



THORNHILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

A note from Ms. Waiser

November 2nd, 2020

The fall is quickly upon us, and as the leaves change colour into their vibrant reds, oranges, and yellows, we continue to be grateful that we are in school learning and working together. October has been a fun month full of many exciting events for our staff and students. One memorable event was that our school raised over \$1200 for the Terry Fox Cancer Foundation, and as a result, our students were able to receive many rewards, such as a Crazy Hair/Crazy Hat spirit day, a movie in their classroom on October 30th, an extended recess or free time in their classroom, and, they got to watch Ms. Waiser look silly in a Tik Tok video ☺ A huge thank you goes out the students in grades 2 and 3 that taught Ms. Waiser the dance, and appeared in the video with her.

On October 15th, T.P.S celebrated the support for the 2SLGBTQ+ community by wearing purple as a sign of solidarity. We engaged in meaningful discussions about acceptance for all, and standing up against bullying.

A first for our school and all of YRDSB, was that we held our Curriculum Night virtually. Parents/Guardians were able to hear from their child's/children's teacher about their class, the curriculum being taught, and the routines of the room, as well as meet the teachers who are dedicated to the success and well-being of all. We thank you for your continued support as we deliver information in new ways.

Students also had the opportunity to show off their creativity during our T.P.S Halloween celebration. While Halloween looked a bit different for us this year, it was wonderful to see students dressed up in orange and black, or in costumes, and to see our students engage in activities that were inclusive and engaging.

And lastly, student artwork, showing off the diversity of our student population and the things that make each of us unique has been displayed in our school hallways. It is so important for our learners to celebrate their identities and to revel in what makes them special and unique. We encourage all learners to continue creating pieces of art for display throughout the building.

As we begin the month of November, please take note of some important information items:

Entry and Dismissal Routines:

Thank you once again to all parents/guardians who are adhering to our new routines in regards to dropping off your child/children and picking them up. It is imperative that families remain off of the tarmac during these times in order for our students to safely enter and exit the building and to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19. I once again ask all parents/guardians to arrange for a meeting spot off of the tarmac so that we can work together to keep everyone safe.

Another reminder that once the dismissal bell rings at 2:50 p.m. that all students and parents/guardians are to exit the school grounds. Playing on the tarmac or the playground before or after school puts the students at risk, as it means that students would be exposed to students



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outside of their cohort. The closure of school grounds, including the playground equipment, is consistent amongst all YRDSB elementary schools and we greatly appreciate your understanding of this matter.

Parent-Teacher Interviews:

Family Virtual Conferences will be held on **November 12th and November 13th**. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and learn more about the classroom. We regret that for health and safety reasons, we are unable to host an event at the school as we normally would, however we look forward to meeting with you virtually.

Families can use Edsby, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with their child(ren)'s teacher(s) on Parents' Night. You will receive an invitation to sign up for a meeting time once the schedules are available.

[Edsby](#) 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 [resources on the Board website](#) 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 the virtual conference. **An up-to-date and valid email address must be provided to your child's home school.** For help creating an Edsby account, [instructions can be found on the Board website](#). 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.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office.

For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit [our board website](#).

Important Timelines

October 19 - 23rd Parents/guardians to create Edsby accounts.

November 2 - 9th Parents' Night schedule **opens at 9:30 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](#). Interview scheduler **closes at 3 p.m. on November 9th**.



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**November
10th**

Families to receive virtual links and information for accessing the virtual conferences from the classroom teacher

**November
12 - 13th**

Virtual Interviews

Remembrance Day

On November 11th our school will be honouring our veterans in a virtual Remembrance Day ceremony. **A link will be shared with families who would like to join the virtual ceremony. Families that wish to make donation to the Legion can make it directly online using legion.ca.**

Upcoming Dates:

November 12: Last day to purchase the 2019-2020 yearbooks on School Cash Online

November 13: PA Day (no school for students)

November 16/17: Swan Lake Outdoor Education Program Visit for grades 2 and 4

November 19: Report Cards distributed electronically