

Townsvew School - Parent Newsletter

September 14 – November 19, 2021

Welcome Back

- ✦ On behalf of the Administrative Team (Pat Thorne, Steven Jones & Angela Ketch) and the staff of Townsvew School, we would like to extend a huge welcome to all of our students and to our parent community. Both of our staff & students are settling in very nicely.
- ✦ If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 325-4435. Administration can also be reached by email
 - Pat Thorne – Patricia.Thorne@nbed.nb.ca
 - Angela Ketch – Angela.Ketch@nbed.nb.ca
 - Steven Jones – Steven.Jones@nbed.nb.ca

Some Important Dates to Remember

- ✦ September 15 New Brunswick Human Rights Day
- ✦ September 18 Becca Schofield Day
- ✦ September 27 Grade 7 Immunization (HPV #1 & Tdap)
- ✦ September 28 Terry Fox Walk – Wear Red in honor of Terry Fox or if not red – wear our school colors (black & gold)
- ✦ September 29 Harvey Studios Picture Day
- ✦ September 30 Orange Shirt Day – National Truth & Reconciliation Day
- ✦ October 1 Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ October 4 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (3C @ 10:30am) (4C @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ October 4 #BlueUp – World Day of Bullying Prevention (wear the color blue)
- ✦ October 5 World Teachers' Day
- ✦ October 6 PSSC Meeting @ 6:30pm
- ✦ October 6 Swim Program (3B @ 9:00am)
- ✦ October 7 Start of the Potato Sales Campaign
- ✦ October 8 Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ October 10 World Mental Health Day
- ✦ October 11 Thanksgiving Day – No School for Students & Staff
- ✦ October 12-15 Pre-K Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year
- ✦ October 13 Swim Program (3B @ 9:00am)
- ✦ October 14 Pre-Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year
- ✦ October 15 Pre-Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year
- ✦ October 15 Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ October 17-23 Safe Schools Week
- ✦ October 18 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (3C @ 10:30am) (4C @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ October 20 Mark It Read Day for Dyslexia (wear the color red)
- ✦ October 20 Swim Program (3B @ 9:00am)
- ✦ October 22 Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ October 25 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (3C @ 10:30am) (4C @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ October 26 End of Potato Sales Campaign
- ✦ October 27 Swim Program (3B @ 9:00am)
- ✦ October 29 Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ October 29 Camouflage Day and/or Hunter's Orange Day
- ✦ November 1 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (3C @ 10:30am) (4C @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ November 3 Harvey Studios Picture Retakes
- ✦ November 3 Swim Program (3B @ 9:00am)
- ✦ November 3 Grade 9 Program – Take Our Kids to Work Day
- ✦ November 5 National Jersey Day – wear your favorite team jersey or school color day
- ✦ November 5 Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ November 8 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (3C @ 10:30am) (4C @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ November 10 Swim Program (3B @ 9:00am)
- ✦ November 11 Remembrance Day – No School for Students & Staff
- ✦ November 12 Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ November 15 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (3C @ 10:30am) (4C @ 1:30pm)
- ✦ November 17 Swim Program (3B @ 9:00am)
- ✦ November 17 Potato Sales Pick Up from 3:30pm – 7:00pm
→ please do not come any earlier than this as we have to have our school buses depart
- ✦ November 18 Potato Sales Pick Up Until 5:30pm
- ✦ November 19 Potato Sales Pick Up Until 5:30pm
- ✦ November 19 Staff Professional Learning & Report Day (No school for Students)

Want to Know What Is Happening at Townsvew School – Check Us Out

- ✦ Follow us on Twitter - @TownsvewSchool
- ✦ Check out our School Website <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/Townsvew/Pages/default.aspx>
- ✦ Follow Us on Our Townsvew Home & School Facebook Page

Parent Email Distribution List

- ✦ If you would like your name added to a parent e-mail distribution list, please contact Patricia Thorne (Principal), and she will add you to her list. You may contact her at the following e-mail: Patricia.Thorne@nbed.nb.ca.

Grades 2-5 Swim Program

- ✚ Each year we offer the Grade 2-5 swim program, we feel this is an important service for our students and families. Over the past two years we have had a deficit of \$3,000.00 and the school ends up paying this deficit. This deficit is something that we cannot sustain.
- ✚ With this, we had to increase the cost of our swimming program to \$55.00. I would ask that our families pay the \$55.00 fee as soon as you can. You can pay by school cash online, by cash or by cheque (cheques made out to Townsview School) If you are unable to pay, then please reach out to Pat Thorne as we would not want your child to lose out on this program. It might be that we can set up some sort of a payment plan if you like. Truly do appreciate your understanding of our request in support of the swimming program. Thank you.

COVID 19 – Healthy School Plan (highlights for our parent community)

- ✚ All learning is to take place at school.
- ✚ If your child is exhibiting 2 or more symptoms, then you as a parent will need to decide whether you will have your child come to school that day or stay at home, we are asking you as a parent/guardian to make the parental decision in helping to keep our school community safe.
 - if they come to school – they are encouraged to wear a mask for the day
 - we the school are not medical professionals, when in doubt, we suggest you call 811 COVID 19 Public Health or speak with your health care provider for more direction.
- ✚ Mask Use - Students and School Personnel will be required to bring at least 2 masks to school
 - they will be required to wear a mask in all common places inside the school (hallways, going to cafeteria, going outside, etc.)
 - students do not have to wear a mask in their classrooms
 - all guest coming into our school must wear a face mask and you must sign in our visitor log book
- ✚ All Students and School Personnel will need a refillable water bottle – please put their name on it. Easier to give back when it is lost.
 - the school does not supply cups or the refillable water bottle
- ✚ We will not be having assemblies – they will be virtual
- ✚ All parent meetings will be virtual, for extreme circumstances we may arrange a face-to-face meeting, masks will need to be worn and all visitors will need to sign in for contact tracing purposes
- ✚ If you are wanting to be a parent volunteer – you will need to show proof of being fully vaccinated (2 doses) and you will need to complete the volunteer package. If interested please contact JoAnn Boone – joann.boone@nbed.nb.ca
- ✚ Outbreak Management – if there was to be a positive exposure case at our school. The school will follow the directives from Public Health as we followed in the 2020-2021 school year.

Townsview Home & School Association

- ✚ A group of active volunteers, including parents, guardians, teachers and administrators committed to making Townsview School a better place for the students and staff.
- ✚ We fundraise through the school year and hold community events, where possible with COVID 19 restrictions in place.
- ✚ You can help by volunteering your time, making a monetary donation or donating items throughout the year when needed for our events.
- ✚ If you are interested in becoming involved with the H&S Association, please contact Pam Steeves pamsteeves42@gmail.com.

School Reminders

- ✚ Student Arrival for bus students takes place between 8:00am-8:30am.
- ✚ Student Arrival for parent drop offs is to start at 8:00am.
- ✚ Student Arrival for walkers is to start at 8:10am
 - if students arrive before 8:00am they will need to remain outside as we have no staff on duty until 8am (this will include waiting outside in the good & and not so good weather
- ✚ If you have a child in K-2 and they are walkers or out-of-catchment, you will need to make arrangements to have your child picked up at 2:00pm. We the school cannot accommodate family requests to keep your child until 3:00pm
- ✚ Parents are not permitted to walk their child into the school. We have school personnel on duty to assist any student in need.
- ✚ It is important to put your child's name on their water bottle, lunch box, clothing, etc. – so when it is lost and then found we can return it
- ✚ All staff and students must have a community face mask when entering the building. Please ensure your child has one before coming to school Their community face mask should be kept in a baggie and put their name on the baggie and mask so if lost we can return it to them
- ✚ All visitors must wear a community face mask when coming into the school, if you do not have one, you will not be able to enter the school
- ✚ If you are wanting to meet with your child's teacher – you will need to call the school and make an appointment. All meetings will be virtual or by telephone. For extreme circumstances – there may be a face-to-face meeting scheduled, this will be case by case.
- ✚ If you need to leave your vehicle, please do not use the stop and drop-off lane before and after school. You must park in one of the parking lots, the main parking lot or the upper parking lot. The stop & drop lane is there to keep the traffic moving.
 - please note that the main parking lot is not to be used as another stop and drop-off lane. Constant traffic flow presents a danger to pedestrians who are walking into the school
- ✚ If you are bringing an item to the school for your child – please drop them off on the red table under the canopy
- ✚ All Middle School Students have a \$31.50 student fee (grades 6-8). These fees are collected at the start of each school year to support both instructional and extra-curricular activities that take place inside and outside the classroom. Please pay this fee by October 2nd. In addition your child is provided a student agenda and a school lock for their locker
- ✚ Townsview School Cash Online - Parents are encouraged to take advantage of School Cash Online, our preferred method of payment for school fees and activities. Please visit: <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/TownsView/Pages/default.aspx>
- ✚ When you are in need of picking up your child during the instructional day
 - when you arrive at the school, you will call the school to let us know you are here to pick up your child – the admin assistants will then send your child out to you. Your child will be responsible for signing out of the school in our sign out book.
 - For younger children we ask that the person picking them up come to the main doors of the school – the admin assistants will assist the younger children to sign out

Traffic Flow Reminders

- ✚ If you are just dropping off your child – you will need to use the Stop & Drop Lane. Please do not use the parking lot for dropping off. This is hazardous for our folks walking into the school.
- ✚ If you are needing to come into the school, then you would need to park your car in our main parking lot. Please do not park in the Stop & Drop Off Lane, this slows down our traffic flow
- ✚ At the bottom of Lewis P. Fisher Lane you are not permitted to take a left turn during the hours of 7:45am-8:30am and 3:00pm-4:00pm. This is not safe and it slows down our traffic flow.

Townsvieview PSSC

- ✚ The Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) is a group of parents and community members who work in an encouraging, advisory, and collaborative fashion with the School Principal and staff to ensure the best possible learning opportunities for students of their school.
- ✚ We do have room for 2-3 other members, if you are interested in joining this committee, please contact the School Principal, Pat Thorne at: Patricia.Thorne@nbed.nb.ca

Middle School Athletics (Grades 6-8)

- ✚ Girls Soccer Tryouts are September 13th (Monday) & September 15th (Wednesday) from 3:00pm-4:30pm at the school soccer field
- ✚ Boys Soccer Tryouts are September 14th (Tuesday) & September 16th (Thursday) from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the school soccer field
- ✚ Cross Country Running will be September 16th (Thursday) from 3:00pm-3:45pm

Payment of Student Fees

- ✚ If you have not already done so, we are asking for your support in the payment of the following fees – if this presents a financial challenge for your family, please let us know.
 - Middle School Student Fee - \$31.50
 - Gr. 2-5 Swimming Fee (2/3D, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, & 4C) - \$55.00
- ✚ You can pay by School Cash Online – the link is on the ASD-W website our school website and I am also sending to you <https://anglophonewest.schoolcashionline.com/>. You can also pay by cash or cheque (all cheques will need to be made payable to Townsvieview School. Thank you.

Halloween Dress Up

- ✚ For Friday, October 29th we are requesting that students only wear either hunter orange and/or camo clothing.
- ✚ In addition, the student's identity must always be easily recognized, so we are also asking that no costumes and/or masks be brought to school that day. Thank you.

Pre-Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-2023 School Year

- ✚ Starting Oct. 13th - families are being directed to register online <https://secure1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/kindergarten/Pages/default.aspx>
- ✚ Should a parent/guardian not have access to register online, please contact the school so that we can help you out. When coming into the school to register your child, all COVID 19 restrictions would need to be adhered to.
- ✚ Families will need their child's birth certificate, immunization record and medicare card. It is extremely important that you have your child registered so that you can take advantage of the programs that help prepare your child for the upcoming school year.
- ✚ Immunizations must be in order prior to beginning school in September, 2022
- ✚ Please feel free to share this information with anyone that you know has children starting school next year.
- ✚ For additional information – we ask that you contact the school at 325-4435. Thank you.

Potato Sales Campaign

- ✚ This will be taking place once again. This is our one and only fundraising campaign. The Potato Sales Campaign will begin on Thursday, October 7th and will end on Tuesday, October 26th
- ✚ There will be a more detailed letter going home with your child by Friday, October 1st
- ✚ I know that COVID 19 will present challenges with our sales campaign and we remind our parents that children should not be going door to door for sales. Hoping you are able to reach out to family in support of our fundraiser. We do appreciate your support. Thank you.

Families Wanting to Send Food to their Child's Classroom for Special Occasions

- ✚ Due to COVID 19 restrictions – teachers can accept food products being brought to your child's classroom. All food items would need to be store purchased (not home baked) and individually wrapped. This would hold importance for class parties & special events.

Cafeteria Menu

- ✚ Cafeteria menus went home with your child – it contained a list of meals being served each week along with a price list for the food items
- ✚ If you have any questions, I would ask that contact Brittany Allen (Brittany.allen@compass-canada.com) or 325-2439
- ✚ If you are wanting to order online – here is the website Townsvieview-nb-aswd.nutrislice.com

Harvey Studios Pictures & Picture Retakes

- ✚ Harvey Studios will be here on Wednesday, September 29th for student and school personnel pictures
- ✚ They will also be back on Wednesday, November 3rd for picture retakes.
 - On this day, this will only be for students who were absent on the initial picture day, or new to our school and/or you returned the picture order form and you indicated on the form that you wanted your child to have a picture retake.