

AMG Weekly Message
November 18, 2022

On Wednesday, you received an [email](#) from the TDSB, indicating that the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) announced that they will be on strike, starting on Monday, November 21, unless an agreement is reached with the Government of Ontario.

While we hope that an agreement will be reached and students and staff will be at school and work on Monday, should this strike occur, all TDSB schools will be closed for in-person learning for all students.

AMG and The Grove are prepared for this possible closure. Synchronous learning will begin on Monday. All teachers have set up a remote learning platform and your child should have access. Connect with your teacher for classroom specific details.

Many devices have been distributed. If you still require a device email [Catherine Munro](mailto:Catherine.Munro@tdsb.on.ca) (Catherine.Munro@tdsb.on.ca) and include your child's first/last name, grade, teacher and school. We do need these devices so please ensure that they are returned when school re-opens.

Negotiations are on-going so continue to check you email and listen to the news for any updates and changes.

Message from Toronto Public Health

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Re: Reducing Spread of Respiratory Viruses

As the weather has gotten colder, there has been an increase in respiratory viruses among children including Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Influenza and COVID-19. These three viruses have been called a "Triple Threat" because they can cause serious illness, especially to children under five years of age, seniors and people with medical conditions.

Recently, there have been higher than usual hospital admissions among children with one or more of these viruses. Toronto Public Health strongly recommends [layers of protection](#) to help keep children and others safe:

- Masking: Wear a well-fitted [mask](#) in indoor public settings, including in schools and childcare. Children under 2 and those with medical exemptions are not recommended to wear a mask.
- Vaccinations: Anyone 6 months and older should stay up to date with [COVID-19 vaccines](#), including a fall booster for anyone 5 years of age and older and a fall [influenza vaccine](#). Anyone aged 5 and older can safely get their COVID-19 booster and flu vaccine at the same time.
- Stay home if sick: Complete this [daily symptom check](#) for your child. Keep your child home, even if symptoms are mild, and until they are feeling better.
- Clean your hands: Use hand sanitizer or wash hands often.
- Clean surfaces: Clean commonly touched surfaces frequently.

Call 811 or speak to your child's healthcare provider if you have questions about your child's health. If your child is sick, you can find information about how to care for them [here](#). We can all take care of our families and school communities by reducing the spread of respiratory viruses. When we reduce the spread we also help ensure that our healthcare system remains able to care for the sick.

Sincerely,
Nicole Welch
Director Child and Youth Response and Chief Nursing Officer

Early French Immersion

The deadline for the Early French Immersion program is quickly approaching. The program begins in Junior Kindergarten. Entrance is guaranteed to all eligible on-time applicants, however, admission to a specific school is NOT guaranteed.

The deadline for applications: November 25, 2022. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Application-Process/Early-French-Immersion>

AMG Parent Council – Two Ways to Support

Keep AMG a Great Place to be!

Last year, the AMG community came together to provide all students in the school with access to math and reading online tools, both for the classroom and for the home. We raised over \$7500 to support the school! This year, now that we're back in person, the parent council is raising funds to bring more of those great things that we've missed over these past 2-3 years of lockdowns. Things like school buses to take our kids on field trips. More guest speakers and events. More sporting equipment. More bins, books, and furniture for the library. More of the things that make going to school fun. We could all use a little more fun, right?

Our goal: \$10,000

That's a lot, we know. But the cost of all of these things – the buses, the equipment, the books – it's all gone up. The school's budget has not increased in kind. We're looking to you, members of our community, to support AMG and, in turn, our kids.

Your donation is entirely voluntary and much appreciated. To make a tax-deductible donation, please click [here](#) and select "Alexander Muir/Gladstone" in the drop down menu to direct the donation to our school.

Thanks again for your consideration and support!

Support AMG while you do your holiday shopping

The School Council is always looking for ways to raise funds to support the school. We're excited to have found FlipGive, an app that allows you to shop at all your favourite online stores while raising money for the school at the same time! Just remember to use FlipGive (either the website or the app) to make your purchases, and a % of the value of your purchase is donated back to our account.

Funds collected via FlipGive are managed by AMG's school council and go directly to the school to support our students and teachers. Parent council, in consultation with school administration, the teachers, and fellow AMG parents, will decide how the funds are spent.

I have included some further details about FlipGive below. If you have any questions, just ask!

Join our team now and you'll get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop: <https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?joincode=PVTHGT>

Or enter this code: PVTHGT

How do you get started? Watch this video!

<https://youtu.be/-7CkIHka64s>

Looking for teacher gift ideas? How about a gift card they can use at various retailers and raise money for AMG too!