

Townsville School - Parent Newsletter

September 8th – November 4th , 2022

Welcome Back

- ✦ On behalf of the Administrative Team (Angela Ketch, Holly Jones & Pat Thorne) and the staff of Townsville School, we would like to extend a huge welcome to all of our students, staff and our parent community back to school. Both of our staff & 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
 - Holly Jones – Holly.Jones@nbed.nb.ca

Some Important Dates to Remember

- ✦ September 15 New Brunswick Human Rights Day
- ✦ September 16 Welcome Back – Student Assembly
- ✦ September 17 Becca Schofield Day
- ✦ September 23 Terry Fox Walk – Wear Red in honor of Terry Fox or if not red – wear our school colors (black & gold)
→ collecting a toonie for the Terry Fox Foundations – Families are welcome to join us 😊
- ✦ September 30 Orange Shirt Day – National Day of Truth & Reconciliation (Every Child Matters)
- ✦ September 30 Grade 5 Classes – Kings Landing Trip
- ✦ September 30 Potato Sales Fundraiser Parent Letter to Go Home
- ✦ October 3 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (5A @ 10:45am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ October 5 Swim Program (4A @ 9:00am)
- ✦ October 5 World Teacher's Day
- ✦ October 5 PSSC Meeting @ 6:30pm
- ✦ October 6 Potato Sales Campaign Begins
- ✦ October 6 Grade 8 Quebec Trip – 1st Student Payment is Due
- ✦ October 7 Swim Program (5C @ 9:00am) (5B @ 10:45am) (3C @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ October 10 Thanksgiving Day – No School for Students and Staff (School is Closed)
- ✦ October 11 Pre-K Registration begins for students entering school for the 2023-2024 school year
- ✦ October 11 Harvey Pictures are being taken in the morning for all K-8 students and Curious Kids
- ✦ October 12 Swim Program (4A @ 9:00am)
- ✦ October 13 Club Day @ 1:10pm
- ✦ October 14 Swim Program (5C @ 9:00am) (5B @ 10:45am) (3C @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ October 17 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (5A @ 10:45am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ October 19 Swim Program (4A @ 9:00am)
- ✦ 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 25 Potato Sales Campaign Ends – Appreciate the support for our major fundraiser
- ✦ 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 is 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
- ✦ November 2 Swim Program (4A @ 9:00am)
- ✦ November 4 Swim Program (5C @ 9:00am) (5B @ 10:45am) (3C @ 1:30pm)

Important Forms to be Signed and Returned to School

- ✦ Student Data Demographic (green)
- ✦ Parent Consent for Student Photographs to be Published (orange)
- ✦ Transportation Form - (if needed) (yellow). It is important to note that in accordance with District Policy, we the school do not permit students to travel on the bus for play dates, birthday parties, etc.
- ✦ Policy 311 – Acceptable Computer Use Agreement (purple)
- ✦ Parent Permission for Student General Trips within the local region of Woodstock (pink)
- ✦ ASD-W Parent Public Portal Program (yellow)
- ✦ Grade 3A, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B & 5C parent permission forms for our Swim Program (yellow)
- ✦ Grade 8 Year End Quebec Trip – Acceptance is by order of the Parent Permission Form being returned to school

In Addition to the Forms that have been sent home, your child's teacher and/or myself will be sending home electronically and posting on our School Website and/or our Townsville Home & School Facebook Page the following documents:

- ✦ Cafeteria Menu
- ✦ Student Handbook
- ✦ September-October Parent / Guardian Information Newsletter

Grade 8 Year-End Trip to Quebec City (June 17, 18 & 19, 2023)

- ✚ We have added the year end Grade 8 Trip to Quebec City to our student activities. A letter is being sent home to all of our grade 8 parents letting them know of this event. If you have questions, please reach out to the Principal – Pat Thorne by email or by calling the school. Thank you.

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

- ✚ Follow us on Twitter - @TownsviewSchool
- ✚ Check out our School Website <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/TownsView/Pages/default.aspx>
- ✚ Follow our Townsview Lost & Found Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/townsviewschoollostfound>
- ✚ Follow Us on Our Townsview Home & School Facebook Page

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.

Grades 2-5 Swim Program

- ✚ Each year we offer the Grade 2-5 swim program, as swimming is a life skill, we feel this is an important service for our students and families. Over the past four years we have had recurring deficits and this past year we had a deficit of \$5,000.00 with the school having to absorb these deficits. These deficits is something that we the school cannot continue to sustain.
- ✚ With this, we have had to increase the cost of our swimming program to \$63.00. I would ask that our families pay the \$63.00 fee as soon as you can. You can pay by school cash online, by cash or by cheque (cheques made out to Townsview School) It might be that we can set up some sort of a payment plan if you like.
- ✚ In addition, we the school are looking at the unfortunate reality of our deficits and we may not be able to continue our Gr. 2-5 swim program in the 2023-2024 school year. This is our last resort in the decision making process, but we are wanting to give our parent community a heads-up on this as well. Truly do appreciate your understanding of our request in support of the swimming program.

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 September is Growth Mindset

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.
- ✚ If you are in need of any additional information, please contact Principal - Pat Thorne at: Patricia.Thorne@nbed.nb.ca

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.

School Reminders

- ✚ Student Arrival for bus students takes place between 8:00am-8:30am.
- ✚ Student Arrival for parent drop offs is to start at 8:00am.
- ✚ Student Arrival for walkers is to start 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
- ✚ All Middle School Students have a \$31.50 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 September 30th . 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>
- ✚ 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

Middle School Dances (Grades 6-8)

- ✚ Middle School Dances will resume once again – the dances will be listed on our bi-monthly parent newsletter as well as announced within our Thunder Express (morning announcements)
- ✚ Students must be in attendance of school on the day of the dance
- ✚ The cost is \$5.00 per person and the dances start at 7:00pm and we ask that parents arrange to pick up their child at 9:00pm

Townsvie Home & School Association

Welcome back for another year at Townsvie and for those who are new to our school WELCOME!!

- ✚ **Who are we?** We are a group of active volunteers who continue to work closely with the staff at our school to build an all inclusive environment and provide support when needed!
- ✚ **How do we do this?** We play an active role in supporting our staff, students and parent community by sharing information, promoting resources and fundraising!
- ✚ **How can you help?** Follow us on Facebook! Please “Like” the Townsvie Home and School Association Facebook page and follow us for weekly updates, school announcements and updates!! If you are interested in joining our committee, donating your time or helping with fundraisers or school events. Please reach out and contact us via our Facebook Page OR send us an e-mail at homeschooltownsvie@gmail.com !!

Thanks again for your continued support...we couldn't make an impact without the support of our awesome staff, students and parent community!

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 7:45am-8:30am and 3:00pm-4:00pm. This is not safe and it slows down our traffic flow.

Athletics (After School Activities)

- ✚ Grades 6-8 Girls Soccer Tryouts are September 8th (Thursday) & September 12th (Monday) from 3:00pm-4:30pm at the school soccer field
- ✚ Grades 6-8 Girls Soccer Practice will be September 14th (Wednesday) from 3:00pm-4:30pm at the middle school soccer field
- ✚ Grades 6-8 Boys Soccer Tryouts are September 8th (Thursday) from 5:30pm-7:00pm
- ✚ Grades 6-8 Boys Soccer Tryouts are September 12th from 6:00pm-7:30pm
- ✚ Grades 6-8 Boys Soccer Practice will be September 15th (Thursday) from 5:30pm-7:00pm at the soccer field
- ✚ Grades 6-8 Cross Country Running will be September 12th (Monday) from 3:00pm-3:45pm
- ✚ Grades 6-8 Cross Country Running will be September 15th (Thursday) from 3:00pm-3:45pm
- ✚ Grades 3-5 Cross Country Running will be September 14th (Wednesday) from 3:00pm-3:30pm
- ✚ Grades 3-5 Cross Country Running will be September 15th (Thursday) from 3:00pm-3:30pm
- ✚ Grades 4-8 Carleton County Badminton Club begins on September 15th (Thursday) from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the middle school gym

Halloween Dress Up

- ✚ For Monday, October 31st 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 2023-2024 School 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.

Potato Sales Campaign

- ✚ This will be taking place once again. This is our one and only fundraising campaign. The Potato Sales Campaign will begin on Thursday, October 6th and will end on Tuesday, October 25th
- ✚ There will be a more detailed letter going home with your child by Friday, September 30th
- ✚ 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 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.

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, I would ask that 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 Townsvie-nb-aswd.nutrislice.com

Harvey Studios Pictures & Picture Retakes (K-8 Students & Curious Kids)

- ✚ Harvey Studios will be here on Tuesday, October 11th for student and school personnel pictures
- ✚ They will also be back on Wednesday, November 8th for picture retakes.
 - 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.