

September 2022

# Thorncliffe Park P.S. News





# Message from Administration

Welcome back to our new and returning Thorncliffe Park families.

We had a successful first week back. Our new grade 1 students transitioned well to their new school. Our students returning from virtual learning were excited to be back learning in-person. Our virtual classes are building their online community. All of our students who stay for lunch are working on learning the new lunch routines.

**1 Attend a meeting**  
School Councils have between 4-10 meetings each school year and this is an opportunity for you to speak to issues that affect the school community and student achievement.

**2 Help out**  
Every school needs volunteers to get stuff done. You can volunteer once or many times. Small groups, called sub-committees, work on projects that need your helping hands. Ask a council member or a school staff to get involved.

**3 Join as a Voting Member**  
Every September a new group of caregivers/parents are elected through a democratic voting process. Members guide the work of School Council through-out the year, supporting students and parents/caregivers.

Each morning our classes meet online for our daily announcements to share daily messages, information about our character traits and celebrate our heritage months. This year we will include more of our students' voice in our daily announcements.

We also want to hear the voice of our families. We are looking for parents/guardians/caregivers to join our School Council this year. If you are interested in joining, please complete the survey at the link below. We will reach out to you with more information.

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We look forward to an amazing school year!  
Ms. Harvey Kerr, Mr. Fabbri and Ms. Rogers





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Here is the team of educators that will be supporting your child(ren) this school year:

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Ms. Biback	Ms. Andani	Ms. Chaudhary	Ms. Beretta	Ms. Anfer
Ms. Chen	Ms. Ball	Ms. Fietta	Ms. Cohan	Ms. Beattie
Ms. Coutinho	Ms. Foxton	Mr. Jenkinson	Mr. Kapodistrias	Ms. Donatelli
Ms. Gallos	Ms. Gircys	Ms. Papaioannou	Ms. Fioto	Ms. Harpur
Ms. Grenville	Ms. Humphries	Ms. Rallis	Ms. Nicholls	Ms. Hopkins
Ms. McLeish	Ms. Macnamara	Ms. Salerno	Ms. O'Shea	Mr. Ngo
Ms. Nadeem	Mr. Mitchell	Ms. Scheifele	Ms. Tomcko	Ms. JM Spencer
Ms. Paton	Ms. Page	Ms. Selkirk	Ms. Yee	Mr. Darawal (4/5)
Ms. Pulver	Ms. Reese	Ms. Trusca	Mr. Darawal (4/5)	
Ms. Verma	Ms. Sati	Ms. Yonemitsu		
Ms. Brockie (1/2)	Ms. Brockie (1/2)	Ms. Girardin (2/3)		
Ms. Floros (1/2)	Ms. Floros (1/2)	Mr. Tonnos (2/3)		
	Ms. Girardin (2/3)	Ms. Kan-Hai (3/4)		
	Mr. Tonnos (2/3)			





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Special Education	ESL	Subject Teachers	Office Team	Custodians
<b>SERT</b> Ms. Brown Ms. Goraya Ms. S. Karavidas Ms. Magno Ms. Ricci  <b>ISP Class</b> Ms. Harigovind Ms. P. Karavidas Ms. Peters Ms. Shah	Ms. Chu Ms. Dewji Ms. Gillespie Ms. Hernadez Ms. S. Karavidas Ms. Kwong Ms. Syed	Ms. Ahmad Ms. Bodrug Mr. Dodds Ms. Fernandes Mr. Hutchison Mr. Lobo Mr. Mouratidis Mr. Pryor Ms. Spencer Ms. Williams	Ms. Dinadis Ms. Giannopoulos Ms. Patrascu Ms. Shiraz  Mr. Fabbri Ms. Harvey Kerr Ms. Rogers	Mr. Jogiat Mr. MacDonald



# Lunch Routines and Reminders

With a return to regular lunch routines, most of our students will be eating in a common space this year.

- Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 will eat lunch in a Gym.
- Grade 1 will eat lunch in the classroom or in the Large Muscle Area (LMA). We hope to have all of our Grade 1 classes eating in the LMA soon.



Students who stay at school for lunch are to bring their lunch to school in the morning. In unusual circumstances, if lunch is forgotten, please remember that the lunch bag must be labelled with your child's name before it is dropped off at school. It is best for students to bring their lunch to school in the morning so that they are prepared for the day.

Students who go home for lunch exit and meet their family outside at the front entrance of the school. Students return to the front entrance at 12:40 pm. Please do not send your child(ren) earlier as supervision at the front of the school is not available.



# Entry and Dismissal



Entry and Dismissal are very busy times at Thorncliffe Park. For the safety of our students and staff, we ask that families move away from entry doors and class lines once your child is safely in line.

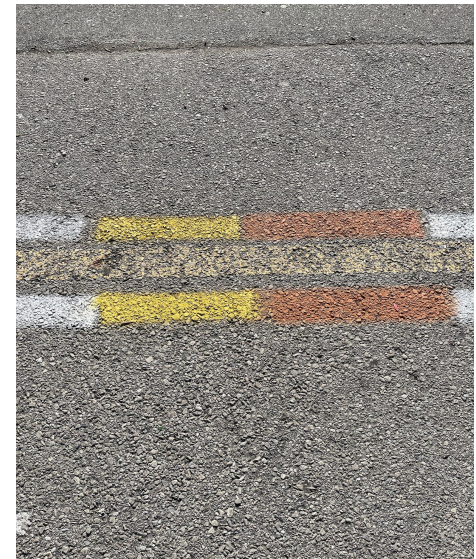
Supervision is available from 8:45 - 8:55 am. Please ensure that your child does not arrive to school earlier than 8:45 am.

At the end of the day, we remind our families to stand behind the dotted line and cones. Students in grades 1-3 will be dismissed from the pavement in the front and back yard. Students in grades 4 and 5 will meet their family on the turf at the back. Students in grades 4 and 5 can walk home on their own with parent permission.

The path by door 12 is closed from 3:20 - 3:35 pm to allow our classes to exit safely to the front yard.

Do not worry if your children are dismissed at different yards, teachers are on duty from 3:30 - 3:40 pm.

We thank our families for your support to keep our children safe.



# Orange Shirt Day

September 30th marks Orange Shirt Day & the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

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.

On Friday, September 30, 2021 wear orange to participate in 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.angeshirtday.org>



# September is Respect

At Thorncliffe Park we work on learning activities designed to develop good character and help children make good choices. Our focus this month is on **RESPECT**.

Your child can show respect by:

- being kind to other family members
- using polite language
- talking and spending time with relatives and/or other family members
- listening when someone else is talking

Encouraging respect in your child:

- Praise and encourage your child when he or she is being respectful.
- Speak to your child with respect, and answer his or her questions in a polite manner. Expect the same behaviour from your child.
- Share an example of how someone was respectful toward you, and how this made you feel.
- Model speaking politely to others in our school yard.

At the end of the month, we will celebrate the learning of our students at our Character Assemblies..  
Thank you for supporting our Character Development program.



**BUILD CHARACTER**  
**BUILD SUCCESS**



# Final Information

Our TDSB Trustee is Rachel Chernos Lin.

Each month Trustee Chernos Lin shares a newsletter and other opportunities with our families.


To read this month's newsletter, go to the link below:

[Trustee September Newsletter](#)

Stay informed! Sign up for Trustee Chernos Lin's newsletter here: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward11/>

*Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin invites you to*

**DON VALLEY WEST**  
**COMMUNITY COFFEE**



**Wednesday, September 28, 2022**  
**9:30am - 11:00am**

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The Ward 11 Community Coffee Meetings have gone virtual! Grab your favourite mug, and join us from the comfort of your own home for a casual conversation about the TDSB and our Ward 11 schools.

If you are interested in attending, please register:  
[\*\*https://forms.gle/hGXXJJatVyqgxHUn8\*\*](https://forms.gle/hGXXJJatVyqgxHUn8)

Meeting links and dial-in numbers will be shared with registrants the day before the meeting.

# Thorncliffe Park



**Together We Can**

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[https://twitter.com/tpps\\_tdsb](https://twitter.com/tpps_tdsb)