

Townsville School - Parent Newsletter

October 21st – December 5th, 2022

Some Important Dates to Remember

- ✚ October 20 Bus Safety Practice Drill (at the school) for all K-5 classes
- ✚ October 20 Internet Safety Presentation for middle school classes
- ✚ October 20 Middle School Dance (Grades 6-8) Cost is \$5.00 per student and dance is from 7:00pm-9:00pm
- ✚ October 20 Mark It Read Day – Wear Red in support of Dyslexia Awareness Month
- ✚ October 21 Swim Program (5C @ 9:00am) (5B @ 10:45am) (3C @ 1:30pm)
- ✚ October 24 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (5A @ 10:45am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- ✚ October 24 Grade 7 dTap & HPV #1 Immunization for all Grade 7 students
- ✚ October 24 Grade 8 HPV #2 for all grade 8 students who would have received their HPV #1 back in the Spring, 2022
- ✚ October 24 Internet Safety Presentation for Grade 2-5 classes
- ✚ October 25 Potato Sales Campaign Ends – Appreciate the support for our major fundraiser
- ✚ October 25 K Classes – Finger Print Safety Presentation
- ✚ October 26 2A & 2B – Meduxnekeag Tour @ 8:45am
- ✚ October 26 Swim Program (4A @ 9:00am)
- ✚ October 27 Club Day @ 1:10pm
- ✚ October 27 Bi-Monthly Student Assembly
- ✚ October 28 Annual School Clothing Ordering Form Sent Home
- ✚ October 28 Swim Program (5C @ 9:00am) (5B @ 10:45am) (3C @ 1:30pm)
- ✚ October 31 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (5A @ 10:45am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- ✚ October 31 Camouflage & Hunter Orange Day – Please no Halloween costumes
- ✚ November 2 Swim Program (4A @ 9:00am)
- ✚ November 4 Swim Program (5C @ 9:00am) (5B @ 10:45am) (3C @ 1:30pm)
- ✚ November 7 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (5A @ 10:45am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- ✚ November 8 Harvey Picture Retakes
- ✚ November 9 Swim Program (4A @ 9:00am)
- ✚ November 9 3A – Meduxnekeag Tour @ 9:00am
- ✚ November 10 School Based Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:40am
- ✚ November 10 Club Day @ 1:10pm
- ✚ November 11 Remembrance Day – No School for Students & Staff
- ✚ November 14 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (5A @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- ✚ November 14 World Diabetes Day – wear the color Blue in support of the awareness for diabetes
- ✚ November 16 Swim Program (4A @ 9:00am)
- ✚ November 16 Potato Sales Pick Up from 3:30pm-7:00pm
- ✚ November 16 3C – Meduxnekeag Tour @9:00am
- ✚ November 17 Potato Sales Pick up until 5:30pm
- ✚ November 17 Home & School Christmas Wreath Raffle Sales Begins today – students will be bringing home tickets
- ✚ November 18 No School for Students – it is Staff Professional Learning Day & Teacher Report Card Preparation Time
- ✚ November 18 Potato Sales Pick up until 5:30pm
- ✚ November 20-25 Diversity & Respect Week
- ✚ November 21 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (5A @ 10:45am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- ✚ November 21 Potato Sales Pick Up until 5:30pm
- ✚ November 22 Potato Sales Pick Up until 5:30pm
- ✚ November 23 Swim Program (4A @ 9:00am)
- ✚ November 23 Potato Sales Pick Up until 5:30pm
- ✚ November 24 Last Day to order School Clothing
- ✚ November 24 Club Day @ 1:10pm
- ✚ November 25 Swim Program (5C @ 9:00am) (5B @ 10:45am) (3C @ 9:00am)
- ✚ November 28 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (5A @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- ✚ November 30 Swim Program (4A @ 9:00am)
- ✚ December 1 Term 1 Report Cards Go Home at the End of the Day
- ✚ December 1 Mental Health Ring A Bell Awareness
- ✚ December 1 Home & School Movie Night for Townsville Families (6:00pm-7:30pm)
- ✚ December 2 No School for Students – it is a Staff Professional Learning Day
- ✚ December 5 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (5A @ 10:45am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- ✚ December 5 Home & School will be drawing the winners from the Christmas Wreath Raffle Fundraiser

Want to Know What Is Happening at Townsville School – Check Us Out

- ✚ Follow us on Twitter - @TownsvilleSchool
- ✚ Check out our School Website <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/Townsville/Pages/default.aspx>
- ✚ Follow our Townsville Lost & Found Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/townsvilleschoollostfound>
- ✚ Follow Us on Our Townsville Home & School Facebook Page [Townsville School Lost and Found | Facebook](#)

Parent Email Distribution List

- ✚ If you would like your name added to a parent e-mail distribution list, please contact Patricia Thorne (Principal), and she will add you to her list. You may contact her at the following e-mail: Patricia.Thorne@nbed.nb.ca.

Chartwells' Cafeteria Menu

- ✦ Cafeteria menus went home with your child – it contained a list of meals being served each week along with a price list for the food items
- ✦ If you have any questions, please contact Brittany Allen (Brittany.allen@compass-canada.com or 325-4315 or 961-4672
- ✦ If you are wanting to order online – here is the website Townsviiew-nb-aswd.nutrislice.com

Chartwells' Christmas Turkey Dinner

- ✦ This year Chartwells will be serving up a turkey dinner on Thursday, December 15th
- ✦ The cost of the turkey dinner will be for Grades K-2 students \$5.50 and our Grades 3-8 students \$6.00. Purchase of this dinner will be by cash only. No online ordering.
- ✦ As the time comes near – more information will be sent home to families. Stay tuned.

Payment of Student Fees

- ✦ If you have not already done so, we are asking for your support in the payment of the following fees – if this presents a financial challenge for your family, please let us know.
 - Middle School Student Fees - \$31.50
 - Gr. 2-5 Swimming Fee (3A, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 5C) - \$63.00
- ✦ You can pay by School Cash Online – the link is on the ASD-W website our school website and I am also sending to you <https://anglophonewest.schoolcashionline.com/> . You can also pay by cash or cheque (all cheques will need to be made payable to Townsviiew School. Thank you.

SEL (Social Emotional Learning)

- ✦ This is part of our School Plan and we have a dedicated period of learning (K-8 Classes) once per week.
- ✦ SEL is a school wide approach - children need social-emotional skills to thrive both in the classroom and in life. Social-emotional learning (SEL) curricula teach children techniques to gain confidence, set attainable goals, make better decisions, collaborate with others in both school work and play, and learn to navigate the world around us more effectively
- ✦ We encourage our parents to talk with your children about what they are learning within the SEL program.
- ✦ SEL helps students to succeed in the classroom and throughout their lives
- ✦ The SEL Theme for the month of October Determination, and the Month of November is Responsibility

Parent Power School Public Portal

- ✦ Parents were sent home at the start of the year a Power School Parent Public Portal Policy 311 Sign Off (yellow paper)
- ✦ The Power School Public Portal can help to keep parents informed about what is happening at school, track your child's progress and provide you online access to your children's teachers and classes
- ✦ At Townsviiew – we are in the early processes of this – our first priority was to get the information out to our parent community and have them complete the Policy 311 sign off and return back to school. We the school would then send to you a letter, the letter would contain very specific login information so that you could set up an account. This is the stage we are currently in.
- ✦ Yes, we have had some families set up their account, but, we have a lot (approx.. 80%) of families who have not completed that next step. When you do this, you will now have your own individual parent account, including your personal username and password.
- ✦ The Term 1 Report Card will be provided to all families in the tradition paper format. Not sure if we will be ready – but maybe by Term 2 Report Card in April, 2023, families will be able to access their child's report card online. We will keep you posted on our progress. Thank you.

Dyslexia Awareness Month – Mark It Read (Red) Day

- ✦ Mark it Read is the official Canadian celebration for Dyslexia Awareness Month. October 1st, 2022 marks the start of the 5th annual national awareness-raising campaign. Each year across Canada, monuments and buildings are lit up red, schools and workplaces wear red, and cities and towns sign proclamations to officially declare the month of October as Dyslexia Awareness Month.
- ✦ This year's theme: Celebrating Progress. This year marks the 5th anniversary of Dyslexia Canada's Mark it Read for Dyslexia Awareness campaign. Join us in celebrating the progress over these past 5 years, help us #SayDyslexia and show everyone that you are proud to be #PoweredByDyslexia. **Join us in celebrating the progress of the last 5 years on October 20th by wearing the color Red.** Thank you.

Home & School

- ✦ Will be sending home Halloween treat bags with your child on Monday, October 31st .
- ✦ Movie Night
 - All children must be supervised by a parent – you will need a blanket / or low rised chair to sit in. Children must stay with parent the entire time of the movie. Children will not be permitted to run around. We appreciate your support.
 - Cost of the movie will be by donation at the door. Thank you.
 - There will be treats on sale (popcorn & water) for \$1.00 each
- ✦ Christmas Wreath Raffle Fundraiser – this will take place on Monday, December 5th. Winner will be contacted by telephone.

Head Lice

- ✦ Head lice is an ongoing issue here at school, and we have had cases of head lice. 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 (discretely) to do a head check. If live lice are found, parents are notified 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.
- ✦ We the school recognize the hard work and diligence to clean up the lice and lice kits can be costly. If you are in need of a lice kit, please let us know so that we can help to support you.
- ✦ Please remind children to keep long hair tied back and to not share any type of personal headwear.

Potato Fundraiser Wrap-Up

- ✚ Potato Sales end on October 25th
- ✚ Starting on Wednesday, November 16 from 3:30pm-7:00pm, you will be able to come to Townsview School to pick up your potatoes
 - You will come to the Stop & Drop entrance (not before 3:30pm) as we have to dismiss our school busses at end of day
 - You can wait in your car and someone will come to you to get your order(s) and bring the potatoes to you 😊
- ✚ From November 17th – 25th – you can still come and pick up your potatoes up until 5:30pm each day

School Clothing Ordering Program

- ✚ Once again we are excited to be selling school clothing again in time for the Christmas shopping season!
- ✚ Ordering will take place from October 21-November 24, 2022. The order form is attached to the end of the newsletter.
- ✚ Order forms can be returned to the homeroom teacher or at the office. You can pay by SchoolCash Online, <https://anglophonewest.schoolcashionline.com/>, cash or by cheque. Please make cheques payable to Townsview School.
- ✚ When paying online, please complete the payment process, if not complete, the school will not consider the order incomplete
- ✚ When paying online, the school only sees the amount paid, not what you want to order. Please send the order form back to the school – so that we know what you are wanting to order. Hoping this makes sense.
- ✚ The school clothing orders will be able to be picked up on December 19th & 20th or they can be sent home with your child.

School Reminders

- ✚ Student Arrival for bus students takes place between 8:00am-8:30am.
- ✚ Student Arrival for parent drop offs starts at 8:00am.
- ✚ Student Arrival for walkers starts at 8:10am
 - if students arrive before 8:00am they will need to remain outside as we have no staff on duty until 8am (this will include waiting outside in the good & and not so good weather
- ✚ If you have a child in K-2 and they are walkers or out-of-catchment, you will need to make arrangements to have your child picked up at 2:00pm.
 - we the school cannot accommodate family requests to keep your child until 3:00pm
- ✚ Parents are not permitted to walk their child into the school. We have staff on duty to assist any student who is in need.
- ✚ It is important to put your child's name on their water bottle, lunch box, clothing, etc. – so when it is lost and then found we can return it
- ✚ If you are wanting to meet with your child's teacher – you will need to call the school and make an appointment. Meetings can be arranged to be Virtual, by telephone or in-person. Please contact your child's teacher in advance of scheduling a meeting, thank you.
- ✚ If you are bringing an item to the school for your child – please drop them off on the red table under the canopy
- ✚ Townsview School Cash Online - Parents are encouraged to take advantage of School Cash Online, our preferred method of payment for school fees and activities. Please visit: <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/TownsView/Pages/default.aspx>
- ✚ When you are in need of picking up your child during the instructional day
 - when you arrive at the school, you will call the school to let us know you are here to pick up your child – the admin assistants will then send your child out to you. Your child will be responsible for signing out of the school in our sign out book.
 - For younger children we ask that the person picking them up come to the main doors of the school – the admin assistants will assist the younger children to sign out

Traffic Flow Reminders

- ✚ If you are just dropping off your child – you will need to use the Stop & Drop Lane. Please do not use the parking lot for dropping off. This is hazardous for our folks walking into the school.
- ✚ If you are needing to come into the school, then you would need to park your car in our main parking lot. Please do not park in the Stop & Drop Off Lane, this slows down our traffic flow
- ✚ At the bottom of Lewis P. Fisher Lane you are not permitted to take a left turn during the hours of 7:30am-8:30am and 2:30pm-3:30pm. This is not safe and it slows down our traffic flow.

Halloween Dress Up – Monday, October 31st

- ✚ It is camouflage and hunter orange day – we ask that students to not wear Halloween costumes or masks on this day
 - In addition, the student's identity must always be easily recognized, so we are also asking that no costumes and/or masks be brought to school that day. Thank you.
- ✚ In reference to students bringing in class treats - students are permitted to bring in prepackaged store-bought treats only (no prepackaged homemade goods, fruit trays, etc.) Doing up individual treat bags is a good option.

Pre-Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year – This is Ongoing Throughout the Year

- ✚ Starting Oct. 11th - families are being directed to register online <https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/kindergarten/Pages/default.aspx>
- ✚ Should a parent/guardian not have access to register online, please contact the school so that we can help you out. You are welcome to come to the school to register the school between the hours of 9:00am-2:30pm.
- ✚ Families 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, 2023
- ✚ For additional information – we ask that you contact the school at 325-4435. Thank you.

Families Wanting to Send Snacks & Treats to their Child's Classroom on Special Occasions

- ✚ With ongoing concerns of COVID 19 – teachers can accept food products being brought to your child's classroom. We ask that all food items to be store purchased (not home baked) and individually wrapped. This would hold importance for class parties & special events.

Refillable Water Bottle

- ✚ All students must have a refillable water bottle, we do not have drinking fountains only water fillable stations. Important to put your child's name on the water bottle, so is lost, we can ensure we get the water bottle back to the student. Unfortunately, the school cannot provide water bottles to our students. Thank you.

Term 1 Report Cards & Parent Teacher Interviews

- ✚ Report cards will be going home on Thursday, December 1st
- ✚ Parent-Teacher Interviews will be taking place between the dates of December 8 (5pm-7:30pm) and December 9 (8:30am-11:30am). These meetings can be done face-to-face, by telephone or virtually.
- ✚ 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 out and make contact with them.
- ✚ If you have any questions, please call the school at 325-4435. Thank you.

Townsvieview Scholastic – In Person Book Fair (December 6-8, 2022)

- ✚ This year Townsvieview is hosting an in person Book Fair – December 6-8, 2022
- ✚ Families & Students will be permitted to visit the book fair in our library during the dates above. It will be held in conjunction with the parent teacher interviews on Thursday, December 8th.
- ✚ If you have any questions – please contact our School Librarian Melissa Keenan by email, her email address is melissa.keenan@nbed.nb.ca . Thank you.

Harvey Studios Pictures Retakes (K-8 Students & Curious Kids) – Tuesday, November 8th

- ✚ Harvey Studios will be here on Wednesday, November 8th for student and school personnel picture re-takes
 - On this day, this will only be for students who were absent on the initial picture day, or new to our school and/or you returned the picture order form and you indicated on the form that you wanted your child to have a picture retake.

Colder Weather

- ✚ The colder weather is now upon us, so please be mindful that the children go outside every day for recesses, Phys. Ed classes, etc.
- ✚ It is extremely important to have your child wear outside shoes and when they come in, they can change into their indoor shoes. Children need to come dressed appropriately for the weather.

ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT - SCHOOL CLOSURES

An Important Message to Parents – School Closures Because of Weather Conditions

Anglophone West School District is committed to the safe and efficient transportation of students. The District recognizes it may be necessary to cancel bus runs, close schools, or delay school opening to ensure students are not endangered by hazards brought on by poor weather and road conditions. When a decision is made to close school, delay school opening, cancel bus runs, or delay bus runs, safety is the number one consideration.

Important Notes:

- ✚ There may be occasions when a particular bus route is hazardous because of varying weather conditions throughout the district. In cases where the bus driver has a safety concern, he or she has the responsibility to recommend either the cancellation or delay of his/her particular bus run.
- ✚ Parents may exercise their right to keep children at home if they believe that the weather and/or road conditions are not suitable. Students will not be penalized for such absences; however, parents must provide a written excuse to the student's teacher when the child returns to school.
- ✚ There are times when school buses run late for reasons unrelated to weather. Individual school buses expected to be more than 20 minutes late will be announced whenever possible. Parents are responsible for the safety of their children at the stop until the bus comes.
- ✚ **Decision Process:** The Superintendent of Schools makes the decision to close schools after district transportation personnel provide current information about weather and road conditions. The school district transportation department has access to current weather and road conditions throughout the district through the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure road supervisors, a contracted weather information service provider, as well as other internet sites. Inclement weather predictions are monitored closely throughout the prior evening and again from 5:00 a.m. onward.

Communication:

- ✚ TOWNSVIEW IS IN SCHOOL ZONE 3:
- ✚ It is a school-based decision to use voice-messaging to notify families - if available.
- ✚ Parents should not rely on this means of notification for information about school closures.
- ✚ Announcements will be made on local radio stations, through a recorded message that can be heard by dialing the district public information line at 1-888-388-4455 (toll free) or 453-5454 (local calls) any time after 6:00 a.m., and by checking the district website at www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca.
- ✚ Please tune in to the local radio station CJ 104.1FM – Woodstock for announcement of a school closure or delay.