Thornhill PS Email Information: Monday, October 23, 2023

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, October 24

- Pizza Lunch (for those who order)
- Fire Drill #3

Thursday, October 26

• Subway Lunch (for those who order)

Friday, October 27

• Families may begin booking Parent-Teacher conferences on Edsby (see below)

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, October 31

- Fall Spirit Day
- Pizza Lunch (for those who order)

Thursday, November2

• Subway Lunch (for those who order)

FALL SPIRIT DAY!

Our Student Council will be coordinating a Fall Spirit Day on Tuesday, 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. Interviews will take place on November 16th and 17th. On Friday, October 27th, you will receive an email through EDSBY inviting you to book an interview with your child's teacher.

Parents' Night is on Thursday, November 16th in the evening and Friday, November 17th 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.

<u>Edsby</u> 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 <u>resources on the Board website</u> 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 upto-date and valid email address must be provided to your child's home school.** For help creating an Edsby account, <u>instructions can be found on the Board website</u>. 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 follower 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.
November 1 st	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 15th Interview Scheduler closes at (9:00 a.m.)

November 16 - 17th Family-Teacher Interviews/Conferences

RENEWED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

The renewed computer technology program is back. Please see <u>this flyer</u> for more details about purchasing affordable computer technology.