



# Parents and Students

## PORT ROYAL WEEKLY

October 12-16

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Monday, October 12, 2020



NO SCHOOL

**Character Education:**  
Responsibility 责任心  
Islamic Heritage Month  
Somali Heritage Month  
Women's History  
Month

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 (Day 5)

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 (Day 1)

Thursday, October 15, 2020 (Day 2)

Terry Fox Walk, Red and White Day

Friday, October 16, 2020 (Day 3)

Panther Pride Day! (Wear school colours: Purple/Teal)

Upcoming Dates:

October 28: Virtual Curriculum Night



Port Royal Public School is celebrating this year's 40th Anniversary of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope and your help is needed. This Thanksgiving, as you connect with family and friends, you too can share Terry's message of hope and resiliency. Please share and donate to our school's fundraising efforts at: <http://www.terryfox.ca/PortRoyalPSScarborough> Thank you! #terryfoxschoolruns @terryfoxfoundation

## **A Message from the Principal:**

Tuesday, October 13th marks that first day of virtual school, or in school learning for those who recently requested changes on September 30. **The next date to request a change is November 6th.** All of the timelines and information for virtual school is available to families at:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Virtual-School/Virtual-School-Elementary>

Port Royal anticipated 416 students for September. Our current enrollment is 132 students. We have lost approximately 75% of our student population to the virtual school and over 50% of our staff.

Due to the changes that occurred as of September 30th, we were directed by the school board to close a junior classroom. As a result, we went from having 4 junior/intermediate classrooms to 3. Our junior and intermediate class sizes are at or below the cap, and our primary classes are well below class caps.

As we were reduced by one teacher, Mr. Uppal volunteered to teach at the virtual school for the remainder of the school year.

As parents have options to switch from virtual and face to face learning two more times this year in both November and January, we might have to reorganize staff and students two additional times. This will be dependent on if more students leave for virtual then return from virtual school.

I know that making a decision to choose face to face or virtual is a difficult one for families. We are in the anticipated second wave of COVID19, as predicted by Toronto Public Health and medical experts.

**The lowest sources of outbreaks are schools,** as stated by Ontario's top doctors.

Please note that our staff is incredibly vigilant and responsible about keeping the environment safe for students. We have strict COVID19 protocols in place for everyone's safety. Our caretaking staff are continuously sanitizing high touch surfaces multiple times a day.

Like you, many of us are parents with young children, care for our aging parents, or have family members with compromised immune systems. We too want to be healthy and safe for our own families, as well as for yours.

We ask you to continue to do your part and not send students to school when they are ill.

Have a great weekend! For those who celebrate Thanksgiving, I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration!

V. Mari  
Principal

