



THORHILD CENTRAL SCHOOL

BULLDOG BULLETIN

April 13 2018



Student Information

- April 18—ROE-Family Visit
- April 20—No School for Students—Staff Work Day
- April 24—Grad Meeting —6:30 pm
- April 25—Kindergarten Grad Photos
- April 26—ROE-Post Visit
- April 27—Fire Drill-Practice
- April 30—K, 1 & 2 Dental Health
- April 30—Grade 5 & 9 Immunizations
- May 2—Health Day
- May 3—Hats on for Mental Health (wear your favourite hat)
- May 4—Star Wars Day
- May 11—Fire Drill-Practice

Events and Meeting

- April 17—Open Gym—Family Night—3:30 - 5:30 pm
- April 23— School Council Meeting—8:30-9:45 am
- April 23—Fundraising Assoc. Partnership Purpose—10 am—11:30 am
- April 24—Mental Illness Awareness Session—9:00—10:30 am
- April 25—Family Oriented Planning Session for Great Beginning & Kindergarten Tour
- April 26—Great Beginning Info & Registration—6 pm
- April 26—Kindergarten Info & Registration—6:30 pm
- April 26—Grade 10 Orientation—7:00 pm
- May 1—Volunteer Appreciation
- May 7—School Bus Driver Appreciation
- May 10—Perogy Supper Fundraiser/Talent Show/Fine Art Show

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Attendance Matters

Throughout the school year, teachers and administration monitor student attendance. While some absences may be -unavoidable, limiting your child's absence puts them on a path to future academic success and success in life.

Absences Add Up indicate that encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways parents can prepare their child for success—both in school and in life. When parents make school attendance a priority, they help their child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior and have a better chance of graduating from high school.

When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve—even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to graduate from high school, setting them up for a strong future.

But when kids are absent for an average of just two days of school per month—even when the absences are excused— it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect kids as early as Kindergarten.

For example, young elementary school students who miss an average of just two school days per month often have difficulty keeping up with their peers academically and tend to fall behind in reading. But when students are able to read on grade level by the end of third grade, which is when kids transition from *learning to read* to *reading to learn*, they are three to four times more likely to graduate high school and attend post-secondary classes than their peers who struggle with reading.

As a parent, you can prepare your child for a lifetime of success by making regular school attendance a priority.

Just 2 missed school days per month
= 20 missed days per year.
That's a month of school.

$20 \text{ days / year} \times 13 \text{ years of schooling} = 1.5 \text{ school years}$

If a student misses 2 days a month between Kindergarten and Grade 12, they will miss about 1.5 years of schooling.

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Counselling Hours

In order to meet the increasing social and emotional needs of our diverse student population, TCS has decided to increase Miss. Gross' counselling time. Miss. Gross is now available all morning to assist and counsel students.

English 10

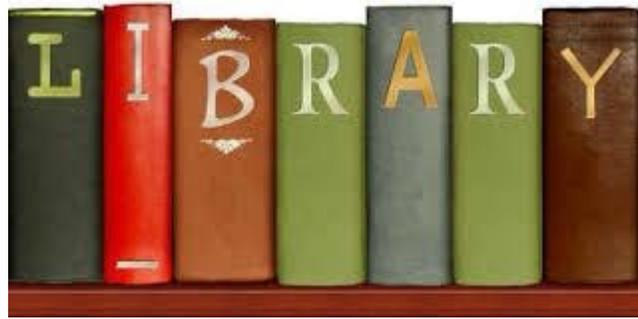
Mrs. Fairful has taken over for Miss Gross in English 10. Mrs. Fairful is a great addition to our Thorhild Central School family and she will do a great job in English 10. This move was necessary to free up more counselling time for Miss Gross.

Principal's Message

Kim Carson

Principal

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Mrs. Taylor

We are delighted, yet disheartened to announce that Mrs. Taylor is retiring. Her last day was March 29th. Mrs. Taylor has been a tremendous employee and a fantastic librarian. Mrs. Taylor started her career as an educational assistant at Radway and moved onto Thorhild Elementary School. She finished her career as a librarian at Thorhild Central School. She will be remembered for the passion she displayed as she dedicated her days to help foster a love of reading for students and staff.

Mrs. Taylor's retirement is our loss, but a well-deserved respite for her. It is a chance for her to travel Canada, visit her daughter in British Columbia more often and spend more time with her son. Rumor has it she will be expanding the size of her garden this summer as well. Thanks for everything, Mrs. Taylor; enjoy your retirement and make sure to bring some of those fresh, garden vegetables to the school when you harvest your gigantic retirement bounty.

