



TOWN CENTRE PRIVATE SCHOOLS®



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TCPS Surpasses a ¼ Million Dollars Raised for the Terry Fox Foundation



For the 19th consecutive year, the students and staff at Town Centre Private Schools from the Pre-School, Elementary and High School Divisions have embraced Terry's dream to find a cure for cancer. Leading up to our annual Terry Fox Run, the focus was on fundraising and creating awareness of Terry Fox, while highlighting his courage and determination in his attempt to run across Canada. Terry Fox's memory and legacy continues to grow through student involvement and generous financial contributions, all the while fostering our school spirit and our commitment to "give back" to our community and support this worthy cause.

This year, Town Centre Private Schools collectively raised \$8,266.65. Since 2006, TCPS has raised an amazing grand total of **\$256,201.48** for the Terry Fox Foundation!



IB Learner Profile Attribute for the Month: **THINKER**

"We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions."



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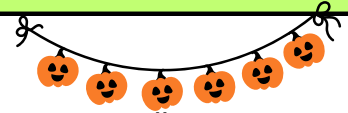
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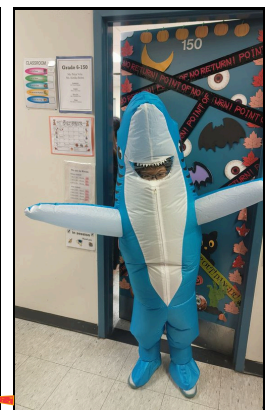
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Halloween Fun!



We would like to thank all the parents, students, and staff who joined in this year's Halloween festivities! We hope parents enjoyed seeing the stunning pumpkin displays from each classroom showcased in the front foyer. It was fantastic to see the creative costumes worn by students and staff and even by some parents!



HALLOWEEN

Spooky Story & Monster Drawing Contest

Earlier this year, Ms. Sally Lau, our Teacher-Librarian, held the Monster Drawing and Spooky Story Contest, which has become a tradition here at TCPS. It was great to see so many entries in this year's contest. We are happy to announce the winners of our Spooky Story Contest and Monster Drawing Contest. The creativity and effort that students put into their entries were truly remarkable, making the judging process both challenging and enjoyable.

Spooky Story Contest Winners:

Grade 2 Ava A.
Grade 3 Sana S.
Grade 4 Aiden Y., Kason W., Iliyan M., Jasper W.
Grade 5 Aventhika N.
Grade 6 Evangeline S.
Grade 7 Dahlia C., Sarah O., Tiffanie O.
Grade 8 Aesha M.

Monster Drawing Contest Winners:

Grade 2 Methisana B.
Grade 3 Oriana L.
Grade 4 Alyssa M.
Grade 5 Riley D.
Grade 6 Coco L.
Grade 7 Zoe S.
Grade 8 Rishanth R.



The above-mentioned winners will have their spooky stories and monster drawings published in a book, which will be on display in the LRC soon. Congratulations to all the winners!

Remembrance Day Observances – Monday, November 11

As November begins, our staff and students are once again preparing to honour the courageous individuals who fought for the freedoms we cherish as Canadians. This year, our school will observe Remembrance Day on Monday, November 11th.



Students will be bringing home a poppy and a donation envelope. The poppy is the symbol of remembrance, and we ask that all students wear their poppy to school especially on Remembrance Day.

If you would like to donate to the Royal Canadian Legion, please return your donation in the envelope provided to your child's teachers before November 11th. If you wish to donate online, please visit the Royal Canadian Legion's website at legion.ca

On Remembrance Day, students and staff will be participating in Remembrance Day assemblies. At 11 a.m. on November 11th, we will observe two minutes of silence, a solemn and significant moment on Remembrance Day. "The Last Post" will be played as our students stand in respectful silence to honour and remember those who sacrificed for our country.

Leading up to the assemblies, Grade 2-6 students will be exploring poems about poppies to learn about the significance of wearing them; students in grade 3 will be reading and writing about the bravery shown by our veterans; grade 4 and 5 students will be writing letters of gratitude to our veterans while grade 6 students will write warm, positive postcards for peace that will be delivered to Veterans in long-term care facilities.

Grade 7-8 students will be joining the HS students in an assembly which will highlight the stories of bravery and courage by those who fought for our freedoms and they will also be reciting poems created by students and a reading of "In Flanders Fields," a war poem written during the First World War by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae.

Gr. 6-8 Overnight Trips to Muskoka Woods and Ottawa Announced

As a way to recognize a successful academic year, our grade 6-8 students will have the wonderful opportunity to enjoy an overnight trip in June. Our Grade 6 students and staff will be travelling to Muskoka Woods, an overnight summer camp in Ontario with a prime lakefront location on Lake Rosseau, while our Grade 7-8 students will journey to our nation's capital, Ottawa, from June 11-13th, 2025. The end-of-year trips promise to be filled with excitement and are a great way to wrap up the school year.

6-8 parents are reminded that deposits and permission forms are due by Friday, November 15th.



Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week – November 18 – 22

TCPS Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week will take place from November 18 to 22. 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 cyberbullying through internet, social media, and email forums.

Bullying Prevention Week will feature a buddy day, a visit from a York Region Police Officer to discuss cyberbullying tips for Grade 6-8 students, and the week will culminate with a special guest speaker at our Friday assembly. Scott Graham is an anti-bullying specialist who delivers a message that inspires leadership and teaches usable anti-bullying strategies. More details to follow.



Student Birthday Celebrations

REMINDER

We aim to create a special moment for students celebrating their birthdays, allowing them to receive well wishes from classmates and teachers.

Parents wishing to send a treat for their child's birthday are encouraged to keep arrangements simple and limit the celebration to either a birthday cake or a pizza lunch, in order to minimize disruption to the school day and the learning environment.

Parents are asked to please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Loot bags are not permitted.
- Be mindful of classroom allergies; we kindly request that parents refrain from sending foods that contain nuts or peanuts.
- Birthday candles are prohibited in accordance with fire code regulations.
- The school does not supply plates or cutlery.
- Ensure that any pizza deliveries are prepaid, and include the student's name and classroom on the order for the driver.
- Please notify the office in advance regarding any pizza deliveries. Even if pizza is being provided, we ask that all students bring their own lunch as usual.



Thank you for your cooperation!