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SAFE ARRIVAL

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### **NOVEMBER 2020**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Even though learning looks a little different this year, our students remain actively engaged in each of their classrooms! We have started a monthly Electives Day at Tom Longboat. On the last Friday of the month, each class will be engaging in a learning activity of the students' choice. Together with their teachers, students brainstorm ideas in the areas of STEM, the Arts, Physical Education, and health and wellness. Then, using a democratic process, each class decides on an elective for the month. On our final day in October, classes participated in making slime, leaf art rubbings, artistic silhouettes, and a virtual escape room! We are looking forward to seeing what creative ideas our students come up with for our November Electives Day!

November is Indigenous Education Month in the TDSB! Our school's namesake, Tom Longboat, was a member of the Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation Indian Reserve near Brantford, Ontario. In his honour, our students will be learning about Indigenous people both from the past and present. Through class-based and school-wide inquiries, we will collectively learn about the Indigenous origins of the country now known as Canada.

Our Progress Report Cards will be distributed to families on November 18<sup>th</sup>. This gives us an opportunity to reflect upon the learning that has occurred to date and what next steps we will be focussing on for the rest of Term 1. Our parent-teacher interviews will be held virtually this year due to our current situation. Details regarding interviews will be send out over the next couple of weeks.

The students and families have been doing an excellent job following the self-screening guidelines from Toronto Public Health. Please ensure your child brings back their **Heath Pass** each day to confirm they are feeling well and have no symptoms of COVID-19. A reminder that if your child has even one symptom, they are asked to stay home and self-isolate until the symptom resolves itself. If they have two or more symptoms, they will be required to stay home and self-isolate for 10 days unless they go for a COVID test and receive a negative result. We appreciate your co-operation and willingness to help keep all students and families at Tom Longboat safe.

Sincerely, Andrea Chisholm Principal

### **TDSB CELEBRATES!**



November is...

Hindu Heritage Month
Indigenous Education Month

For more information, please go to www.tdsb.on.ca

## LOOK AT OUR LONGBOAT LEADERS... CHARACTER TRAIT FOR OCTOBER – RESPECT

Student	Teacher	Class
Hooriya	Ms Shnayderman	K1
Mira	Mr Birta	K2
Saaruharsh	Ms Stephen	1/2A
Anisa	Ms Stephen	1/2A
Kapishan	Ms Bonnell	1/2B
Zacheriel	Ms Bonnell	1/2B
Rayyan	Ms Sawyer	3
Ahishan	Ms Sawyer	3
Zayan	Ms Yung	4/5
Sameha	Ms Riding	6
Rithan	Ms Riding	6



### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**



#### **NOVEMBER**

Student Class

Gabriel K1

Mason K2

Saalih 1/2A

Melanie 3

Rahmat 3

Susan 4/5

Hafsah 6

Aarshya 6

Sameha 6

Bijino 6

#### RETURNING TO IN SCHOOL LEARNING

We recognize that parents/guardians and/or students may want to switch between in-person learning and Virtual School.

It is important to note that, for health and safety reasons, and because of the impact switching would have on staffing, physical distancing and space allocation, it will not be possible to immediately transition between the two models.

As a result, opportunities to enter the Virtual School or to return to in-person learning will be provided at key dates during the school year.

Opportunity to Change	Date the Change of Class would Take Effect	Deadline for Requesting Change
#3: Following Distribution of First Provincial Report Card	February 16, 2021 (day after Family Day Holiday)	January 29, 2021

#### VIRTUAL TO INSCHOOL

Families of elementary students who would like to switch from the Virtual School to inperson learning should contact the school directly. It may be possible for students to return to in-person learning sooner than February 2021.

#### INSCHOOL TO VIRTUAL

Please email Ms Russell if you would like your child to transfer to the Virtual School. Desleigh.Russell@tdsb.on.ca. Please note we would need to hear from you by end of day January 28, 2021 for a February 16, 2021 start.

#### **FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Join the conversation by following the TDSB on social media. See the most up-to-date information and find out what's happening across the Board by following our Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Twitter
@TomLongboatPS
@TDSB
http://www.twitter.com/tomlongboatps
http://www.twitter.com/tdsb



### **GRADE 6 – TREE ART**

### Grade Six Tree Art

The grade 6's captured the beauty of the fall colours by choosing a tree in our schoolyard to create a piece of art.

































We hope you enjoyed our colourful tree art.

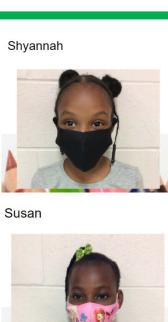
## MS YUNG'S 4/5 CLASS SHARING CIRCLE PRESENTATION







































## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 – ELECTIVES DAY @ LONGBOAT



























## Electives







#### WEATHER GUIDELINES

Children need an opportunity to get exercise and free play time outdoors, however, weather conditions sometimes warrant that indoor recesses, lunch periods and preentry periods be considered necessary for student and staff safety. Conditions warranting indoor recesses (a) Rain, thunderstorms, lightning, hail, extreme winds and extreme cold. (b) Cold weather: When temperature and/or windchill factor indicates -28C or lower children will remain indoors due to risk of frostnip and frostbite.

When an extreme cold weather alert is issued or when temperatures and/or windchill factor indicates -20 to -28C, recesses may be shortened to 10 minutes and lunch recess be 20 minutes depending on local conditions. Children should be monitored closely for signs of frostnip, frostbite or difficulty breathing. (c) Humidity, Heat and Smog Alerts: The City of Toronto issues heat alerts and heat emergencies based on the daily forecast from May to September. Alerts are posted on the Web site www.toronto.ca/health or available by calling (416) 338-7600. Staff and students should be vigilant about their level of activity and should take frequent breaks for water in order to remain adequately hydrated.

Other conditions:
Weather conditions
change during the day.
When necessary and if
the weather is
questionable, the school
principal will consult the
Environment Canada's
www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca
or Toronto Public Health
Web sites for information.

During these extreme weather conditions, students may wait inside entry doors starting at 8:30am and 12:15pm.

Longboat students wear SNOWPANTS!!!



When going outside in winter make sure body parts most often affected by frostbite are covered in warm, dry clothing.

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## Student Virtual Learning IT Support Frequently Asked Questions

- How do I login to my TDSB student account?
- How do I request a device for virtual learning?
- How do I login to Brightspace or Google Classroom?
- How do I use the TDSB Health Screening App?
- Click here for answers

#### Still Need Help?

Use the Web Chat button below, to connect with an agent to assist with:

- Account & Password Related Issues
- TDSB Device Support
- Digital Learning Tools (Google Classroom/Brightspace) Technical Issues Contact Us
- Live Webchat: Open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (link below)
- Submit this form
- TDSB Parent Phone Support Line: 416-396-9100: Open Monday to Friday, 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

Note: "How To" questions about digital learning tools and classwork related questions should be directed to your teacher.

**Start Web Chat** 

#### **COVID-19 Decision Tool for School Students (JK-12)**

Version 2.1. Updated on October 4, 2020

### Effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, the provincial Ministry of Health has updated COVID-19 symptom screening for students JK-12.

Screening is now divided into two groups of symptoms:

#### 1. Symptoms



Fever > 37.8°0



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Difficulty breathing



Loss of taste or smell

#### 2. Symptoms



Sore throat, painful swallowing



Stuffy/runny nose



Headache



Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea



Feeling unwell, muscle aches, tired

#### **Daily Self-Screening for Students**

Every student must complete a daily self-screening questionnaire before going to school. Students with chronic symptoms due to a medically diagnosed condition other than COVID-19, should look for **new, different or worsening symptoms.** 

#### In most scenarios, students may be excluded from school:

- (A) If the student has been in **close contact** with a person who has COVID-19, the student will need to self-isolate for 14 days, even if they don't have symptoms. If the student has symptoms, their household members will need to stay home and self-isolate until COVID-19 is ruled out.
- (B) If the student has **travelled** outside of Canada they must self-isolate for 14 days. Their household members do not need to self-isolate if they have not travelled, if they don't have symptoms of COVID-19, and if they are not a close contact of a positive case.

#### **Students without symptoms**

If a student does not have symptoms of COVID-19, he/she may attend school, if they are not a close contact (A) or have travelled outside of Canada (B).

#### **Students with symptoms**

- 1. If a student has any new or worsening symptoms of [fever, cough, difficulty breathing or loss of taste/smell]: The student must stay home, self-isolate, and get tested or contact their health care provider. The student's household members will have to self-monitor for symptoms. They may go to school or work if they don't have symptoms, and the student is not a close contact of someone with COVID-19 (A).
- 2. If a student has ONE of the following symptoms of [sore throat, stuffy/runny nose, headache, nausea/ vomiting/diarrhea, muscle ache/fatigue]: The student must stay home for 24 hours. If the symptom is improving, they can return to school 24 hours later. Testing is not needed. If the symptom is not improving after 24 hours or is getting worse, the student should stay home, self-isolate and get tested or contact their health care provider.
- 3. If a student has TWO of the following symptoms of [sore throat, stuffy/runny nose, headache, nausea/ vomiting/diarrhea, muscle ache/fatigue]: The student must stay home, self-isolate for 10 days, and get tested or contact their health care provider.

#### Students with a Laboratory Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Test

- Students they must stay home and self-isolate for 10 days from the day the symptoms first appear. They may return to school after 10 days if they do not have a fever (without use of medication), and their symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours.
- Students without symptoms must stay home and self-isolate for 10 days, from the day the test was done.
- Family members of the student who test positive should self-isolate and follow public health advice.

#### **Students with Negative Test**

Students can go back to school if their symptoms have been improving for 24 hours, and if they are not a close contact of someone with COVID-19 (A) or have travelled outside of Canada (B).

#### Students who are not tested - Alternative diagnosis

Students with an alternative diagnosis from a health care provider that is **not** related to COVID-19 can go back to school once their symptoms have been improving for 24 hours. Family members without symptoms, should self-monitor, and can go back to school or work.

#### Students who are not tested for COVID-19

- If a student is not tested and has any new or worsening symptoms not related to an existing medical condition:
  - o **ONE of the following symptoms:** fever, cough, difficulty breathing or loss of taste/smell.
  - ONE of the following symptoms that does not improve in 24 hours: sore throat, stuffy/runny nose, headache, nausea/ vomiting/diarrhea, muscle ache/fatique.
  - TWO of the following symptoms: sore throat, stuffy/runny nose, headache, nausea/ vomiting/diarrhea, muscle ache/fatigue].
- The student must self-isolate for 10 days from the date their symptom(s) first appear. They may return to school after 10 days if they do not have a fever (without taking medication), and their symptoms are improving for 24 hours.

#### Students who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19

 Students in close contact with a person with COVID-19 must stay home and self-isolate for 14 days from their last date of exposure.

#### **Back to School Confirmation Form**

- Parents can complete a "Back to School Confirmation Form" to provide to the school to confirm the child is safe to return to school.
- Toronto Public Health is not recommending or requiring medical notes for return to school.

## **TDSB Student Health Pass**

The most important thing families can do to help slow the spread of COVID-19, is to screen their children daily for any COVID-19 symptoms and keep them home from school if they are sick or have had close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19.

Review this COVID-19 checklist daily with your child. Sign\* below each day to confirm that your child does not have any symptoms or have had other exposure to COVID-19. We all have a role in keeping our schools safe and healthy.

Student Name:		
Date:	Signature:	

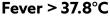
<sup>\*</sup> Parent/Guardian of Kindergarten to Grade 8 students to sign. High school and adult students can sign themselves.



## STOP COVID-19 Please complete before entering the school.

#### 1. Does your child have any of the following new or worsening symptoms?\*







Cough



Difficulty breathing



Loss of taste or smell

If "YES": Stay home, self-isolate & get tested or contact your child's health care provider.

#### 2. Does your child have any of the following new or worsening symptoms?\*



Sore throat, painful swallowing



Stuffy/runny nose



Headache



Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea



Feeling unwell, muscle aches, feeling tired

#### If "YES" to 1 symptom:

- Stay home for 24 hours from when symptom started.
- If improving in 24 hours, can return to school.
   No test needed.
- If not improving, or getting worse, self-isolate & get tested.

#### If "YES" to 2 or more symptoms:

 Stay home, self-isolate & get tested or contact your child's health care provider.

Yes		N
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4. Has your child been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19?

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5. Has your child been instructed to stay home and self-isolate?

Yes	No

#### If you answered "YES" to questions 3, 4 or 5:

Your child must stay home, self-isolate & follow the advice of public health.

\*Children who have an existing health condition identified by a health care provider that gives them the symptoms should not answer YES, unless the symptom is **new**, **different** or **getting worse**. Look for changes from your child's normal symptoms.



## COVID-19

# ASSESSMENT CENTRES

# Are you looking to get tested for COVID-19?

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or think you may be infected (even without symptoms), get tested at our Pop-up Assessment Centre.



Malvern Recreation Centre (30 Sewells Road)



Friday, November 6



9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

STAY UP TO DATE FOR FUTURE DATES & LOCATIONS:

SHN.ca/COVID19-popup

