



# PERTH POST

Sept 30, 2022

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY



Today, September 30 is the second [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#), in addition to being the 8th annual [Orange Shirt Day](#).

Together the TDSB recognizes the legacy of Canada's residential school system and continues to learn the many truths of these institutions.

We honour First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children and communities impacted by this system.

At Perth, staff and students have been provided with many resources from Kindergarten to Grade 6 to recognize Orange Shirt Day and to support important, ongoing learning.

“ Established in 2013, Orange Shirt Day was inspired by Phyllis Webstad, who was excited to wear her new orange shirt to her first day of school in 1973. However, when she arrived at St. Joseph Mission Residential School, her shirt was taken and

never returned. From that day forward, the colour orange, for Phyllis, reminded her of that moment, how her feelings didn't matter, how she felt like she wasn't worth anything and that no one cared for the children who were crying about it that day.

Now, on this day, we recognize the legacy and impact of the residential schools system on First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities. We acknowledge the legacy of residential schools in Canada by wearing orange and we honour the survivors. We remember the thousands of children who were murdered and buried in unmarked graves.

On Friday, September 30, 2021 wear orange to participate in Orange Shirt Day.

Follow @UIEC\_tdsb and @tdsb on Twitter to see how students and staff from across the Toronto District School Board recognize Orange Shirt Day. For more information, visit the Urban Indigenous Education Centre website. To learn more about Phyllis' story and Orange Shirt Day visit <http://www.orangeshirtday.org> ”

# Curriculum Night

It was wonderful being able to connect with parents and guardians and strengthen the connection between home and school. We look forward to more opportunities for parents and guardians to visit the school as the year continues.



TERRY FOX



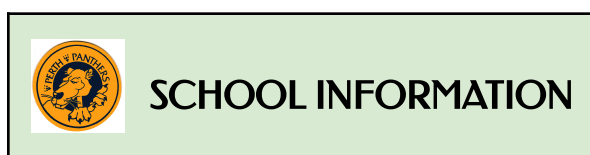
RUN





Students from Kindergarten to Gr 6 participated in the Terry Fox Run. Thank you for your contributions. We raised over 200 dollars to support cancer research. It's not too late to donate if you are interested.

Perth families can donate to: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/14098> (tax receipts will be emailed to online donors right away)



DATES to NOTE:	
October 7, 2022	PA DAY- NO SCHOOL
October 12, 2022	School Advisory Council-SAC Meeting

## Important Forms to Complete

All families were sent "start of year forms for 2022-2023"

These are important forms that include but not limited to the following :

- Permission to participate in off-site walking excursions
- Student media release consent
- Medical forms
- Physical education information and Intramural Information/Permission
- Code of conduct & online code of conduct
- Device agreements/consent- (Grade 5 only)

We have sent a reminder email to all families that have not yet completed the forms. For those of you who have not received these forms please check your spam/junk folder. If you are still having issues please contact the [office](#).

## Visiting the School

While all parents and guardians are welcome at Perth, a reminder that unless you have permission, you are not allowed to be in the school hallways or classrooms during the instructional day. If you need to visit during school hours, please ensure you buzz the office staff and come through the main entry door. Please DO NOT enter the school with your child's line up or enter the school through the doors in the school yard.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher or connect with your child, please call the office, or email your child's teacher. We appreciate your cooperation.

## Parent Volunteers

We are so happy to be able to have parent volunteers once again at Perth! There are many ways in which you can volunteer such as:

- supporting during lunch hour (20 min)
- supervising children on field trips
- serving as a speaker on topics related to the classroom program
- collecting community materials for a classroom project
- supporting with the school newsletter or handbook
- participate in meetings and activities of the School Council such as pizza day
- being part of the Health and Safety committee
- supporting our nutrition program
- arranging material in the library
- supporting with sports activities
- school plays or concerts

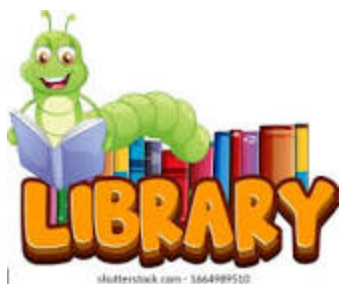
Parents and community members who wish to volunteer must complete a Police Reference Check (which will include a vulnerable sector screening) and be cleared before they can volunteer.

To begin the process, you may visit Toronto Police Services to gain a Police Reference Check (which will include a vulnerable sector screening)

<https://www.tps.ca/services/background-checks/vulnerable-sector-screening/>

**Or** you can obtain a police reference check form from the school office and submit it with payment (\$20) to the school office staff. This form will be mailed back to you, stamped by the TPS as approved. Then you must return the form to the school office so that we can begin the process of having it added to our volunteer list.





"Hi Perth families! My name is Sarah Kipp-Ferguson and I am the Teacher-Librarian at Perth this year. It has been a pleasure meeting students during their Library Orientations and seeing their excitement exploring the books on the shelves. This year, Primary and Junior students are welcome to bring home books they have borrowed from the library! Take a moment to ask them about what book they chose and why. If you can, spend some time reading the book with them or reading a book of your choice alongside them."

## Nutrition Program

Every student at Perth is offered a snack during the day from our nut free snack program. Part of this program relies on school contributions in order to provide these daily nutritious snacks. Contributions are used for stipends for our volunteers, equipment and supplies needed to run our nutrition program. Contribution requests will go out this term for the whole year via School Cash Online. Every Perth Post newsletter will include a schedule of the snacks every two weeks. [Click here to sign up](#) for school cash online.



### SNACK for the week of 19-23

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
carrots, hummus, crackers	granola bars, blueberries	pears and crackers	rice crispie squares	NO SCHOOL



2022-23 PERTH HANDBOOK is ready [Download the PDF HERE](#)

Keep UPDATED and IN THE LOOP by bookmarking the Perth Website  
on your browser and checking back frequently!  
The Perth School Calendar is there, newsletter archive, news from SAC  
and reminders and event reminders from the school.  
<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/PerthAvenue>



## MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### *DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE SEPT 2022 (tdsb)*

Monday to Tuesday	26 - 27	Rosh Hashanah*	Judaism
Monday to 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday in Oct.	26 – 04 Oct	Navratri	Hinduism
Friday	30	Orange Shirt Day	First Nations, Métis, Inuit
Sunday	25	Franco-Ontarian Day	Government of Ontario

### *DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE OCT2022 (tdsb)*

Saturday	01	International Day for Older Persons	United Nations
Saturday to Wednesday	01 - 05	Durga Puja	Hinduism
Monday	03 <sup>17</sup>	International Walk to School Day	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
Tuesday	04	Sisters in Spirit	Status of Women Canada
Wednesday	05	TDSB Walk to School Day (1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday in Oct.)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
Wednesday	05	World Teachers' Day	United Nations
Wednesday	05	Yom Kippur*	Judaism
Saturday	08	Mawlid-al-Nabi* (Prophet's Birthday)	Islam

Monday	10	Thanksgiving Day	Canadian Government
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Monday	10	World Mental Health Day	World Health Organization
Monday to Friday	16 - 20	Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week	Ontario Government
Monday to Sunday	10 - 16	Body Confidence Awareness Week (3 <sup>rd</sup> Week Oct.)	Toronto District School Board (TDSB)
Monday to Sunday	10 - 16	Sukkot*	Judaism
Tuesday	11	International Day of the Girl Child	United Nations
Wednesday & Thursday	12 - 13	Karva Chauth*	Hinduism
Sunday	16	World Food Day	United Nations
Monday	17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	United Nations
Monday & Tuesday	17 – 18	Shemini Atzeret*	Judaism
Monday to Sunday	17 - 23	Week Without Violence (3 <sup>rd</sup> week of October)	YMCA
Tuesday	18	Simchat Torah*	Judaism
Thursday	20	Gurgadi of the Holy Scriptures of Guru Granth Sahib Ji as Guru	Sikhism
Monday	24	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism
Monday	24	Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/Sikhism
Wednesday	26	Birth of the Bá'b*	Bahá'í
Thursday	27	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh*	Bahá'í
Saturday	29	Gyana Panchami	Jainism
<b>To Be Announced</b>		Kathina Festival/Paváraná Day	Buddhism
<b>To Be Announced</b>		Megregan	Zoroastrian



# NEWS AND UPDATES!

Hello all!

We hope you had a wonderful week. Here are the Perth School Council's updates.

## Perth School Council Elections

Nominations are now open until Oct. 5, 2022 to be a member of the Perth School Council. We are seeking new council members that are representative of our diverse school community who are committed to transparency, accountability and inclusiveness. The purpose of a School Council is, through the active participation of parents, to improve pupil achievement and enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.

If you would like to nominate yourself or another parent/guardian of a current Perth student, please fill out the [Perth SAC Nomination Form](#). If you require a nomination form on paper, please reach out to the elections committee at [perth.elections.committee@gmail.com](mailto:perth.elections.committee@gmail.com) who can also answer any additional questions.

A more fulsome information package about the nominations, including an elections information package, was emailed out by the school on Sept. 21.

Elections of council members will be held at our first School Council meeting on Wednesday October 12 if needed.

Thanks,

Narina Nagra and Teresa Pavlinek, Perth SAC Elections Committee

## Oct. 12 School Council Meeting

The first meeting of the Perth School Council is scheduled for **Wed. Oct. 12**. It will be a virtual meeting. There will be an informal check-in that all are welcome to attend from 6:45 to 7 p.m. **The formal meeting runs from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

School council meetings are a great way to get a sense of what is going on at the school, find out about volunteer opportunities, and they are attended by Perth principal Waheeda Khan-Fitzpatrick. If you'd like Ms. Khan-Fitzpatrick to address something, please reach out to us at [perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com).

We will share an agenda closer to the meeting date on our social media and via the school. The school will send out the Zoom link closer to the meeting date, as well.

This meeting will be recorded. Hope to see you there!



## Residential Schools Resource

Today marks Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The Perth School Council has created a resource for people to learn more about residential schools and how to take action to support Indigenous peoples. You can access this resource here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ybt6-SjZBJRWZ49q5x8W0IXLyC-vqAXP3N8t49lZ4qM/edit?usp=sharing>

### TDSB Community Support Hub Webinar



**WELCOME**  
TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR  
TO OUR CIRCLE OF CARE

**Thursday, October 6, 2022**  
**6:30PM - 8:00PM**

**Register in advance for this webinar using the link below**

Topics Include: [https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_cZngoCmLTl6r23TfScOlqQ](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cZngoCmLTl6r23TfScOlqQ)

- Navigating the school system to advocate more effectively for your child - Michelle Munroe
- Parent Concern Protocol - Michelle Munroe
- Supporting learning recovery and the academic success - Karlo Cabrera
- Inclusive education supports and services within schools for students - Karlo Cabrera
- The importance of your voice in School Improvement Process (SIP) - Karlo Cabrera
- Safety, and wellbeing of your child - Yulanda Julien
- Accessing Interpreters and Translators - Margaret Horvath
- Available community resources to help families - Donna Cardoza

For more information, please contact Donna Cardoza, Community Support Worker  
donna.cardoza@tdsb.on.ca  
647 403 5821

**tdsb COMMUNITY SUPPORT HUB**  
EQUITY & ADVOCACY  
tdsbHUB.ca

The TDSB Community Support Hub is holding a free webinar on Thurs. Oct. 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Topics that will be covered include:

- Navigating the school system to advocate more effectively for your child - Michelle Munroe
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## **Social Media**

Please be sure to follow the Perth School Council's social media for information and more frequent updates.

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/perthpanthers14>

**Instagram:** [instagram.com/perthave.parentcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/perthave.parentcouncil)

You can also reach out at [perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:perthschoolcouncil@gmail.com)

Take a peek at the School Council's [Linktree site](#), where you can find an archive of previous School Council meeting agendas and minutes, advocacy letters and other resources.

And please be sure to visit the School Council website at [www.perthschoolcouncil.com/](http://www.perthschoolcouncil.com/), which has tons of information Perth families need, including an event calendar.

Thank you for reading. We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

–The Perth School Council Exec