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Monday Oct. 1 2021

Hello Springbank Stars,



Important Dates to Remember

Friday Oct. 8 – Terry Fox event at school – Dress like a super hero

Monday Oct. 11 - Thanksgiving

Friday Oct. 29 – Orange & Black day

Thursday., Oct. 7..... School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will include elections. Please join us! Look for the virtual link that will be sent out through School Messenger!

Thank you

To begin, we would like to thank you for taking the time to read this very important, although lengthy, newsletter. It is full of critical information you will need to know about how school will be operating this year.

Orange Shirt Day

Our students ended their first month of school learning about reconciliation and Orange shirt day. We have been impressed with how thoughtful, empathetic and caring our students have been.



Terry Fox



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Over 40 years ago, Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope, running a marathon a day for 143 days, to raise funds for cancer research. Unfortunately, Terry's cancer returned and he was forced to end his Marathon of Hope, but his legacy had only just begun. Springbank Public School has always demonstrated amazing support for the Terry Fox Foundation and participated in the Terry Fox Run. Since 1986 our school community has generously donated more than \$35, 000. This year we are once again fundraising through online donations only. Please use the link to donate if you are able.

<http://www.terryfox.ca/SpringbankPSWoodstock>

Friday October 8th, Springbank staff and students will take part in the Springbank Terry Fox Run. Terry Fox said, "Anything is possible if you try." There was no limit to Terry's try. Let's try like Terry!



SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Although some restrictions have eased and we are able to attend school in person, we still have extensive protocols and safety procedures in place to limit student contact and keep everyone as safe as possible. It will be critical that each family do their part by screening their child each morning before sending them to school. Please do not send your child to school if they are ill in any way. Should they become ill at school, we will need to send them home, and we will make them safe and comfortable in our sick room until pick up.

HAND HYGIENE

At school, we will explicitly teach and support students with frequently scheduled and thorough hand-washing opportunities, as well as opportunities to use hand sanitizer. If you are planning to send your child with hand sanitizer, please ensure that it has an alcohol content between 60 and 90 percent. As well, it will need to be unscented, as we have several students and staff who are scent sensitive.

SOCIAL DISTANCING



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We will also be supporting the students with visual and verbal reminders to socially distance throughout the school and we have created smaller cohorts of children on the yard so that they will be in contact with a much smaller group of children on a daily basis. Staffing has also been adjusted to limit the number of prep teachers who will come into contact with each class.

MASKS

Masks are mandatory for all children attending a TVDSB school. If a child does not have a mask, we can provide one for them to wear. Should your child in grade 1 to 8 refuse to wear a mask, they will need to be sent home. Some children may require exemptions from this, and medical documentation will be required. Please see either school administrator if you would like to discuss an exemption for your child. Children will have the opportunity to take a break from the mask when they are learning outside, eating lunch inside, and when outside playing at recess. Masks will need to be worn as they make their way outside to recess and then worn again as students re-enter the building.

ACADEMICS, SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SAFETY

We take safety and belonging very seriously, and we understand that our students need to feel safe and comfortable if they are going to be able to learn optimally. Our goals are to ensure that physical and emotional safety practices are in place and to work collaboratively with our students and families to build upon the successes we've achieved thus far. Communication between home and school will be critical as we support our students/children to reach their full potential.



Hello Star Families!

We have an exciting opportunity available for people to be part of the team here at Springbank Public School. The hours would be from 10:50-11:40 and 1:20-2:00 daily. We are looking for individuals interested in being a Noon Hour Supervisor to reach out to the school for an application package. Please call the school (519)539-7140 or email Mrs Ashman (k.ashman@tvdsb.ca).



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ARRIVING AT SCHOOL EACH DAY/ENTRANCE TO OUR BUILDING

The school day runs from 8:50 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. Student supervision will start each morning at 8:35 a.m., and students will need to report to their specific area on the yard each morning. It would be ideal to arrive on the yard as close to 8:50 as possible. We ask that parents do not come onto the playground, as we are trying to maintain small cohorts of children in certain areas and limit contact between too many people. Entry into the building by the students will be strategic and orderly so that social distancing can be maintained.

Please note:

Because our schools are not open to the general public, the front doors of the school will remain locked. Should your child arrive late, you, or your child, will need to ring the doorbell for your child to be let in by the secretary or one of our administrators (parents are welcome to call into the school from the parking lot as well). Your child will then be recorded late by the secretary before heading to class.

-Should you need to pick your child up for an appointment, please call the school when you arrive in the parking lot (519-539-7140) or ring the doorbell. We will then collect your child and deliver them out the front door to you.

-Should you require a meeting with staff or administration, or both, we will, together, determine if we need to meet in person or if the meeting can be held virtually or over the phone.

DEPARTURE AT THE END OF THE DAY

Staff will be preparing students for a safe departure at the end of the day. Social distancing will be encouraged, and students will need to wear their masks as they leave the building and board their bus.

Students who do not ride the bus will be dismissed by their teacher, at the bell, with their masks on. Again, departure will be organized and controlled to encourage safety and may take longer than normal. We will continue to fine-tune our practices for entry and exit as required.

COMMUNICATION

We will do our best to provide you information in a timely manner, and we will work to ensure it is thorough. Each month, we will create a school newsletter which will include information for the upcoming month, events such as spirit days, and key dates. Monthly newsletters will be sent through School Messenger to your email address. It will also be posted to our school website, under "Newsletters".

SCHOOL COUNCIL – CONSIDER JOINING

Our Springbank School Council is an excellent way for you to be involved in your child's education. Some examples of School Council topics/areas of discussion include the School Growth Plan, the Code of Conduct, how Parent Involvement money will be spent, healthy schools and student nutrition, among other topics/areas. Our first Council meeting will be held on October 7, 2021 and will include the election of a new executive. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm and will be held virtually. A link to the TEAMS meeting will be shared to all parents through School Messenger. The TEAMS platform does not have to be downloaded in advance of the meeting, although it might be



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helpful to do so. The TEAMS platform will function on a cell phone, laptop, Chromebook, iPad or tablet. Please consider joining us!!

STAFFING

The following is a complete list of all staff and their assignments for the current year:

	STAFF MEMBER
Grade	Teacher
K1	Cox-Wilson/Brown
K2	O'Neil / Reeves
K3	Maltby/ Spierenburg
K4	Lucas/ Cormier
SK/1	Jessie Carberry
1 A	Jill Goodbun
1 B	Steve Wright
2 A	Anne Mackenzie
2B	Lisa Sales
2/3	Amanda Kanters
3 A	Shauna Roper
3 B	Brittany Moreland
3/4	Katie Adamson
4	Nicole Poetter
4/5	Sonia Afsar (Natasha Bruce)



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5 A	Marlo Mortson
5 B	Scott MacIntyre
5/6	Ashley Westra
6	Sherry Myers
7/8 A	Kristina Shanks
7/8 B	Christine Bullock
7/8 C	Derek Nixon
7/8 D	Becky Febel
7/8 E	Kim Roddick
Intermediate French	Nick Gillespie
Junior French	Angela Dean
Kindergarten Specialty Teacher	Kris McMahon
Primary Science and Phys-Ed	Deanna Sweeney
Music (0.4)	Pam Morris
Teacher Librarian	Tracy Stanton
Learning Support Teacher	Carly Hart
Learning Support Teacher (0.6)	Pam Morris
Guidance	Kelly Ashman



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Educational Assistant	Jill Fowler
Educational Assistant	Jenn Burns
Educational Assistant	Shannon Brooker
Educational Assistant	Regan Smith
Educational Assistant	Jenifer Brekelman
Educational Assistant	Deb Hilderly
Educational Assistant	Mikayla Murray
Administrative Secretary	Melissa Crandall
Secretary	Andrea Skillings
VP	Kelly Ashman
Principal	Holly Powell

We encourage you to contact us by phone (519) 539-7140 should you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with each and every one of you in order to make the school year a safe and productive one for our entire community.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DROP OFF AND PICK UP AT SPRINGBANK....

Our parking lot is not available for family parking or pick up at the beginning or end of day. Please consider parking a block or two away and walking to school with your child.

Buses will continue to pull into the bus drop off lane and release students at the side of the school and staff will supervise the exit and entry into the yard .

As a general precaution, please also be careful when driving in the school vicinity and keep a vigilant eye out for our students as they make their way walking/riding to and from school.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Parents are reminded to supervise students carefully near the bus stop and road, for safety reasons. An adult is expected to meet Kindergarten children as they get dropped off at the end of the day. Students are to follow posted bus rules, and respect the bus drivers’ instructions. A seating plan has been developed for your child’s bus with siblings seated together, when appropriate, to limit contact. Bus transportation is a privilege, and this privilege can be suspended for serious and ongoing inappropriate behaviour. In the case of inclement weather, please check for delays and cancellations at www.mybigyellowbus.ca.



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SAFE ARRIVAL POLICY Three times each day (morning entry and following each nutrition break) for in person and virtual students, teachers will make note of each student who is absent and input this information electronically into Web Attendance. If the School Messenger Safe Arrival system has not heard from you, the system will make automated phone calls to ensure that your child is SAFE. Any unanswered calls will result in our secretary, Mrs. Skillings and Mrs. Crandall, having to make personalized calls to parents/guardians. Expediting the process of safe arrival calls will be advantageous in ensuring student safety at all times; in particular, on occasions of large quantities of unexplained student absences (e.g., bus cancellations). It is most important that the school has current home, work, and emergency numbers to make sure that students are accounted for daily.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE:

It is requested that parents report any student absence (e.g., illness) via the reporting system prior to the start of school (1-844-305-3756 or **"School Messenger" smartphone app** – WHICH IS VERY EASY TO DOWNLOAD AND USE).

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH PREVALENT MEDICAL/HEALTH CONDITIONS

To ensure children with potentially life-threatening medical conditions remain safe while attending school, TVDSB requests Parents/Guardians update the necessary medical information on the Parent Portal so that an Individual Plan of Care (IPOC) for the student can be reviewed by the school's administration. Medical conditions considered potentially life-threatening may include:

1. Asthma
2. Anaphylaxis
3. Epilepsy
4. Type 1 Diabetes
5. Any other potentially life-threatening condition that could result in a medical incident* (discuss with your school administrator)

Parents/Guardians can provide important information about their child's life-threatening or prevalent medical condition by logging into the TVDSB Parent Portal and clicking on the following tab: Student Medical Information. Once an Individual Plan of Care is submitted, the school administrator will then review the information. Parents/Guardians may be contacted for further information, if required. Permission to Administer Medication at School form is also located on the portal.

Parents/Guardians who cannot access the Parent Portal on the Internet should contact the school office.

Please note that Parents/Guardians are expected to be active participants in supporting the management of the student's prevalent medical condition(s) while the student is in school. It is the responsibility of Parents/Guardians to inform the school of such conditions to ensure the student's safety at school.

*A medical incident is a circumstance that requires an immediate response and monitoring, since the incident may progress to an emergency requiring contact with Emergency Medical Services – 911.

PROTECTING STUDENTS WITH ALLERGIES



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Bill 3, also known as “Sabrina’s Law” was passed in 2005 by the Ontario Government and affects all publicly funded schools in Ontario. This law mandates that every school board has an anaphylaxis policy and that every school has an individual plan for each pupil at risk of anaphylaxis.

Anaphylaxis is life threatening-- there is no cure. Young children are not able to identify allergy risks effectively and need adults to protect them. *The Allergy and Asthma Information Association* recommends striving to make kindergarten and early grade classrooms as allergen-free as possible. As children become older they often become more in charge of their own allergies and are able to protect themselves against possible allergens in schools and communities.

Note: We are a peanut and nut safe school.

It is important as a school that we have up-to-date Emergency plans, and valid Epipens or prescribed medication for students who require it.

STUDENT CONCUSSION POLICY

In response to Ministry of Education requirements and in support of our existing school safety procedures, schools are required to follow certain steps whenever a student suffers a concussion or whenever a concussion is suspected. Parents can access Concussion Policies and Procedures through the board website or by contacting the school and requesting a copy. As with any potential injury, our first goal is prevention; concussion awareness and prevention is part of ongoing professional training for staff and is integrated into students’ Health and Physical Education curriculum. Since concussion can affect a student’s ability to learn or to participate in activities, schools will work with parents and medical contacts to assist any student who has suffered a concussion. If an injury occurs on a weekend or after school, parents are asked to inform the school so that appropriate accommodations and support can be provided. Questions can be directed to the school principal.



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ONTARIO STUDENT RECORD

The Ontario Student Record (O.S.R.) contains copies of the report cards, any testing results, a record of the number of hours of French Instruction and a copy of any educational reports that parents/guardians have given permission for the school to have on file. The O.S.R. is available to the students' parents/guardians and the student for viewing. Simply set up an appointment with the principal to do so.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT SPRINGBANK

In the past, we have had difficulty with student use of technology, i.e., cell phones, iPods, at inappropriate times during the school day. Students are invited to bring technology from home to use at school for educational purposes, with teacher permission only. This includes laptops, iPads, chromebooks, and cell phones. Technology may be stored away by the classroom teacher during times when technology is not a part of the learning. No technology will be permitted to be used during recess or lunch breaks.

If you need to speak with your child during the school day, please call the school and we will arrange for them to come to the phone. Please do not text them as technology will not be available for this and this could potentially interrupt their learning.

If students choose to bring their personal electronic devices to school the school will not be responsible for lost or stolen items, and at no time should students be taking photographs or video of other students at school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - At this time, school photos are on hold.

SPRINGBANK SCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM

At this time, we will have a limited selection of snacks available to our students. Items offered will be single serving, packaged items that meet the nutritional guidelines we have to follow. Mrs. Hilderly will be looking after this program this year, along with some help from some others and we send out a great big thank you to them for all their support with this program.

SPRINGBANK HOT LUNCH PROGRAM -At this time, this program is on hold.

EARLY DISMISSAL AND LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please send a note if your child must leave the school before regular dismissal time. We encourage students to remain at school for lunch. If you are picking your child up for an appointment, please call the school when you arrive and we will deliver your child to you and record their departure at the office. We ask that you pick up students during nutrition breaks to avoid disruption to the learning environment.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to the school at 519-539-7140,

Holly Powell & Kelly Ashman

Principal Vice Principal