



# TOWN CENTRE PRIVATE SCHOOLS®



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Amarillo Campus Information Bulletin

October 2024



## Dates to Remember:

### October 9

Photo Re-Take Day

### October 11

P.D. Day (No Classes for Prep. Sr. Prep. & Grade 1) Classes still on for Toddler, Casa NT & Casa)

### October 14

Thanksgiving Day - School Closed

### October 29 - 31

Pumpkin Carving Contest and Display

### October 31

Halloween Activities

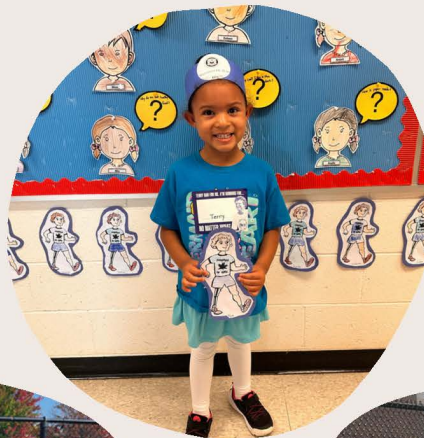
## *Terry Fox Marathon of Hope School Run*

On Friday, September 20, students and staff from all three divisions - Pre-School, Elementary, and High School participated in TCPS's "Marathon of Hope." We are proud to continue honoring the legacy of Terry Fox, one of Canada's most beloved heroes.

For the past 16 years, TCPS has actively taken part in the Terry Fox Run, raising an impressive total of approximately \$238,000 through pledges. Last year, we exceeded our goal of \$10,000, and this year, we aim to reach the same target once again! It's not too late to contribute! Your support is crucial in helping us achieve this goal. All donations are due by Thursday, October 3rd.

Here's the link to donate:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/TownCentrePrivateAmarilloMarkham>



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## Grade 1 to 8 Spirit Week



From September 23rd to September 27th, our Elementary students participated in a series of theme days designed to promote school spirit. Some fun themes included Pajama Day, Dress-Up Like Your Favorite Teacher Day and Wacky Hair Day! Along with their participation, students gained points for their House League teams. We want to extend our gratitude to all the students, parents and staff for contributing to an engaging and fun-filled Spirit Week!

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Every Child Matters

Each year, September 30th marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation across Canada. Both this day and Orange Shirt Day take place on September 30th. Orange Shirt Day is a commemorative event dedicated to raising awareness of the individual, family, and community-level intergenerational impacts caused by residential schools on Canada's Indigenous population. The concept of "Every Child Matters" highlights the importance of acknowledging these experiences. The day symbolizes the loss of culture, freedom, and self-esteem suffered by Indigenous children over generations, while fostering a collective commitment to truth and reconciliation across communities in Canada.



## P.D. Day - Thanksgiving Holiday

On Friday, October 11, our Preparatory, Senior Preparatory and Grade 1 staff will be participating in a Professional Development Day. Please note that October 11th will be a non-school day for these divisions only. However, all Casa division classes (Toddlers Casa NT and Casa classes) will continue as scheduled with a regular school day.

With Thanksgiving approaching, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all of our families for being a valued part of the TCPS community. Please be reminded that the school will be closed on Monday, October 14th for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. Classes will resume at their regular times on Tuesday, October 15th.

We wish all of our TCPS families a safe and Happy Thanksgiving weekend!



## Cooler Weather

Autumn is here! The leaves are changing and so is the weather. While these changes are beautiful and our students love seeing them. Please remember to dress your children for the cooler weather. Ensure your child brings a jacket everyday and have their name clearly marked on all clothing that is brought into school. We also recommend removing all strings from your child's hooded garments for their own safety.



## Halloween!

On Thursday October 31st, our students will celebrate Halloween with Dress-Up and Pumpkin Carving Day. Students are encouraged to wear costumes to school and may bring a change of clothes if they prefer. Two weeks before Halloween, you will find a sign-up sheet for your child's class party day posted outside each classroom door. If you would like to contribute a food item, please sign your child's name on the party sheet. It is essential to provide a list of all ingredients used.

### For Toddler, Casa NT and Casa Classes:

In accordance with the Child Care Early Years Act, parents may only provide food prepared by licensed restaurants or purchased from grocery stores. Please ensure any contributions include an ingredient list. If you have any questions, please speak with one of the Vice-Principals.

### Pumpkin Carving Contest

Each class will participate in a pumpkin carving contest. The pumpkins will be displayed in the main hallway at the Amarillo Campus on October 30th and 31st. Stop by to admire our spooky and creative creations!

## School Safety

As Fall arrives, it brings a beautiful display of colours along with earlier sunsets and darker mornings. To ensure the safety of our students and staff, starting Monday, October 28th, the back gates from the side and rear parking lots will be locked between 7:00AM to 8:00AM. These gates will only be open from 8:00AM to 9:00AM. Parents dropping off children between 7:00AM and 8:00AM must use the front entrance. The school's front doors will remain open throughout the day, from 7:00AM to 6:30PM.

### Parents, Guardians and Visitors:

All parents, guardians, and visitors who arrive during instructional hours must check in at the front office before entering further. The safety of our students is our top priority, and we appreciate your cooperation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to stop by the office.

