



Words from the Wolfpack

Tsuma-as Elementary Newsletter
Ms. Girard, Principal

April 17, 2026
Mrs. Kynoch, Vice-Principal

Message from the Principal ...

Happy Spring everyone! We are ready for sunshine and warmer weather. Many classes have reengaged with outdoor learning. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by endless outdoor learning opportunities just outside our doorstep, or a quick bus ride away. Thank you to the many parent helpers who support these learning opportunities in so many ways.

Just a reminder that with the warmer weather change, we encourage students to layer their clothing, bring a t-shirt and shorts to change into (wear deodorant for intermediate students) and don't forget to pack lots of water. We also ask that students make sure they have covered footwear (no flip flops) for safe outside play.



Family Movie Night

Mrs. Anker & Mr. Brooks' classes have been working hard to fundraise for their year end field trip. To continue their fundraising efforts, they will be hosting a Family Movie Night for our school. Mark your calendar!!!

Thursday April 23rd @ 6:00 pm (doors open at 5:45pm)

We will be showing "Alvin and the Chipmunks."

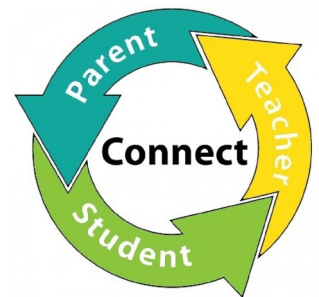


You are invited to bring blankets and lawn chairs to lay back and enjoy a movie with your family. Suggested movie donation is \$2 per person. These classes will host a concession stand with snacks and drinks for purchase. CASH only. We hope to see you there!

*Please note * a parent or adult must attend with students.

Early Dismissal & Student/Teacher/Parent Learning Conferences

Learning conferences will be taking place April 22nd & 23rd. This means students will be dismissed at 11:50 am. Regular bus routes will remain (just leaving school earlier). Learning conferences may look different for each class. Some teachers will be sending home their own learning conference schedules, while others will be using our online system for parents to book their individual parent/teacher/student conferences.



The following classes had an email sent to families with instructions of how to schedule their learning conference. Please contact Mrs. Brooks if you have any questions or need assistance.

Gaucher, Shannon, Nguyen, Coleman, Wright, Misfeldt, Kynoch, Brooks and Anker

The following classes will NOT use our online booking system. Instead, each classroom teacher has sent information home to parents/guardians explaining the structure of their learning conferences and the times they have been assigned. If you have any questions or would like to request a different time, please speak directly to your child's teacher. ***Arbanas, Martell, Ralph, Gallagher, Laslo, Battand***



It's Book Fair Time!

Book Fair

Our Spring book fair will be running April 27th-May 1st. Students will have an opportunity to browse during library time and students may bring home a "wish list" to show parents what they are interested in and the cost.

The book fair will be open for buying on:

Tuesday April 28th - 2:20-3:30 pm

Wednesday April 29th – 2:20 - 3:30pm

Thursday April 30th @ lunch - bus students only

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We are excited to be participating in the Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart program! ❤️

Our kickoff assembly will take place on **April 29**, where students will learn all about the event and how they can get involved. From April 29 to May 15, students are encouraged to stay active outside of school time. For every **30+ minutes of activity**, students will earn an entry into a prize draw! **Tracking tickets will be sent home shortly after the assembly.**



Why it matters:

- Students build healthy, active habits
- Students have fun and stay engaged in physical activity
- Together, we help raise funds for lifesaving heart and brain research

Our **Jump Rope for Heart skipping day** will take place on **May 15**, where students will celebrate their efforts and stay active together.

Support our school:

Please click the link below to make a DONATION or to REGISTER your child as a participant. Through this link friends and family can donate to specific participants and track their fundraising progress. Our school goal is to raise \$2000. Thank you in advance for your support!

Donations can be made online at: <https://jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/115124>

Let's jump in and make a difference!



Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday May 19 @ 6 pm in the library. Please enter through the side library doors (out front by the large tree). We invite ALL parents, guardians or family members. Come share your ideas or listen to upcoming events and school news!

Dogs on Property

Please remember that dogs are not permitted on school property while children are on site. This is a safety issue. If you chose to bring your dog on school grounds after school hours, we ask that you pick up after your pet.



Burger Day – May 8th

PAC is hosting another food day for our school. Burger Day is coming up in a few weeks. Don't forget to put your orders in online through [munchalunch](http://munchalunch.com). If you have any questions, please reach out to the PAC through email at tsumaaspac@gmail.com

School Spirit Day – Friday May 1st

In the spirit of Spring training let's have a school theme day! Friday May 1st we invite all staff and students to wear their favorite sports jersey or sports themed gear.



Upcoming Dates:

- April 22nd & 23rd – Early Dismissal @ 11:50 am ~Learning Conferences
- April 23rd – 6pm Family Movie Night (Grade 7 fundraiser)
- April 24th – No School for students (Pro D Day)
- Apr 27th to May 1st – Book Fair
- May 1st – Jersey Day (wear your favourite sports jersey)
- May 8th – Burger Day
- May 11th – No School for Students – (Pro D Day)
- May 15th – Jump Rope for Heart Event & Spirit Day (wear red & white!)
- May 18th - No School – Victoria Day
- May 19th – PAC Meeting @ 6 pm
- May 21st – Welcome to Kindergarten Event 3 – 4 pm



April 17th, 2026

Dear Parent/Guardians,

RE: Class Building 2026/2027

During the next couple months, staff at our schools will begin the complex process of forming classes for the upcoming school year. This work includes projecting student enrollment and creating classes that make the most effective use of our assigned staff and most importantly, building balanced student groupings that can work together cohesively as learning communities. This is a challenging task as there are many factors that must be taken into consideration including:

- Social, emotional and relational dynamics
- Academic strengths and needs
- Unique learning needs and available supports
- Class balance
- Previous teacher and/or administrator recommendations

School staff take this work very seriously and collaborate to make the best decisions about student placement. We strive to shape classes which will support the learning needs of **all** students.

There are many unknowns as we begin this task. For example, school enrolment often fluctuates until early September, so learner groupings must remain somewhat fluid. Also, teacher staffing is not complete until June, and some staff members may request, or be asked, to change their assignment for next year. As a result, the learner groupings that we create in spring are tentative and are not finalized until early in the new school year. For this reason, class groupings will be kept confidential until they are finalized in September.

If you would like to provide input into your child's placement for next year, we encourage you to:

1. Talk to your child's current classroom teacher about your interests, and then.
2. Send a note to the school principal outlining what you see as your child's learning needs, preferred learning style or any other information you think might be relevant as staff work through the task of shaping learning environments for the upcoming year.

We ask that you do not request a specific teacher. Your input will be considered along with the other complex variables that go into constructing a class; however, not all recommendations can be honoured.

The deadline for submitting information regarding your child's class placement is Thursday, May 28th, 2026.

Sincerely,

James Messenger
Assistant Superintendent