

# **TOWN CENTRE PRIVATE SCHOOLS®**



Montessori Pre-School • Elementary • High School

#### Dates to Remember

October 7 and 8 Photo Day

### October 9

P.D. Day -School Closed for All Divisions

October 12 Thanksgiving Holiday School Closed

#### October 30

Halloween Dress Up Day



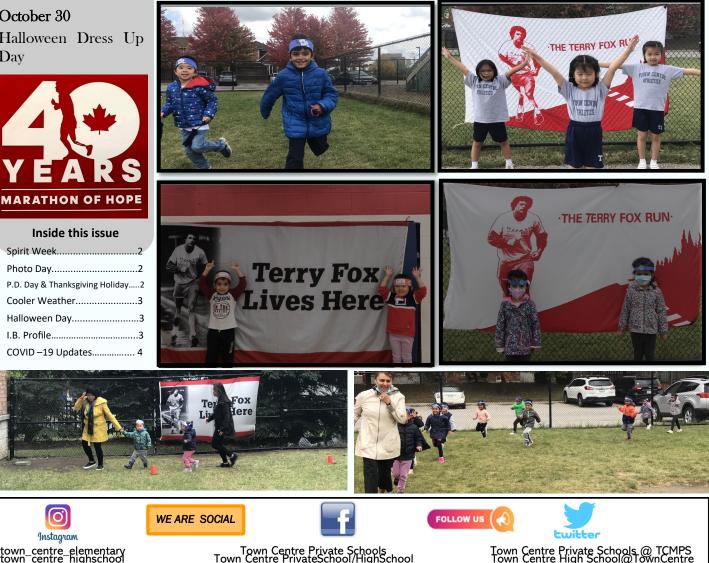
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#### AMARILLO CAMPUS INFORMATION BULLETIN - OCTOBER 2020

40th Anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope On Wednesday, September 30th students and staff from all 3 Divisions: Pre-School, Elementary and High School walked, jogged or ran TCPS "Marathon of Hope". The aim of this annual and worldwide event is to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. Over the past 14 years, TCPS has raised approximately \$210,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Our goal this year is to raise over \$13,000! Please note that all money pledged for the Terry Fox Foundation is due by Thursday, October 15th. Please help show your support by donating to: http://www.terryfox.ca/TownCentrePrivateAmarilloMarkham http://www.terryfox.ca/TownCentrePrivateClaytonMarkham



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Montessori Pre-School, Private Elementary School and Private High School, Three Distinct Programs - One Unique School

# Spirit Week - Grades 1 to 8

Between September 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, our students participated in a week full of great activities like Marvel'ous Monday, Team Tuesday, Weird Wednesday, Tropical Thursday and Fun Friday. Thank you to all the students, parents and staff for an amazing and fun filled Spirit Week.



### Photo Day - Amarillo Campus

Our annual Photo Day will take place on Wednesday, October 7th and Thursday, October 8th. On this day the Amarillo Campus students will have their individual pictures taken and the students will be provided with a class composite photo this year instead of a group photo. This is an excellent opportunity to ensure your child is part of the composite.

Part-time and afternoon only students are asked to attend school in the morning session so their picture may be included in the class photo and yearbook. All grade 1 students must be in their full school uniform.

Photo proof packages will be sent out approximately 1 month later. Purchasing a photo package is optional; however, Lifetouch will only be taking Online orders this year. Students who are unable to attend on photo day will have a retake day on Monday morning, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### P.D. Day and Thanksgiving Holiday

On Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> all staff will be participating in a Professional Development Day. Please note that October 9<sup>th</sup> will be a non-school day for all students.

With Thanksgiving in the horizon we would like to say thank you to all our families for being a part of our TCPS community. The school will be closed on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. Classes will

resume at their regularly scheduled hours on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. We would like to wish all of our TCPS families a safe and happy Thanksgiving weekend.



Happy Thanksgiving, eh!





### **Cooler Weather**

Fall has arrived and the children are enjoying seeing the changes in the weather and trees. Please remember to dress your children for the cooler weather. Please ensure that your child brings a jacket everyday. Parents should ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on all clothing brought to school. We also recommend removing all strings from your child's hooded garment for their own safety.



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# Halloween

On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, our students will be enjoying Halloween Dress Up and Pumpkin Carving Day. The students will still have their Halloween; however, it will look a lot different than it did last year. Students are welcome to come to school in costumes.

Due to the current pandemic no food or candies will be allowed to be brought into the school. Students will enjoy this day through various Halloween activities within their cohorts. We will do our best to make sure that students can still celebrate Halloween but in a more limited fashion.









Each class will be participating in a pumpkin carving contest. Students will be carving or decorating pumpkins with their cohorts in their classrooms.

The pumpkins will be on display outside the three entrances of Amarillo Campus on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by and check out our spooky creations!

# International Baccalaureate Learner Profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world. Teachers will highlight a different Learner Profile attribute each month.

This IB Learner Profile Attribute for October:

### KNOWLEDGEABLE

"Knowledgeable students explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. In so doing, they acquire in-depth knowledge and develop understanding across a broad and balanced range of disciplines."

## **COVID-19 UPDATES**

We would like to express our gratitude to parents for their patience, cooperation and understanding in these difficult times.

As you know, many schools have been impacted by this pandemic and **TCPS** is no exception. Nothing is more important than the health and safety of our students, staff and families.

We continue to follow all COVID-19 related safety procedures outlined by York Region Public Health and the Ministry of Education. We would like to share the attached document that we received from York Region Public Health to support schools and parents. The attachment is a decision tree that helps parents decide Should My Child Attend School?

Please check the School App regularly for any further updates.

## HAPPY TO BE BACK AT SCHOOL!













**STAY** 

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# SHOULD MY CHILD ATTEND SCHOOL?

COVID-19 is a viral illness caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2 and is spread through respiratory droplets when in close contact with someone who is infected. This virus can often cause a mild illness, with symptoms similar to that of the common cold can also cause more severe illness, with symptoms such as pneumonia (infection of the lungs).

#### Common symptoms

Shortness of breath

Cough (that is new or worsening)

Symptoms of

COVID-19

Fever (a temperature of 37.8°C/100.0°F or greater)

#### Other symptoms may include

- Sore Throat
- Runny nose (Rhinorrhea)
- Nasal Congestion
- · Nausea and/or vomiting
  - Diarrhea

• Decrease or loss of sense of taste or smell

Abdominal pain

It is recommended that any individual experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms seek medical attention and be tested for COVID-19.

#### Remember to screen your child for symptoms and risk factors every morning before school

Should my child go to What actions should I take? school? KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL 1. Notify your child's school 2. Your child is required to self-isolate at home for at least 14 days from the day they developed symptoms YES Has your child received a positive COVID-19 3. Your child should also be isolated from any household members who are not also confirmed cases test result? 4. York Region Public Health receives notification of all confirmed cases of COVID-19 and follows each case during their isolation period. Public Health will help you understand when your child is ready to return to school All of your child's close contacts, including siblings and other household contacts must self-isolate for 14 days from their last exposure to your child. NO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL 1. Notify your child's school Does your child have 2. Your child should self-isolate at home for at least 14 days from the day they developed symptoms COVID-19-like symptoms and has had YES 3. Seek medical attention for your child, including having them tested for COVID-19 close contact with an individual with COVID-4. Your child should also be isolated from any household members 19 or has travelled out of Canada in the past 5. Public Health follows all probable cases awaiting test results during their isolation period and will help you understand when your child is ready to 14 days? return to school All of your child's close contacts including siblings and other household contacts must self-isolate while awaiting your child's test results and for the remainder of the 14 days if your child tests positive. NO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL 1. Notify your child's school 2. Seek medical attention for your child, including having them tested for COVID-19 YES Does your child have 3. Your child should self-isolate at home COVID-19 like symptoms? 4. If your child is tested and receives a negative result they may return to school if at least 24 hrs have passed since symptoms started improving. 5. If not tested your child must self-isolate for 14 days from the day symptoms started. If assessed by a health care provider their return to school may be considered earlier is some instances (e.g., symptoms are related to an ongoing health concern). Your child's close contacts including siblings and other household contacts do not need to self-isolate while awaiting test results (siblings may attend NO school during this time). KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL Has your child been in close contact with an YES 1. Notify your child's school individual with COVID-19 or travelled out of 2. Your child should self-isolate at home for 14 days since they were in close contact to an individual with COVID-19 or travelled out of Canada Canada in the past 14 days? 3. If your child develops symptoms seek medical attention for your child, including having them tested for COVID-19 №∫ YOUR CHILD MAY ATTEND SCHOOL Is your child living with 1. Monitor your child for symptoms and keep child isolated from the ill individual an individual who is YES experiencing Your child may continue to attend school symptoms of COVID-19 but that person has 3. If your child develops symptoms seek medical attention for your child, including having them tested for COVID-19 no known exposures or recent travel? 4. If the ill individual tests positive for COVID-19 your child will have to isolate for 14 days from their last exposure to the individual. If the ill individual is never tested return to school should be considered on a case by case basis as advised by a health care professional or Public Health NO PROBABLE CASE: Individuals who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 who have in the 14 days prior to symptom onset had close contact with a confirmed or probable case or have travelled outside of Canada. Your child may go to CLOSE CONTACT: People who were within 2-meters of an individual for more than 10 minutes, who provide care to them or live in school the same household, people they have had close physical contact with, such as shaking hands or who they have accidentally

coughed, sneezed or spit on while talking to

