

TOWNSVIEW SCHOOL
March - April, 2021 Parent Information Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ March 15 Swim Program (3/4B @ 9:00am) (3D @ 10:30am) (3C @ 1:10pm)
- ❖ March 17 Swim Program (3C @ 9:00am) (3D @ 1:10pm)
- ❖ March 19 No School for Students (Teacher Report Card Preparation Time & PL Day)
- ❖ March 22 Swim Program (2D @ 9:00am) (4D @ 10:30am) (5A @ 1:10pm)
- ❖ March 24 Swim Program (3D @ 1:10pm)
- ❖ March 24 Swim Program (5D @ 9:00am)
- ❖ March 26 Swim Program (2E @ 9:00am) (4/5C @ 10:30am) (5E @ 1:10pm)
- ❖ March 29 Swim Program (2D @ 9:00am) (4D @ 10:30am) (5A @ 1:10pm)
- ❖ March 29 Grade 7 Student HPV Immunization #2
- ❖ March 31 Report Cards Go Home
- ❖ March 31 Swim Program (5D @ 9:00am)
- ❖ April 2 Good Friday (No School for Students & Staff)
- ❖ April 5 Easter Monday (No School for Students & Staff)
- ❖ April 7 Swim Program (5D @ 9:00am)
- ❖ April 7 PSSC Virtual Meeting @ 6:30pm
- ❖ April 7 World Health Day
- ❖ April 9 Swim Program (2E @ 9:00am) (4/5C @ 10:30am) (5E @ 1:10pm)
- ❖ April 12 Swim Program (2D @ 9:00am) (4D @ 10:30am) (5A @ 1:10pm)
- ❖ April 12-16 Parent Teacher Interviews (either virtual or by telephone) completed throughout the week
- ❖ April 14 No School for Students (Parent Teacher Interviews – AM & PL Workshop - PM)
- ❖ April 15 Talk With Our Kids About Money
- ❖ April 16 Swim Program (2E @ 9:00am) (4/5C @ 10:30am) (5E @ 1:10pm)
- ❖ April 19 Swim Program (2D @ 9:00am) (4D @ 10:30am) (5A @ 1:10pm)
- ❖ April 21 Swim Program (5D @ 9:00am)
- ❖ April 22 Earth Day
- ❖ April 23 Swim Program (2E @ 9:00am) (4/5C @ 10:30am) (5E @ 1:10pm)
- ❖ April 26 Swim Program (2D @ 9:00am) (4D @ 10:30am) (5A @ 1:10pm)
- ❖ April 28 Administrative Assistance Appreciation Day (thanks to Wanda Dickinson & Sheri Dymond)
- ❖ April 28 Swim Program (5D @ 9:00am)
- ❖ April 30 Swim Program (2E @ 9:00am) (4/5C @ 10:30am) (5E @ 1:10pm)

YELLOW ZONE UPDATE – WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE (REMINDERS)

- ❖ It is important that all staff and students come to school with their community face mask, you should have at least 2 face masks as you may need to change it up.
- ❖ Extra-curricular activities and field trips are permitted as long as K-8 classes stay within their class bubble.
- ❖ We will continue with having parents / visitors not coming into the school. We ask that families needing to drop off anything for their child, or if you are picking up a child - then please contact the school to let us know by calling the front office 325-4435.
- ❖ All parent meetings will continue to be held virtually or by telephone.
- ❖ Parents are asked to continue the screening questions with their children prior to leaving for school – if you child is not feeling well, we ask that you not contact the school to ask us if you should send your child to school. We are not medical personnel, we ask that you use your parental judgement and decide whether you feel it is safe to have your child come to school. As always, if you are in doubt, then we would ask you to check with Public Health 811, or contact your family medical practitioner.
- ❖ Face Mask Use –
 - K-8 students do not have to wear masks & physical distancing is not a requirement in the classroom
 - K-5 students are encouraged to wear their face masks in common places and spaces where class bubbles are not protected. Where possible, physical distancing of 2 meters is required
 - 6-8 students must wear face masks when they are going to a location outside of their classroom, until they reach their destination. For example, going to Phys. Ed, MSTE & music, going to the office, library, to & from cafeteria, going to outside playground spots, etc.
 - 6-8 students must use masks in common areas outside of their classes, such as in the hallways, lockers & lobbies, or when physical distancing of 2 meters is not possible.
- ❖ Face Mask Use - On the school bus –
 - K-5 students sitting with a family member of the same household or alone will not be required to wear masks
 - 6-8 students will wear masks when getting on and off the bus and if they are sitting with another student who is not from the same household
- ❖ Music classes can include singing and wind instruments.
- ❖ Phys. Ed Classes are encouraged to be outside (weather permitting). Students (class bubbles) will be permitted to share equipment and physical distancing will not be required. Use of curtain divider may be used for physical distancing purposes if two or more groups of students are using the common space (gymnasium) at the same time.
- ❖ Athletic programs will be permitted to take place while adhering to the Provincial Sport, NBIAA & NWMSAA COVID guidelines.
- ❖ Microwaves in the cafeteria will still not be permitted.

DRESSING FOR THE WINTER TIME & HAVING INSIDE SHOES

- ❖ Every day all of our students (Grades K-8) go outside at noon hour. In addition to noon recess, our Phys. Ed classes go outside as well. It is important that all students bring warm clothing to be outside for 25 minutes each day, and be prepared for an outside Phys. Ed classes.
- ❖ All students should have a coat, boots, extra pair of mittens, hat, etc. Please put your child's name on all clothing – it will be easier to return if they are lost.
- ❖ It is important to always have a second pair of mitts in case the first pair gets real wet and need to be changed.
- ❖ When students come inside, they should always have a pair of inside shoes to change into – feet get very warm wearing boots all day.

TOWNSVIEW SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

- ❖ Please visit: <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/TownsView/Pages/default.aspx>
- ❖ Parents are encouraged to take advantage of School Cash Online. This is our preferred method of payment for school fees and activities.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

- ❖ Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is still taking place (ongoing). Registrants are children born in 2016.
- ❖ Parents will need their child's birth certificate, immunization record and medicare card. It is extremely important that you have your child registered so that you can take advantage of the programs that help prepare your child for the upcoming school year.
- ❖ Immunizations must be in order prior to beginning school in September, 2021.
- ❖ Please feel free to share this information with anyone that you know has children starting school next year.
- ❖ Please contact the school at 325-4435 if you have any questions. Thank you.

REGISTRATION FOR GRADE 1 EFI & GRADE 6 LFI FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

- ❖ Current kindergarten and Grade 5 students have the opportunity to register for either Grade 1 Early French Immersion or Grade 6 Late French Immersion programs of study for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.
- ❖ If you are interested, we are asking parents to register their child on or before April 1, 2021. These registrations will inform planning for the formation of classes for the 2021-2022 school year.
- ❖ Registrations are being accepted and can be completed online at www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca. If you have any questions, you can contact Pat Thorne (patricia.thorne@nbed.nb.ca) or you can call the school at 325-4435. Thank you.

APPLICATION FOR OUT-OF-CATCHMENT SCHOOL ZONE FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

- ❖ Parents / Guardians who wish to request placement in a school other than the school zone of your residence will need to complete the Request for Intra-District School Placement Form, stating your reason(s) for your request.
- ❖ Permission to place children outside their school zone is only given on a year-to-year basis. You must re-apply each year to request permission.
- ❖ Parents / Guardians will need to provide their own transportation to and from school for their child.
- ❖ Please contact the school so that we can provide you with Inter-District School Placement Application Form – we can do this electronically or by paper. Once it is completed you can return to the WEC or to Townsview and I would submit on your behalf. Any questions, please contact Pat Thorne (patricia.thorne@nbed.nb.ca) or call 325-4435.

K-8 CHILDREN SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO BE TOPPED OFF

- ❖ As we head into the last 4 months of school, we are asking our parents/guardians to top off your child's school supplies, if needed.

STUDENT ARRIVAL IN THE MORNING

- ❖ No students will be permitted to enter the school until after 7:50am, the arrival of first early bus (Bus 127).
- ❖ We ask all drop offs to arrive between 8:00am-8:25am. We ask all walkers to arrive between 8:15am-8:25am.

TRAFFIC FLOW REMINDERS

- ❖ Please respect the posted traffic signage at the bottom of Lewis P Fisher Lane. Left turns are not permitted during bus times. We recognize this is often inconvenient, but please do not hold up traffic behind you.
- ❖ If you have to park and leave your vehicle, please do not park in the stop and drop-off lane before and/or after school. You must park in the parking lot.
- ❖ Please DO NOT USE OUR MAIN PARKING LOT as ANOTHER STOP & DROP OFF LANE. Constant traffic flow presents a danger to pedestrians.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS (April 12-16, 2021)

- ❖ Report cards will be going home on Wednesday, March 31st, 2021.
- ❖ Parent-Teacher Interviews will be taking place between the dates of April 12-16, 2021. These meetings will be done either virtually or by telephone (just like we did for Report Card Term 1).
- ❖ As the time grows closer, your child's teacher will be contacting you to set up an appointment time. If you have not heard from your child's teacher, then I would ask that you reach and make contact with them.
- ❖ If you have any questions, please call the school at 325-4435. Thank you.

HEAD LICE

- ❖ Prior to the March Break there were cases of head lice being reported - it is important to continue regular checks for lice and nits at home.
- ❖ When a case of head lice is suspected in the classroom, Student Services teachers remove the student from the classroom to do a head check. If live lice are found, parents are contacted and the student awaits pick-up at the office. Random checks are not performed without evident symptoms, or without a parent's request to have a check performed. Please remind children to keep their long hair tied back and please ask them to not share hats!