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November 2020

Upcoming Events:

- **November 4**
HS Information Session
- **November 11**
Remembrance Day
- **November 16 to 20**
Bullying Prevention Week

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Terry Fox Foundation

Thank you to our parents, students, and staff for your support of the Terry Fox Foundation, to raise funds and awareness for Cancer research. With revised safety protocols this year, our annual Terry Fox fundraising ran a little differently without our regular Toonies for Terry event and donations only being accepted online. Despite this, we were still able to collectively raise \$6,195. This brings the grand total of donations to the Terry Fox Foundation to over **\$217,000** since 2006! A big thank you to B. Chew who was our largest contributor with his donation of \$3200! We remain committed to participating annually in this very worthy cause and are very appreciative of the generosity of our families and students like B. Chew at Town Centre!



High School Information Session

On November 4 the High School will host an Information Session. Teachers and Administrative staff will share information and answer questions that you might have about High School. We invite you to take this opportunity to find out more about the benefits of Town Centre High School and what TCPS has to offer.

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Our Pre-school division is now on Instagram under the name **town_centre_preschool**. Please follow TCPS on Instagram!

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IB Learner Profile Attribute for November:**Thinker**

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible action on complex problems.

Remembrance Day Observances

Remembrance Day will be observed on Wednesday, November 11 to honour the memory and courage of all those who served in the Canadian Forces. Students will have in class activities and will have a poppy to wear for the day.

Unfortunately, this year we will not collect coin donations for the Markham District Veterans Association's Poppy Campaign. Students and parents and staff are still encouraged to donate through the [Royal Canadian Legion's website](#) with voluntary online donations. Donated funds support Veterans and their families, and promote Remembrance.

**Bullying Prevention Week**

TCPS Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week will take place from November 16 to 20. Students will participate in activities throughout the week which will emphasize bullying awareness and prevention, teamwork building skills and the theme of caring. For the older elementary students, part of the focus will be about electronic or cyber bullying through internet, social media and email forums. The SAC will be running an Orange Ribbon campaign which stands for UNITY and Anti-Bullying. Look for the display of orange ribbons on the playfield fence! Together, we can make a stand against bullying!

**Food Drive and Toy Drive**

COVID-19 has increased the necessity for communities to come together to support programs like the Markham Food Bank. The elementary Student Activity Council (SAC) will be organizing a Food Drive and a Toy Drive from November 23 to December 4. During drop off times, parents and students who wish to donate may place items inside donation boxes at the entrances. Please note that all toy or food contributions are voluntary. We would like to remind everyone to practice proper safety as they donate items. The SAC thanks you very much!



Food Drive items must be non-perishable, unopened, and not expired.
Toy Drive items must be new and come in a package.
Please do not donate plush animals this year.





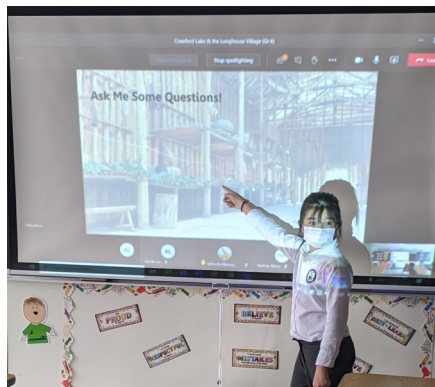
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Virtual Field Trips

We're excited to bring virtual field trips to Town Centre to enhance the school program for your child. Both in person and remote learning students can participate in interactive, and interesting presentations from many different venues and ask questions in real time. We look forward to many more virtual field trips coming soon!

COVID Self Assessment

We would like to remind all parents and students to continue to conduct the self assessment every morning prior to arriving to school. Here are the links to the self-screening assessment tools and a copy of the Screening Tool is attached to the end of this Newsletter for your reference. Thank you for your cooperation.

[Ontario.ca COVID Screening Tool](https://www.ontario.ca/covid-screening-tool)

[Ontario.ca School Screening Online](https://www.ontario.ca/school-screening-online)

Happy with TCPS? Let us know!



Thank you to the families of Town Centre for your continued support especially during these unprecedented times. We'd love to hear your thoughts! Share your school experience with us by leaving a Google review! Happy with TCPS? Let us know!

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COVID-19 Screening tool for students and children in school and child care

Version 3: October 5, 2020

Students and children must screen for COVID-19 every day before going to school or child care. Parents/guardians can fill this out on behalf of a child.

Date (mm-dd-yyyy)_____

Screening Questions (place an “X” in the appropriate column)

1. Are they currently experiencing any of these symptoms?

Choose any/all that are new, worsening, and not related to other known causes or medical conditions.

Fever and/or chills Temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius/100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Cough or barking cough (croup) Continuous, more than usual, making a whistling noise when breathing, not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, asthma, post-infectious reactive airways)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Shortness of breath Out of breath, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, asthma)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Decrease or loss of smell or taste Not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, allergies, neurological disorders)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

2. Are they currently experiencing any of these symptoms?

Choose any/all that are new, worsening, and not related to other known causes or medical conditions.

Sore throat or difficulty swallowing Painful swallowing, not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, seasonal allergies, acid reflux)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Runny or stuffy/congested nose Not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, seasonal allergies, being outside in cold weather)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Headache that's unusual or long lasting Not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, tension-type headaches, chronic migraines)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea Not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, irritable bowel syndrome, anxiety in children, menstrual cramps)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Extreme tiredness that is unusual or muscle aches Fatigue, lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction, sudden injury)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

3. Have they travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?

Yes No

4. In the last 14 days, has a public health unit identified them as a close contact of someone who currently has COVID-19?

Yes No

5. Has a doctor, health care provider, or public health unit told them/you that they should currently be isolating (staying at home)?

Yes No


6. In the last 14 days, have they received a COVID Alert exposure notification on their cell phone?

Yes No

Results of Screening Questions

 If you answered "YES" to any of the symptoms included under question 1:

- Contact the school/child care to let them know about this result.
- They should isolate (stay home) and not leave except to get tested or for a medical emergency.
- Talk with a doctor/health care provider to get advice or an assessment, including if they need a COVID-19 test.
- Household members without symptoms may go to school/child care/work. Check your local public health unit's website or call to see if they have different rules based on local risk.

 If you answered "YES" to only one of the symptoms included under question 2:

- Contact the school/child care to let them know about this result.
- They should isolate (stay home) for 24 hours and not leave except for a medical emergency.
- After 24 hours if their symptom is improving, they can return to school/child care when they feel well enough to go. They do not need to get tested.
- Household members without symptoms may go to school/child care/work. Check your local public health unit's website or call to see if they have different rules based on local risk.

 If you answered "YES" to two or more of the symptoms included under question 2:

- Contact the school/child care to let them know about this result.
- They should isolate (stay home) and not leave except to get tested or for a medical emergency.
- Talk with a doctor/health care provider to get advice or an assessment, including if they need a COVID-19 test.
- Household members without symptoms may go to school/child care/work. Check your local public health unit's website or call to see if they have different rules based on local risk.

 If you answered "YES" to question 3, 4, 5 or 6:

- Contact the school/child care to let them know about this result.
- They should isolate (stay home) for 14 days and not leave except to get tested or for a medical emergency.
- Talk with a doctor/health care provider to get advice or an assessment, including if they need a COVID-19 test.

 If you answered "NO" to all questions, your child may go to school/child care.

Public Health Ontario - Contact Tracing

Answering these questions is optional. This information will only be used by Public Health officials for contact tracing. All information will be deleted in 28 days.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Phone or Email: _____