



# TOWN CENTRE PRIVATE SCHOOLS®

Montessori Pre-School • Elementary • High School



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AMARILLO CAMPUS INFORMATION BULLETIN - OCTOBER 2018

### Dates to Remember

October 5

P. D. Day - School Closed

October 8

Thanksgiving Holiday School Closed

October 10

Photo Day

October 31

Halloween Party Day

November 3

Open House

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Terry Fox School Run

On Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

Since 2006, TCPS has raised an amazing grand total of **\$180,761.23** for the Terry Fox Foundation. Our goal this year is to raise over \$12,500! It's not too late to donate! Please note that all money pledged for the Terry Fox Foundation is due on Tuesday, October 9th. Thank you for your support for this worthy cause.



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## Spirit Week - Grade 1 to 8

Between September 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, our students participated in a week full of great activities like Mismatch Monday, Toonie and Terrible Hair Tuesday, Workout Wednesday, Terry Fox Thursday and Fun Friday. Students also earned points for their House League teams.

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff for an amazing and fun filled Spirit Week.



## Photo Day

**Amarillo Campus – Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

Our annual Photo Day will take place on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. On this day the Amarillo Campus students will have their individual and class pictures taken.

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, please return your order to the school on the due date listed. Students who are unable to attend on photo day will have a retake day on Monday morning, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



## P.D. Day and Thanksgiving Holiday

On Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> TCPS staff will be participating in a Professional Development Day. Please note that October 5 will be a non-school day for all pre-school, elementary and high school students. The school will also be closed on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. Classes will resume at their regularly scheduled hours on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. We would like to wish all of our TCPS families a safe and happy Thanksgiving weekend.



## Cooler Weather

The cooler fall weather has arrived and students must be properly dressed for our daily outdoor activities. 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.**



## Halloween

On Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> our students will be enjoying a Halloween party. On this day students are encouraged to wear a costume.

Two weeks prior to Halloween, a party day sign up sheet will be posted outside the classroom door. If you would like to contribute a food item, please sign your child's name on the party sheet. Please note that a list of all ingredients used must also be provided.



### Toddler, Pre-Casa and Casa Classes

In compliance with the Child Care Early Years Act, parents of our toddler, pre-casa and casa students, are welcome to contribute **only** food prepared from licensed restaurants or grocery stores. An ingredient list must accompany any contribution. If you have any questions please speak to one of the Vice-Principals.



### Pumpkin Carving Contest

Each class will be participating in a pumpkin carving contest. **The pumpkins will be on display in the main hallway at the Amarillo Campus on October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.** Please stop by and check out our spooky creations!

## Butterfly Hatching Program

Our Butterfly Hatching Program was a great success. Students observed the metamorphosis in the chrysalis stage. Finally, the students were able to see the painted lady butterflies emerge from their chrysalis and take flight. This transformation was an amazing experience for the students to share, and they were excited to observe this wonder of nature!



## PRIVATE SCHOOLS - special section In Toronto Star *September 22, 2018*

A Special section was dedicated to Private Schools in the Toronto Star on Saturday, September 22nd. There were many articles about the advantages of attending a Private School for students who develop skills that go beyond Reading, Writing and Arithmetic! Our presence for 32 years in the community makes us very proud to be a part of developing our students to be future leaders.

The article emphasized the importance of Open Houses as they demonstrate how the education needs of your children can be met. We take this opportunity to invite all visitors, friends and families to attend our Open House on Saturday, November 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## MANY CHOOSING INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS - Toronto Sun *September 9, 2018*

“This year, about 140,000 students in Ontario will take their seat in one of almost 1,300 non-government schools. About half of these schools have a religious orientation, including Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and Sikh schools, a third offer a unique educational approach such as Montessori, Waldorf, or classical. About 5% are what might be considered traditional elite private schools.”

“The latest available data (2015-16) show public school enrolments dropped by 6%, while enrolments in independent schools increased by 12% over the previous decade.”



*Have a great school year!*

