

Tottenham Public School

June 2021 Newsletter

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From The Desk of Mr. Pattison...

What a year of change and uncertainty we have had! During my first year here at Tottenham PS I have seen our students and staff demonstrate tremendous amounts of perseverance, grit and resilience as we adhered to the many changing health and safety protocols and transitioned back and forth between face to face and remote learning. The transitions were not easy, but our staff is truly exceptional and I am very proud of the work they have done this year. I am proud of our students as well. I know it hasn't been easy, but you have done a great job. Thanks to our Parent Council for their work in attending our virtual meetings this year. Hopefully next year looks much different.

I would like to thank Ms. Whiteside and Mr. Eade for their work in the office this year. They have had to balance the usual workings of the office, as well as the additional tasks associated with health protocols. It has been nice to work with Ms. Booth as well. Her knowledge of the school was so helpful this year, especially during start up last Fall.

A special thanks to our custodial team of Mr. Pilon and Mr. Houser. They have been integral in ensuring cleaning protocols were followed in keeping our staff and students safe. Thank you!

Unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to a few staff members. We wish them well in their new adventures in the fall. Best of luck to: Ms. Valente, Mrs. Doleszar, Mr. Granata, Mrs. Alvaro, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Jones (Hyde Park), Mrs. Howland (Tec South), Mrs. Young (Oakley Park) and Mrs. Trace (Lake Simcoe).

I know that June will be a busy month but it will go by quickly. I hope that everyone has a safe and wonderful summer. Thanks for a great year.

Sincerely,

Mike Pattison

SCDSB family updates and contact information

As we continue to plan for the 2021-22 school year, we encourage you to visit the SCDSB website (www.scdsb.on.ca) and social media channels (@SCDSB on Facebook and Instagram and @SCDSB_schools on Twitter) for updates and information over the summer months. If you have recently changed your email address, have a new telephone number or have moved, please contact the school directly to update your information on file so that we can communicate with you effectively, efficiently and securely!

Last Day of School



Tuesday,
June 29th

Report Cards

Report Cards will go home on
Thursday, June 24th 2021.



Spirit Day

On Tuesday, June 29th, let's celebrate the last day of the school year by wearing red and white or Canada themed clothing. We can't wait to see everyone in their Canadian colours.



SCHOOL DAY

8:45 am	Yard supervision begins
9:00 am	Entry Bell
10:40-11:20 am	Nutrition Break & Recess
1:00-1:40 pm	Nutrition Break & Recess
3:20 pm	Dismissal
3:30 pm	Yard Supervision Ends

*For safety reasons, students should not arrive at school prior to 8:45 am, when staff supervision begins. Please use the **Kiss & Ride** to drop off or pick up your children. There is **NO PARKING** permitted on Rogers Road.*

PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE!

Register now for before and after school programs for September 2021

Register your child(ren) now for the before and after school program at our school for the 2021-22 school year. Your child's space in the program for September 2021 will be considered a priority if completed registration forms have been submitted to the child care operator by June 30, 2021. Please contact the **YMCA** at 905-936-6866 to register your child(ren).

Character attribute for the month of June

Responsibility - we are accountable for our actions and we follow through on commitments. More information about character education can be found here:

www.scdsb.on.ca/about/character_education.

Days of awareness and recognition taking place in June, July and August

Throughout the year, there are many awareness days that focus on different causes and recognition. The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has developed a list of these days as a guide for schools. Schools may participate in recognizing some or all of these days in various ways. This list is not exhaustive. Following are the days of awareness and recognition that the SCDSB will recognize during the months of June, July and August:

May 30 to June 5	National AccessAbility Week
June	Pride Month
June 20	Father's Day
June 27	Canadian Multiculturalism Day
July 15	World Youth Skills Day
July 30	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
August 9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People
August 12	International Youth Day

Get outside and play!

Active play does more than help kids to achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity they need every day, it supports their development in many ways – especially when the play is outdoors, self-directed and fun. This allows kids to test boundaries and problem-solve, develop social skills and resolve conflict, and learn to control their emotions and behaviour. Encourage activities that support physical distancing and that fall within current provincial or municipal COVID-19 prevention guidelines.

Active play outdoors in the fresh air and nature also helps to improve mood and lower stress. Support your child to play outside with friends in the neighbourhood and at your local park as much as possible.



Hot weather has arrived!

Help your child stay cool during the day by giving them plenty of water and encouraging them to drink even if they're not thirsty. Kids don't sweat or release heat from their bodies as easily as adults, so they can become dehydrated quickly. Dress them in lightweight, light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing and don't forget to put sunscreen on before they head outside.

For more tips to help your family stay cool this summer, visit the health unit's website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org or call *Health Connection* at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

COVID-19 Vaccination for Youth 12 - 17 years of age

As of May 23, 2021, youth aged 12-17 years of age are eligible to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment through the provincial booking system (www.covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/), the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line (1-833-943-3900) or at select pharmacies administering the Pfizer vaccine (www.covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/). To book an appointment online, these individuals **must** already be 12 years old as of the date of their booking.

Information provided by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit

Take math outdoors this summer!

Are you looking for ways to promote and extend your child's math learning in the summer? Take math outside! Many of the everyday summer activities that your child engages in provide opportunities for making math practical through meaningful math explorations!

Number

- Count collections of objects found in nature or on a scavenger hunt
- Calculate rates and speed during running, biking and obstacle races
- Estimate the heights and lengths of natural and manmade objects outside

Algebra

- Find examples of growing and shrinking patterns in nature
- Code your friend. One person is the coder and the other is the robot. The coder must instruct the robot on how to navigate a path or do a dance around the yard

Spatial

- Use a park map to plan a route and travel to a new location
- Go on a shape hunt and find shapes in the natural environment
- Examine leaves and other objects to find symmetry
- Estimate and determine elapsed time of road trips and adventures

Data

- Keep a tally of the different types of birds that come to the feeder
- Track and graph daily temperatures over time
- Track the growth of plants in a vegetable garden and examine how they change over time

Financial Literacy

- Determine a budget and calculate the costs to refresh a garden
- Set up a lemonade stand and determine costs and sales goals
- Donate gently used outdoor items that you're done with for others to enjoy



Have fun adding some math joy to your outdoor experiences this summer!



Free Personal Support Worker program - many employment opportunities available!

The Learning Centres offer an accredited Personal Support Worker (PSW) program, taught by qualified teachers with health science backgrounds. Be finished in six months, receive a PSW certificate and earn up to six secondary school credits! Your diploma is closer than you think. Programs are starting in September at Learning Centres located in Barrie, Midland and Orillia. The program is provincially funded, and a stipend will be paid for clinical co-op placement. Visit www.thelearningcentres.com for an information session and application requirements.

June 2021 “Responsibility”

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <i>Virtual Welcome to Kindergarten 6pm</i>	3	4 <i>PA Day</i>	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Grade 8 Graduation Photos</i>	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! <i>Summer Solstice</i>	21	22	23	24  <i>Report Cards Home</i> <i>Virtual Grade 8 Graduation 6pm</i>	25	26
27	28	29 <i>Canada Day Spirit Day</i> <i>Last Day of School!</i> 	30 <i>PA Day</i>			29
First Day of School 2021/2022 SK-Gr.8 Sept. 7, 2021	First Day of School Junior Kdg. Sept. 9, 2021					



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