

# Thornhill PS Newsletter

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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

It is hard to believe that the month of October has already come and gone and that we are about to enter our third month of learning together. The 2022-2023 school year has already proven to be one that we as a community should be proud of, and as a school, we continue to demonstrate that we can accomplish wonderful things together.

This month saw the school raise over \$1200 in support of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope. Our staff and students participated in a Terry Fox Run where they showed their support for Cancer research. Thank you to all families who were able to contribute to this worthy cause.

October gave us many opportunities to recognize the diversity around the school. In recognition of Islamic Heritage Month and 2SLGBTQ+ History Month, students and staff engaged in meaningful discussions, and showed support and solidarity by wearing purple on October 20th. TPS's commitment to honouring the diversity and cultures of all saw us celebrate and acknowledge holidays and observances such as Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, and Diwali. As we continue to celebrate and acknowledge holidays and observances we encourage any staff, students and parents/guardians to share their knowledge, expertise and experience so that we as a school can continue to learn and understand the cultures of others.

In addition, our learners saw the value and impact of taking on new experiences, showing resiliency and challenging themselves to overcome obstacles through the Jungle Sport program. Our school gymnasium was transformed into a climbing apparatus, where students worked as individuals and in partnership with their classmates to work through the various challenges. We are so proud of their accomplishments.

With gratitude,

*Ms. Waiser—Your proud principal*

#### UPCOMING DATES:

- November 11: Remembrance Day Assembly
- November 17 & 18 Parent-Teacher Interviews
- November 18: PA Day (no school for students)
- November 23-25: Report Card Distribution
- Winter Break: December 26—January 6 inclusive



### **Dressing for the weather:**

Students will be going outside each and every day to get fresh air. Please make sure that each day your child/children are dressed for the weather and that they have the appropriate clothing to keep them warm as the weather gets cooler. Students are reminded to bring their outerwear to school, such as a jacket, hat, warm sweater, gloves, mittens, etc.

### **Virtual Curriculum Night:**

On October 6th we held our Meet The TPS Staff Night. Parents/Guardians were able to visit the school and classrooms, as well as hear about the curriculum being taught, the routines of the room, and meet the staff who are dedicated to the success and well-being of all. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to even more opportunities to come together.

### **Jungle Sport:**

As mentioned earlier in the Newsletter, Jungle Sport provided an opportunity for our students to overcome challenges and to try new experiences. We are so proud of their accomplishments.



### **Upcoming Parent-Teacher Interviews:**

Parent-Teacher Interview Night is on November 17-18th. 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.

[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 Parents' Night. **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.

**Parents/Guardians will receive a message via Edsby informing them of when they are able to book an appointment by no later than November 4th, 2022.**