclement weather, and want to ensure families are aware. You can find more information on the Board website. We also continue to encourage families to use active school travel all year round, including during the winter months. Early in February, we will be celebrating [Winter Walk Day](#), and be sharing tips as well as the benefits and joys of winter walking.

This month, students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity to vote in the [Student Trustee Elections](#). I want to congratulate and thank all of the students in Grade 10 and 11 who applied for this position. Student Trustees play an important role representing student voice at the Board meetings, and we greatly value their voice and contributions. Students who are eligible to vote will receive information in their GAPPS accounts about how to vote. This is a great

opportunity to participate in the democratic process and to have their say about who will represent their voice in the next school year.

[Kindergarten](#) and [French Immersion](#) **registration** opened in January for fall 2024. For students looking at **course selection** in secondary school, there are lots of great resources available at www.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb that let students learn more about courses, programs and opportunities that relate to their interests.

You can also stay up-to-date with what's happening around the Board by visiting our [newsroom](#) or by listening to the Board's award-winning [podcast Tune In YRDSB](#), including recent and upcoming episodes on what to expect in Kindergarten, how Student Trustees represent student voice, Tamil Heritage Month, Hindu Heritage Month and more.

As the governing body of the York Region District School Board, trustees are required to establish an annual **Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)** to guide system direction for a four-year period. The MYSP is a reflection of emergent priorities identified by our educational communities. Over the coming months, we will be conducting extensive consultations with YRDSB students, staff, families and community members to collect input and feedback to develop our revised MYSP. We look forward to hearing from you.

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