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Montessori Pre-School • Elementary • High School



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Amarillo and Milliken Campuses Information Bulletin

September 2017



Terry Fox Run

Welcome all new families and returning families to the start of another school year. We look forward to a rewarding 2017-2018! In this Information Bulletin you will find details about important programs and upcoming events.

Our first major event for the new school year will be **The Terry Fox Run**. On Thursday, September 28th the students and staff from all 3 Divisions, Pre-School, Elementary and High School will participate in our 11th annual Terry Fox Run. This event has been a huge success in the past and we look forward to supporting this great cause again. Last year TCPS raised \$14,660.50 and this year we hope to surpass the amount and raise \$15,000.00. We are also proud to inform you that TCPS placed 16th among the top 50 Terry Fox Fundraising Schools in Ontario.

Raising awareness and participating in a worthy cause is another way in which TCPS students can have a significant impact in our community. Students will be receiving more information along with their pledge forms shortly.

Dates to Remember

September 12

Amarillo Campus
Meet the Teacher Night &
Meet the After School
Courses Instructors
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

September 13

Milliken Campus
Meet the Teacher Night
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

September 18

After School Courses Fall
Session Begins

September 25 to 29

Grade 1 Spirit Week

September 28

Terry Fox School Run

Meet the Teacher Night and Meet the After School Courses Instructors

Amarillo Campus – Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Milliken Campus – Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Our annual Meet the Teacher Night will take place on the above noted dates for each Campus from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Meet the Teacher Night allows parents and guardians the opportunity to visit your child's Campus, meet the teachers, subject teachers and tour the classes. Students are welcome to attend. Teachers will explain the methods and procedures followed in class. Teachers are not available to discuss each child's progress with parents on this evening as there will be many other parents in attendance for the teachers to meet. Discussing individual student progress is better suited for the Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of the term. After School Courses instructors will also be present in the Gymnasium to answer any questions.

We hope that through the Meet the Teacher Night you will experience the kind of supportive learning environment we strive to provide for your child on a day to day basis.



Keep updated with the latest TCPS news and events! Help us grow our presence; like us on Facebook, "Town Centre Private Schools", and follow us on Twitter, "tcmps@tcmps".



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After School Courses - Fall Session

The After School Courses for the 2017-2018 academic year commences Monday, September 18th. For busy parents the After School Courses provide a perfect opportunity for their child to acquire new skills, develop talents and learn contemporary technologies. Please refer to the After School Courses information package for course information, days and times.

We encourage parents and guardians to return the enrolment forms as soon as possible. Enrolments are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

New This Year! Knowledge makes Cents Art with Pencil Studio

Grades 1 to 8 TCPS Spirit Week

Our TCPS Spirit Week will be held during the week of Monday, September 25th to Friday, September 29th. This week will surely be an exciting one for all students and staff.

Anaphylactic Allergies

Within our school community there are a number of students who have a potentially life threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominantly to peanuts and nuts.

The risk to human life presented by anaphylaxis is severe and we feel the best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to students is to ask for the cooperation of the parents and guardians to avoid sending peanut butter or products with peanuts or nuts in the ingredients. **The school is not designated as “nut free” or “allergen free”. Your voluntary support is requested in reducing the risk for the students who have anaphylactic allergies.** Also, a list of ingredients must be provided for all food brought to the classroom for all special occasions. Your cooperation and understanding of this matter is appreciated.

Appropriate Footwear

Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate footwear to school. Crocs, fancy dress shoes with heels and flip flops are not permitted in the school.

Thank you for your continuous support in this important matter.



Montessori Pre-School



Yes Please!



Thank you!

TCPS - Town Centre Private Schools - Montessori Pre-School

It has come to our attention that there has been a slight confusion on how the name change of our school has impacted our curriculum particularly our Pre-School Division. Parents can be assured that your children will continue to be part of and will enjoy the benefits of the same great program that you know and trust. Specifically, we would like to assure our pre-school parents that we still embrace the Montessori methodology and will continue to strictly follow solely the Montessori method of teaching in our pre-school classes. **The only difference is a slight name change but there is no change in the teaching methodology in our Pre-School Division, where it remains solely Montessori.**

We thank you for your continued support and parents can be confident in the Schools' commitment to provide excellence in education for your child.

Students with Asthma

Please be advised that our school is adopting the new medical policy regarding students with asthma called "Ryan's Law". In accordance with the policy, we are taking steps to ensure the safety and well-being of students who have been diagnosed with chronic asthma. If you have indicated on the registration form that your child has asthma and requires an asthma puffer, you will receive a letter from the school providing more information and instructions. Please visit the Office if you have any questions.

Birthdays

If you would like your child to celebrate their birthday in the classroom, please let the teacher know well in advance. The teacher will take pictures of the event. Please do not send personal cameras.

In compliance with the Child Care and Early Years Act, parents of our toddler, pre-casa and casa students can bring in cake or pizza only, prepared from licensed restaurants or grocery stores.

Birthday cakes and cheese pizzas are permitted for the occasion. Napkins, paper plates and plastic cutlery, must be provided. **Loot bags, birthday candles and balloons are not permitted.** Please remember that a list of ingredients must be provided for all the food brought to the classroom. If you are ordering pizza for delivery, it is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to ensure that the pizza company has the teacher's name and room number. Please ensure instructions for payment are clearly communicated by the parent to the teacher.



School Emergency Safety Plans and Hold and Secure Drills

In addition to providing an excellent quality of education at TCPS, the safety and security of our students is of the utmost importance. The school has carefully instituted various levels of security within the school premises and outlying playfields.

Just as we have always had fire drills as part of our Fire Safety Plan so that students will know what to do in the event of a fire at school, we will also practice how to respond to different types of emergencies such as a “Hold and Secure”, or an evacuation as part of our Emergency Safety Plan.

By thinking about different types of emergencies and planning ahead when it is calm, rather than needing to respond while an emergency unfolds, we are able to react appropriately to different situations. By doing so, students and staff will be able to respond in a calm manner during an emergency.

These additional levels of security will undoubtedly reassure parents and allow individual students to pursue their academic studies with the knowledge that they are safe and secure at all times.

If parents or guardians have any questions or concerns,

please stop by the Office or call us at

905 474-3434

It is necessary for the teacher to guide the child without letting him feel her presence too much, so that she may always be ready to supply the desired help, but may never be the obstacle between the child and his experience.

- Maria Montessori

Everything you do for me, you take away from me

Dr. Maria Montessori