

Thornhill PS Newsletter

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

It has been yet another busy month at Thornhill Public School, and once again, we are so proud of all that we have been able to accomplish. Our school community continues to prove that when we all work in partnership together, incredible things are possible.

During the month of November, the students and staff engaged in dialogue that continued to promote and emphasize the power of acceptance and honouring the things that make us unique. We continued to learn about diverse cultures and backgrounds so that we can understand the perspective and lived experiences of others. As an example, during Holocaust Education week, our intermediate classes participated in an on-line presentation presented by Holocaust Educator, Dori Ekstein.

On November 11th, TPS participated in our virtual Remembrance Day assembly. Thank you to the families that joined our Google Meet to help us remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace.

TPS also participated in our first fundraising campaign of the 2021-2022 school year. Our partnership with Terra Cotta Cookies was a huge success and it is with extreme gratitude that we can report our school earnings of \$500. Stay tuned for information regarding the pick up of the dough drops once they arrive.

Lastly, TPS distributed electronic report cards, and parents and staff participated in virtual interviews. As always, we appreciate and value the partnership between family and school, and look forward to continued student success.

With gratitude,

Ms. Waiser—Your proud principal

UPCOMING DATES:

- TPS Charity initiative: November 29—December 10
- Grade 3 Gifted Screening CCAT: Dec 1 (face-to-face) and Dec 2 (Virtual)
- School Council Meeting: December 9th
- Terra Cotta Cookie Fundraiser: Delivery December 9th
- Winter Break: December 20—31 inclusive



Inclement Weather Days:

For the 2021-2022 school year, in the event that bus transportation is cancelled, the following Inclement Weather Days Interim Procedure will be in effect for the first inclement weather day of the school year, after which procedures may be reviewed and/or revised.

- all elementary and secondary schools will be ***closed*** to students
- All student learning will be remote and asynchronous
- Before and After school programs will ***not*** run

In the event of an Inclement Weather Day, information will be communicated to families through local media outlets, the Student Transportation Services Website, the Board's website and Twitter account, as well as on the Thornhill PS voicemail recording.

Holiday Heroes Campaign:

This year Thornhill Public School will be participating in the Holiday Heroes Campaign with the York Regional Police. Please be a Holiday Hero and help to make the holidays a little brighter for others by donating the following:

1. Toy Drive - contribute new, unwrapped toys for all ages
2. Children's Clothing Drive - donate new warm clothing, pajamas, coats, hats and mitts.
3. Gift Card Drive - donate grocery and department store gift cards. All donations raised stay in York Region and support the children and families from our community who are in need.

The campaign will begin on Monday, November 29th and will run until Friday, December 10th. **Students are asked to bring donated items to the main office.**



New Whiteboards in each classroom:

A huge thank you goes out to the Thornhill PS School Council for their support with the installation of new whiteboards in each of our classrooms. These new whiteboards offer students increased opportunities to engage in vertical learning, and have improved accessibility for all.



Message From Our Trustee – December 2021

With case counts remaining relatively stable, I want to take this opportunity to thank our students, families and staff members for continuing to adhere to health and safety protocols. Your efforts are appreciated and important to protecting the health and safety of our school community members. As we have since the start of the pandemic, the school board continues to meet regularly with public health and follow their guidance. Families looking for more information or resources on COVID-19 and our schools, including health and safety guidelines, frequently asked questions and mental health resources, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening or York Region's www.york.ca/safeatschool.

In November, we held the **school council forums**. I appreciated the opportunity to participate in shared learning with school council representatives on priority topics including the ABCs of mental health and actioning anti-racism practices. Thank you to all of the participants and to all school council members for your partnership. There are so many valuable [ways families help to strengthen our schools and support student learning and achievement](#). We value the partnership that we have with families, and thank you for your ongoing support.

As partners, we want to support you in supporting your child's learning, achievement and well-being. The **Family Resources** page on the Board website provides quick access to online tools such as Google Classroom, School Cash Online, Edsby and more. It also provides links to information to support you in engaging in your child's learning - resources like translation tools, IT support for families and tips on protecting your child's privacy online. It also includes links to other information you may find helpful. Find it at www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources or from the link on the homepage.

Over the past few months, York Region District School Board has been conducting a review of its Trustee Areas. The boundaries of the areas that school board trustees represent change over time. The goal of the **Trustee Determination and Distribution Study** is to ensure fair and equitable representation of all public school supporters. Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation on the proposed options. The final report will be presented at the Board of Trustees meeting on February 8. You can find more [information about the study and the recommendations on the Board website](#).

The upcoming winter season is a time of celebration for many, and I want to wish you and your families a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. I hope that over the winter break, you find time to rest, relax and rejuvenate and we look forward to welcoming you back in January.

David Sherman

Trustee – Markham Ward 1, Vaughan Ward 5