Townsview School - Parent Newsletter

October 1 – November 20, 2020

Welcome Back

* **On behalf of the Administrative Team (Pat Thorne, Steven Jones & Angela Ketch) and the staff of Townsview School, we would like to extend a huge welcome to all of our students and to our parent community. It has certainly been a very quick start to our year, and our students are settling in very nicely.**
* **If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 325-4435. Administration can also be reached by email**
* **Pat Thorne –** **Patricia.Thorne@nbed.nb.ca**
* **Angela Ketch –** **Angela.Ketch@nbed.nb.ca**
* **Steven Jones –** **Steven.Jones@nbed.nb.ca**

Some Important Dates to Remember

* **September 28th Swim Program (2A @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (3/4B @ 1:10pm)**
* **September 28th Home & School Meeting @ 7pm**
* **September 30th Swim Program (2B @ 9:00am) (3C @ 1:10pm)**
* **September 30th Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters**
* **October 2nd Swim Program (2C @ 9:00am) (3A @ 10:30am) (3D @ 1:10pm)**
* **October 2nd Wear the color red in honor of Terry Fox or if not red – wear the school color day (black & gold)**
* **October 5th Swim Program (2A @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (3/4B @ 1:10pm)**
* **October 5th #BlueUp – World Day of Bullying Prevention (wear the color blue)**
* **October 5th World Teachers” Day**
* **October 7 Swim Program (2B @ 9:00am) (3C @ 1:10pm)**
* **October 7th PSSC Meeting @ 6:30pm**
* **October 8th Start of Potato Sales Fundraiser**
* **October 9th Swim Program (2C @ 9:00am) (3A @ 10:30am) (3D @ 1:10pm)**
* **October 12th Thanksgiving Day – No School for Students & Staff**
* **October 13th 2021-2022 Pre-Kindergarten Registration**
* **October 14th Swim Program (2B @ 9:00am) (3C @ 1:10pm)**
* **October 14th 2021-2022 Pre-Kindergarten Registration**
* **October 15th 2021-2022 Pre-Kindergarten Registration**
* **October 16th Swim Program (2C @ 9:00am) (3A @ 10:30am) (3D @ 1:10pm)**
* **October 16th 2021-2022 Pre-Kindergarten Registration**
* **October 19th – 23rd Safe Schools Week**
* **October 19th Swim Program (2A @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (3/4B @ 1:10pm)**
* **October 21st Swim Program (2B @ 9:00am) (3C @ 1:00pm)**
* **October 23rd Swim Program (2C @ 9:00am) (3A @ 10:30am) (3D @ 1:10pm)**
* **October 26th Swim Program (2A @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (3/4B @ 1:10pm)**
* **October 27th End of Potato Sales Campaign**
* **October 28th Swim Program (2B @ 9:00am) (3C @ 1:10pm)**
* **October30th Swim Program (2C @ 9:00am) (3A @ 10:30am) (3D @ 1:10pm)**
* **October 30th Camouflage Day and/or Hunter’s Orange Day**
* **November 2nd Swim Program (2A @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (3/4B @ 1:10pm)**
* **November4th Swim Program (2B @ 9:00am) (3C @ 1:10pm)**
* **November 6th National Jersey Day – wear your favorite team jersey or school color day**
* **November 9th Swim Program (2A @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (3/4B @ 1:10pm)**
* **November 11th Remembrance Day – No School for Students & Staff**
* **November 13th Swim Program (2C @ 9:00am) (3A @ 10:30am) (3D @ 1:10pm)**
* **November 16th – 20th Diversity & Respect Week**
* **November 16th Swim Program (2A @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (3/4B @ 1:10pm)**
* **November 18th Swim Program (2B @ 9:00am) (3C @ 1:00pm)**
* **November 18th Potato Sales Pick Up from 4:00pm – 7::00pm**

**→ please do not come any earlier than this as we have to have our school buses depart**

* **November 19th Potato Sales Pick Up from 4:00pm-7:00pm**
* **November 20th Staff Professional Learning & Report Day (No school for Students)**
* **November 20th Potato Sales Pick Up – you can come during the day up until 7:00pm**

Middle School Cross Country Running up until October 23rd (weather permitting)

* **Grade 6 Cross Country Running is every Monday night after school from 3:00pm-3:45pm**
* **Grade 7 & 8 Cross Country Running is every Thursday after school from 3:00pm-3:45pm**

**COVID 19 – Exhibiting 2 or More Symptoms**

* **If your child is exhibiting 2 or more symptoms, then you as a parent will need to decide whether you have your child come to school that day or stay at home, we are asking you as a parent/guardian to make the parental decision in helping to keep our school community safe.**
* **We the school are not medical professionals, when in doubt, we suggest you call 811 COVID 19 Public Health or speak with your health care provider for more direction.**

**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****.**

Townsview Home & School Association

* **A group of active volunteers, including parents, guardians, teachers and administrators committed to making Townsview School a better place for the students and staff.**
* **We fundraise through the school year and hold community events, where possible with COVID 19 restrictions in place.**
* **You can help by volunteering your time, making a monetary donation or donating items throughout the year when needed for our events.**
* **If you are interested in becoming involved with the H&S Association, please contact Pam Steeves** **pamsteeves42@gmail.com** **.**

**Townsview PSSC**

* **The Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) is a group of parents and community members who work in an encouraging, advisory, and collaborative fashion with the School Principal and staff to ensure the best possible learning opportunities for students of their school.**
* **We do have room for 2-3 other members, if you are interested in joining this committee, please contact the School Principal, Pat Thorne at:** **Patricia.Thorne@nbed.nb.ca**

School Reminders

* **Student Arrival for bus students takes place between 7:50am-8:30am**
* **Student Arrival for parent drop offs is to start at 8:00am**
* **Student Arrival for walkers is to start at 8:10am**
* **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 help to give it**

 **back to them**

* **All staff and students must have a community face mask when entering the building. Please ensure your child has one before coming to school**

 **Their community face mask should be kept in a baggie and put their name on the baggie and mask so if lost we can return it to them**

* **All visitors must wear a community face mask when coming into the school, if you do not have one, you will not be able to enter the school**
* **If you are wanting to meet with your child’s teacher – you will need to call the school and make an appointment. Please note as per the**

**Operational plan, this meeting may be virtual or face to face.**

* **If you need to leave your vehicle, please do not use the stop and drop-off lane before and after school. You must park in one of the parking lots, the main parking lot or the upper parking lot. The stop & drop lane is there to keep the traffic moving.**
* **Please note that the main parking lot is not to be used as another stop and drop-off lane. Constant traffic flow presents a danger to pedestrians who are walking into the school**
* **All Middle School Students have a $30.00 student fee (grades 6-8). These fees are collected at the start of each school year to support both**

**instructional and extra-curricular activities that take place inside and outside the classroom. Please pay this fee by October 2nd . In addition**

**your child is provided a student agenda and a school lock for their locker**

* **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**](http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/TownsView/Pages/default.aspx)

**Halloween Dress Up**

* **For Friday, October 30th we are requesting that students only wear either hunter orange and/or camo clothing.**
* **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.**

Pre-Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year

* **Pre-Kindergarten Registration for students entering school in the Fall of 2021 begins October 13th**

**Starting Oct. 13th - Parents 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. When coming into the school to register your child, all COVID 19 restrictions would need to be adhered to.**
* **For additional informstion – we ask that you contact the school at 325-4435. Thank you.**

Potato Sales Campaign

* **This will be taking place once again. This is our one and only fundraising campaign. The Potato Sales Campagin will begin on Thursday, October 8th and will end on Tuesday, October 27th**
* **There will be a more detailed letter going home with your child by Friday, October 2nd**
* **I know that COVID 19 will present challenges with our sales campaign and we remind our parents that children should not be going door to door for sales. Hoping you are able to reach out to family in support of our fundraiser. We do appreciate your support. Thank you.**

Families Wanting to Send Food to their Child’s Classroom

* **Due to COVID 19 restrictions – teachers cannot accept food being brought to your child’s classroom. This would hold importance for class parties & special events.**

**Dress Code**

* **In accordance with our Student Handbook – we ask our staff and students to wear appropriate school clothing.**
* **This may not necessarily be in keeping with today’s fashions**; **however, everyone is expected to dress sensibly and modestly. The following guidelines should be kept in mind:**
* **Tops must have backs and fronts that completely cover undergarments. The chest and waist must be covered.**
* **Shorts and skirts are to be of length no shorter than mid-thigh.**
* **Pants and trousers are to be worn properly fastened at the waist to ensure that undergarments do not show.**
* **Clothing should not bear any offensive slogans, or advertisement of drugs and/or alcohol.**