

Thornhill PS Newsletter

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Welcome to what has been a fun and exciting start to the 2022-2023 school year. Our new and returning staff and students have continued to prove that TPS is a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment.

Throughout the month of September our learners have engaged in activities, lessons and discussions that help to affirm everyone's identity, celebrate their individuality, and honour their sense of self, while ensuring that we challenge each student to meet their personal best. We hold everyone to high standards and believe that everyone can achieve greatness.

The partnership between the school and home is an integral one. At TPS we strive to maintain open lines of communication so that we can serve each of our learners to the best of our ability. The office team and I, as well as all members of our school staff are always available, and hope to speak with each of you so that we can meet your needs.

I look forward to a successful 2022-2023 school year. As your proud principal, it is my goal to serve the entire TPS community in every way possible. I look forward to a school year filled with togetherness and accomplishments of all kinds.

Ms. Waiser—Your proud principal

UPCOMING DATES:

- Picture Day — Sept 29
- Orange Shirt Day — Sept 30
- Meet the Staff Night — Oct 6
- Terry Fox Run — Oct 7
- Thanksgiving — Oct 10
- PA Day — Oct 21



Orange Shirt Day:

On September 30th, TPS will acknowledge the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to Residential Schools throughout our Canadian history. Students will engage in meaningful learning opportunities to discuss how the Orange Shirt Day movement began and why it is significant to this day.

Orange Shirt Day was created as an opportunity to discuss the effects of residential schools and their legacy. It honours the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, **celebrates resilience and affirms** a commitment that every child matters. Students were encouraged to wear orange, alongside our staff as an act of solidarity.

Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope:

This year is the 42nd Anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope, and Thornhill Public School is proud to be continuing the legacy of one of our greatest heroes. Please stay tuned for information regarding how you can support this initiative in the coming days.

Our school will participate in the Terry Fox Run on October 7th, 2022

School Enhancement Projects:

In order to provide the safest play area for our learners, our school tarmac was replaced over the summer. To make the space inviting to all, and to provide our learners with activities to participate in during recess times, the tarmac will be painted with a variety of games and motivational words the first week of October.

We thank the TPS community for your patience as we enhance this play space, and hope that everyone enjoys their time when playing outside.

New Sensory Room:

At TPS, we recognize that every learner comes to school with their own unique learning styles, strengths and needs. As we work to support our learners in building the tools they require as individuals to read their body cues, honour their emotions and feelings, and to build their ability to self-regulate, TPS is proud to open a Sensory Room.

This Sensory Room will help to provide learners with a structured and supervised environment that speaks to personalized sensory preferences, and will support students to calm and focus themselves so they can be better prepared for learning and interacting with others.

A video of this sensory room has been shared on your child's Google Classroom.

