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Upcoming Events:

- **November 3**
Open House
- **November 14**
Grade 8 High School Orientation
- **November 9**
Remembrance Day Observations
- **November 14**
Amarillo IB Information Evening at 4:30 p.m.
- **November 19 to 23**
Bullying Prevention Week

November 2018

TCPS Surpasses Our Fundraising Goal for Terry Fox Run!

With the combined efforts of our Pre-School, Elementary and High School Divisions, we were able to raise **\$13,670.20** this year, which surpasses our fundraising goal of \$12,500.00! This brings the grand total of donations to **\$194,541.43** since 2006!

Thank you to our parents, students, and staff for your generous support of the Terry Fox Foundation, which raises funds and awareness for Cancer research. We are very proud of the amazing contributions made to date and we continue to remain committed to participating annually in this very worthy cause!



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Open House and IB Information Evening

We welcome all visitors to the Pre-School, Elementary and High School Divisions for the Open House on Saturday, November 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parents who missed the High School Information Session on October 2 can come to this Open House to speak with High School staff about TCPS programs, Ontario Secondary Schools and university applications.

Then on November 14, at 4:30 p.m. the Amarillo Campus will host an IB Information Evening. TCPS is **Markham's only Private IB World School**. By attending the Primary Years Programme and the Middle Years Programme, we will prepare students to be successful in the Diploma Programme and in post secondary education. We invite you to take this opportunity to find out more about the benefits of the IB programme, and what TCPS has to offer your child!

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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.
We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.



Remembrance Day Observances

Remembrance Day will be observed at school on Friday, November 9. Students will attend assemblies, recite poems, hear stories, and observe a minute of silence to honour the memory and courage of all those who have served in the Canadian Forces. Students will bring home a poppy with a donation envelope and a memo regarding donations to the Markham District Veterans Association. Please note that the donations for the veterans are completely voluntary. More information about how your donations provide assistance and support for veterans can be found at www.veterans.gc.ca. #CanadaRemembers

Bullying Prevention Week

Elementary students will be participating in a Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week, which will take place from November 19 to 23. All students will participate in a special activity with their class to engage in meaningful dialogue about bullying using art, drama or group work. For the older elementary students, part of the focus will be about electronic or cyber bullying through internet, social media and email forums. Students will also participate in assemblies and fun activities throughout the week which will further emphasize awareness, teamwork building skills and the theme of caring.

Spooky Story Contest

The results are in! Writers from grades 1 to 8 participated in the Second Annual Spooky Story Contest. This year's theme was haunting ghosts. Thank you to all the students who participated. The LRC received over 100 submissions! Students had the opportunity to read these stories and voted for their top picks. Each winner will receive an Indigo Gift Card and a copy of this year's Spooky Story Book. Look out for a copy in the LRC!

Congratulations to the following winners!

- Grade 1: Selina G. 1-211
- Grade 2: Aesha M. 2-119
- Grade 3: Sharan R. 3-127
- Grade 4: Kayla M. 4-157
- Grade 5: Adam P. 5-206
- Grade 6: Sudhiksha B. 6-150
- Grade 8: Jasmine M. 8-139



Sick Students

Parents are reminded that sick students should remain at home. If students are unwell or still contagious, they should not be brought to school. Students should not return to school until they feel well enough to participate fully in all aspects of the curriculum including Physical Education and outdoor recess; exceptions will be made with a doctor's note. If students become ill while at school, parents will be contacted and asked to pick up the student as soon as possible. If your child is going to miss school, please call to notify the Main Office prior to 9:00 a.m.



Dress Warmly for the Weather

Now that the weather is starting to turn cooler, we would like to ask all parents to make sure that their child is dressed appropriately for the weather with a warm jacket. All students will be going outside for recess breaks throughout the day to enjoy fresh air. Now is a great time to find your hats, mitts and scarves!

Hand Washing

Our staff have reviewed with our students some basic hygiene protocols including how to wash their hands properly, and how to cough into their sleeves. Most experts agree that proper and frequent hand washing is the single most effective way to prevent illness. As well, the school's cleaning and maintenance staff will continue to clean common surfaces with increased frequency.

Homework

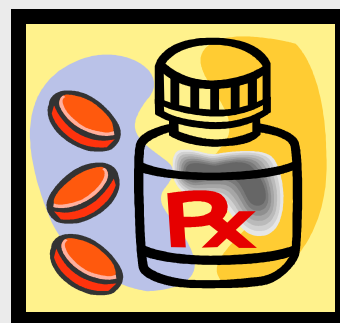
When sick students are at home, they should rest in order to feel better. Please do not ask teachers to provide missed class work for students while they are away. Students should make up the missed work after they have returned to school and have received proper instruction from the teachers.

Medication

For the safety of all the students entrusted to our care, parents are asked to bring all student medication to the Main Office where they will be asked to complete a Medication Form. Please do not give your child any medication including Tylenol or Advil to keep in his or her locker, lunch box or pocket.

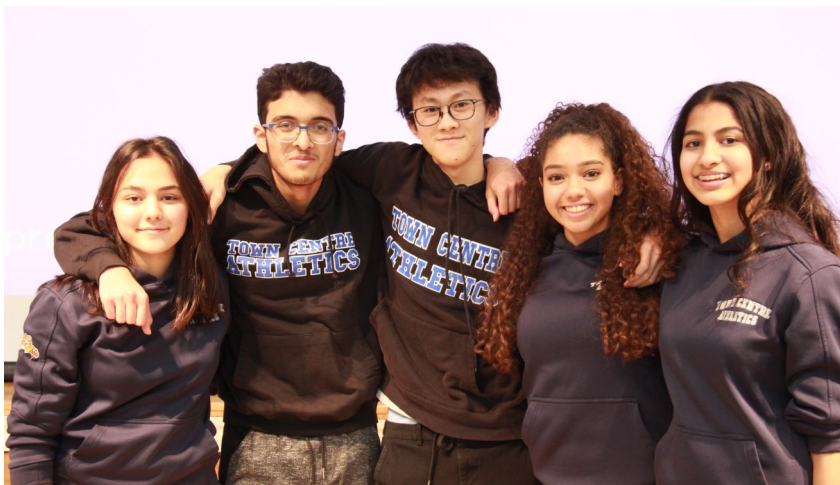
The school requires the following information and conditions to administer medication:

- completed Medication Form
- name and classroom of the student
- name of the medication
- dosage and time the medication must be given
- storage instructions
- a parent's or guardian's signature
- medication must be in the original container
- medication must not be expired



Grade 8 Students Visit Grade 9

On Wednesday, November 14, our grade 8 students will experience a day in the life of a high school student as they attend various high school classes taught by our high school teachers. The students will gain valuable insights about high school and learn about TCPS clubs and programs. Mr. McCarthy, the high school Principal, will be pleased to speak to any parents who have questions about IB or Ontario Secondary Schools.



SSAF CHAMPIONS! Elementary Golf Team



On October 4, the TCPS Elementary Co-Ed Golf team participated in the Small Schools Athletic Federation (SSAF) Golf Championship at Bathurst Glen Golf Course. Our 5 player team had some amazing shots to secure the win! After a very competitive tournament TCPS was declared the champion with a combined low score of 227, which was 20 strokes better than 2nd place. Well done and congratulations to Vasu B., Darryl C., Thomas J., Shazan K., Arthur W., and Coach Mr. Lamanna for winning the first championship banner of the 2018-2019 school year and the 4th consecutive win for the TCPS Elementary Golf Team.

SAC Food Drive and Toy Drive

The elementary Student Activity Council (SAC) will be organizing a Food Drive for the Markham Food Bank and a Toy Drive for Markham Stouffville Hospital. Please note that all toy or food contributions are completely voluntary. The SAC thanks you very much for your generous support!

The Food Drive will begin on Monday, November 19. Students are asked to place non-perishable, not expired food items in the collection boxes in their classroom.

The Toy Drive will begin on Monday, November 26. New unwrapped toys may be dropped off in the donation boxes located near the Main Office.



Tips From TC!



Do you have a question?
Call us, we're happy to help!

It's a good time now to look for cold weather gear in your closet: hats, scarves, mitts, boots, and snowpants.

Bring the gym uniform to school every Monday and take them home every Friday, so they are always at school during the week!

We will not release students to anyone who is not authorized on the pick up list! Notify the Main Office of any changes.

Uniform:

Students must wear their uniform properly with their uniform school shoes. Students are not permitted to wear a hoodie or running shoes during class time. Students can wear their blue uniform sweater in class in cooler weather.

Drive Safely!

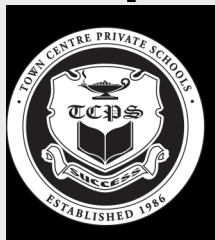
As we head into the winter months, it will be darker outside at drop off and pick up times. Please slow down and drive carefully in the school parking lot! Also please do not park in the Handicapped parking spot without a permit.

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Grades 7 to 12 Talent Show

On Friday, October 26, the high school and grades 7 and 8 students had a chance to showcase their amazing talent in the annual Talent Show. With a variety of singing, dancing, and musical acts, the student performers did a great job, cheered on by the enthusiastic support of their peers in the audience. Thank you to the high school staff for organizing this fun show!

