

Sunnylea Update #4 - October, 2023

Upcoming Dates <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/sunnylea/Calendar>

October 12 - Pumpkin sale and costume swap after school (see attached) - **Cash** event.

October 12 - Girls soccer

October 13 - Pizza Day

October 16 - Boys soccer

October 17 - Cross country west finals - AM

October 19, 20, 23 - CCAT testing for grade 3s (note these dates may change if we encounter technical issues)

October 25 - Cross country city finals

October 27 - Pizza Day

October 31 - Halloween Parade - 1 pm

Orange Shirt Day

Our school was a sea of orange on September 29. All classes had age-appropriate discussions about residential schools. Look for the orange rocks that our grade 5 students from Ms. Baatjes's class planted in our front bed.

Winter Clothing Drive and Food Bank Drive

We are collecting winter clothing for all ages between now and October 27. Please leave bags of clothes at the bottom of the stairs at the front door. Please leave food items at the top of the stairs at the front door.

Cross Country

The sunshine cooperated for a lovely day at Centennial Park. Sunnylea had a whopping 137 young runners from grades 1-5 represent the school with their patented enthusiasm and spirit. There were many special individual and team performances. Sunnylea has 33 runners advancing to the Western Conference Cross Country Finals scheduled to take place on Tuesday, October 17th. The staff would like to thank all the parents who volunteered their time to ensure this massive event ran smoothly and safely. Please send your best photos from Cross Country to your child's teacher. We like to include them in our December slide show.

Wednesday Lunch Option

We are trying out a new system for you to order lunch for your child on Wednesdays each week. You have the option of ordering, via Cash Online, from Pita Pit. **You'll see the instructions for ordering attached.** Log into School Cash Online and click "Order Now" on the Lunchbox banner. The ordering deadline each week is Sunday at 12:00 PM. (You can also order for





several weeks in advance if you wish). **Our first lunch service will be on Wednesday, October 18th, so your order is due this coming Sunday, October 15th, by noon.**

Please note that there is a minimum order threshold, so if we're unable to meet it each week, we may need to look for an alternate lunch option. The program also supports Parent Council fundraising, with roughly 10 cents raised per order.

ESA

The students in Mr. Copeland and Ms. Fordyce's classes enjoyed a session with musical theatre students from Etobicoke School of the Arts - featuring a grade 12 former Sunnylea student.



Library News

Our grade 5s will be coming home with books from our Caregiver Library <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/sunnylea/School-Council/Caregiver-Library>.

These books are designed to be read together with parents and are related to areas of equity and inclusion. Look for the "Parent Library" sticker on the front of the book, an explanation page on the inside front cover and a question/engagement page on the back of the cover. If you do not wish to receive these, simply return it and ask your child not to collect another.

Many of our students have been **creating bookmark designs for the Toronto Public Library**. Please complete the permission form and return it to Mme Foley, so she can submit your child's work to the contest. A hard copy of the entry form will be coming home in the coming week.

Parent Council News - [meeting minutes](#) (Note that meeting minutes are posted one month behind, as they need to be approved at the following meeting)

Highlights from our meeting last night:

- Executive Committee confirmed: Tiffany Kress, Loriann Halliday (co-chairs), Ted Mercer (secretary), Joanna Downs, Christine McCarthy-Howe (co-treasurers)
- Funding was approved for cross country buses for children who will be attending the West Finals and two cultural dance workshops for each class for the month of November.
- September funding approvals included funding for a STEM workshop for each class non-sport extra curricular, classroom enhancement fund for each teacher
- **Trustee Nunziata's Newsletter**