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Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that we are into the month of October already. It has been a great start to the school year considering all the many changes and new protocols that have been put into place. Thanks to the students and staff who are working very hard to make sure all the new protocols are being followed. I'm very proud of our students for adjusting so well to a new way of school life!

There are a few events happening in the next few days. Terry Fox Run will happen for all students on Friday October 2nd in the afternoon. Thanks to Mr. Craig and Mrs. Mann for organizing this event as we celebrate 40 years of the Terry Fox Run.

Every year, 'Orange Shirt Day, Every Child Matters' is held on September 30th. Victoria Public School students and staff took part in this event so that we could recognize and honour Indian Residential School survivors.

Finally, I want to thank the many parents for supporting our teachers and staff during this Covid 19 era. It certainly is wonderful to know that many parents are working with the school to support our children in making them understand the importance of social distancing, washing hands and wearing a mask. It certainly helps to work together as a team so that our children, staff, and community members stay safe.

Have a wonderful month of October!

Jenny Schreff
Principal

Reminder for all parent/guardians— Go to the Parent Portal and confirm Student Information, Emergency Contacts and Consent Forms.



Julia Bujouves, Principal

Renee Kellerman, Administrative Assistant

Purveen Skinner, Superintendent

S. Polhill, Trustee

L.A. Pizzolato, Trustee



CHECKOUT OUR WEBSITE

We have had great success in building our email database for quick distribution of information through our "NEWSFLASH."

If you routinely check for online newsletters, calendar events, etc. it will help in staying informed. We edit our website often.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 2 — Terry Fox Run

Oct 12—Thanksgiving

Please keep us informed of changes to a student's address and contact phone numbers.

Please note that Victoria Public School is Nut Safe. Please do not send peanut butter or peanut products to school in your child's snack or lunch. We appreciate your cooperation and support.



Ukulele Kids

Ukulele Kids Club is online

Join the fun, register at

www.ukulelekids.org

Click [link](#) for flyer

A yellow flyer for Ukulele Kids Club. It features the logo at the top left, a photo of children playing ukuleles in a circle, and several text boxes. One box says 'Ukulele Kids Club is Online' and 'Over 25,000 students taught in the last 10 years!'. Another box says 'Group Ukulele Classes \$88 for an 8 week session Ages 4 to 94'. A third box says 'Also Now! Teaching Private Lessons on: Ukulele, Guitar / Bass / Piano, Banjo / Violin / Recorder, Drums / Trumpet / Voice'. It also lists 'Group Classes Available Times' and 'Private Lessons Available' times. At the bottom, it says 'Join the fun, register at www.ukulelekids.org'.

ANONYMOUS REPORTING

Victoria Public School is committed to providing a safe school environment for all members of our school community. As part of our Safe Schools strategy we have established an online reporting mechanism that allows students or parents to report concerns regarding a child, friend, classmate or student. These concerns may be regarding bullying, health issues, guidance or other concerns. Reports and concerns will be reviewed regularly by the administration and are received anonymously unless the reporter requests a reply.

Reports can be through our website or <https://forms.tvdsb.ca/Anonymous-Reporting>

SAFE ARRIVALS

Parents are asked to call **SchoolMessenger** for all student absences or late arrivals by phone, using the SchoolMessenger App or through the internet.

Phone # - 1-844-305-3756.

Web www.tvdsb.ca/schoolmessenger

This line is available 24 hours a day.

As part of the Thames Valley District School Board's "Safe Arrivals" procedure, contact must be made for all absences. It is imperative that the phone numbers on file for each student are up-to-date. If no message is received by the school by 9:00 a.m., phone calls will be made to your home/mobile or to your emergency numbers to verify a student's absence

Victoria School Council/Home & School Association

We hope that families are settling in with the new school year, and Victoria School Council and Home & School Association want you to know that we share your joys and your struggles as we parent in this era. Though this year has started differently, we want to do our best to build relationships within the school community and to support Victoria teachers and staff in providing the best for each student. Fundraising, programs and events are all currently suspended at this time; however, HSA has funds available to support classrooms with goods when requested by teachers and staff.

We are hosting a virtual meeting on Monday, October 5th for School Council elections at 6:30 pm. Please contact the office with your interest to get the link to the meeting. Home & School Association meeting will begin at 7:00pm using the same link.

All are welcome to join the meeting to learn more about Victoria School Council and Home & School association. A diverse membership is needed to best reflect our entire school community. Please consider joining the meeting as a member or just to listen in.

To join Victoria School Council, please review the [code of ethics](#) for school council, [roles and responsibilities of members](#), [complete the self-nomination form](#), and return (by email to victoriaparents@mail.com or to r.kellerman@tvdsb.ca). You do not require any particular experience. We ask that you be available for 5 meetings per school year lasting 30-60 and to have an interest in supporting a diverse, equitable and positive learning environment for Victoria students. If you have any questions, reach out to us at victoriaparents@mail.com. Looking forward to virtually meeting everyone on Monday!

