

Thornhill PS Email Information: Monday, February 12, 2024

EVENTS THIS 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
- Intermediate Boys Basketball game
- Subway Lunch (for those who order)

Friday, February 16

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

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday, February 19

- *Family Day – No School*

Tuesday, February 20

- Term One Report Cards distributed electronically this week
- Pizza Lunch (for those who order)
- Young Rembrandts Lunch Program
- Cookie Fundraiser

Wednesday, February 21

- Popcorn distribution (for those who order)

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

- Junior/Intermediate Homework Club

- Games Club – Gr. 3 -5

TERM ONE REPORT CARDS

Your child's Term One Elementary Report Card will be distributed electronically, between February 20-22, using their GAPS accounts. The Elementary Report Card, provides you with information about your child's general progress in working toward the achievement of the curriculum expectations across subject areas. The report card grade represents a student's achievement of overall curriculum expectations, as demonstrated to this point in time.

Overall, the report cards provide you information about your child's achievement during the first term. We hope that this report will encourage your child while supporting conversations about learning at home.

There is new information for families who would like to know more about the revised language curriculum for Grade 1-8 students and Early Reading Screening for year one and two Kindergarten students. You can find this information on the [school board website](#). The information posted on the website is available in multiple languages using the translation tool drop down menu on the top right corner of the webpage. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Board Website Content:

Reporting on the Revised Language Curriculum (Grade 1-8)

Starting September 2023, schools across Ontario began implementing the new Language curriculum. A [Parent's Guide to Language, Grade 1-8 \(2023\)](#) has been developed by the Ontario Ministry of Education to support families in learning more about the revised curriculum.

Student achievement in Language will now be reported as **one overall grade or mark** with supporting comments. In the past, the report card reflected a grade or mark in each of the four strands of Language (Oral Communication, Reading, Writing, and Media Literacy). Now, this revised report card grade or mark represents a student's achievement of the overall curriculum expectations, and considers the student's integrated learning across all four strands of the new Language curriculum:

- Literacy Connections and Applications

- Foundations of Language
- Comprehension: Understanding and Responding to Texts
- Composition: Expressing Ideas and Creating Texts

Student achievement in individual strands is reflected in comments related to their learning, strengths, and next steps.

Early Reading Screening (ERS)

A screening measure is a quick and informal evidence-based test that provides information about possible reading difficulties (Ontario Human Rights Commission, Right to Read Report). As outlined by the Ministry of Education, beginning in the 2023-2024 school year, the Kindergarten Communication of Learning and the Elementary Provincial Report Card, Grades 1-6 will include a new section titled "Early Reading Screening" (ERS).

On the report, there are checkboxes where results of early reading screening are recorded, along with the date of screening. Report cards will indicate if the student has completed the early reading screening and if the student has met the screening benchmark.

As implementation is voluntary at this time, for the 2023-2024 Term 1 and 2 reporting period, all students will have the NA box selected for ERS. In the coming months, training on a Ministry-approved screening tool will be offered to primary educators in advance of mandatory implementation in the fall.

Beginning in Fall 2024, students in Year Two Kindergarten to Grade Two will participate in Early Reading Screening.

RENEWED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), families with children enrolled in our Board have the opportunity to purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost. Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at YRDSB and either receive government assistance

payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards*.

Below is a limited income grid for your reference.

Family size	Annual income*
2 people	\$30,286
3 people	\$37,234
4 people	\$45,206
5 people	\$51,272
6 people	\$57,286
7 people +	\$64,381

This year, there are different packages available for purchase. Please reference the [online application page](#) for the current available package offerings. Please note that there are three options for delivery.

1. If you would like for the computer to be delivered directly to your home, there is a \$40 charge for laptops and a \$50 charge for desktops. Families who choose this delivery option will have their order shipped when it is ready, roughly 3 weeks from date of order.
2. If you would like the device shipped to your child's school there is a \$20 delivery charge. If you choose this shipping option, the computer will be delivered to your child's school **after** the end of the promotion period. Please indicate the name of the school on the form when selecting this option.

3. You may choose to pick up the computer from the RCT Mississauga Warehouse, for free, located at **945 Meyerside Drive, Mississauga**. Families who choose this option will have their order ready for pick up roughly 3 weeks after the date of order.

Parents and legal guardians may apply for one computer per student, with a limit of two per household. Please see below for a full list of device specifications.

If you are interested in applying, please complete an online application at <https://www.jotform.com/210054491659255> using the group code on the attached program flyer. The application period is from February 1, 2024 – March 15, 2024 with delivery to schools taking place in April.

Please note - There are sections in the RCT Online Application that are no longer applicable:

- Requirement of Proof or Documentation of Income
- Requirement to participate in training prior to receiving your computer/laptop

The Section on Course of Study can pertain to elementary or secondary. If you do not have access to a computer or the Internet, please contact the administration team at your school for assistance.

For inquiries related to the RCT application process, devices and delivery, please contact Alexander Oliver (Aoliver@rcto.ca) and for inquiries related to support from YRDSB, please contact Yvonne Kelly (yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca)

For more information, including complete application and payment instructions, please refer to [the linked program flyer](#) and checklist.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Please take time to read through [this attachment](#) to learn about many opportunities to learn about Black History this month and the important contributions made.

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 if for our students in Kindergarten to Grade 3. We hope to see you all there!