



Tweedsmuir News



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Dear Tweedsmuir Families,

We hope that you are staying well during these challenging times. Thank you to all of our families who have completed the declaration of learning model in the [parent portal](#) for the 2021-2022 school year. We know that this is a challenging decision for many. **A reminder that the deadline to enter this information in the parent portal is June 1.** Please do reach out to us at the school if we can support you in answering any questions or engaging in a conversation about in-person and full remote learning for the upcoming school year.

For our families who are sending a child to Year 1 Kindergarten in the fall, we will be sharing an orientation video with you this month. This video will be sent to you directly and also posted on our school website. We look forward to welcoming our new students this fall.

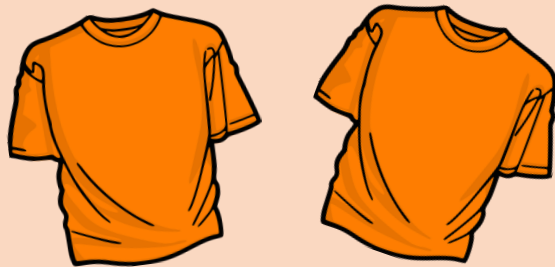
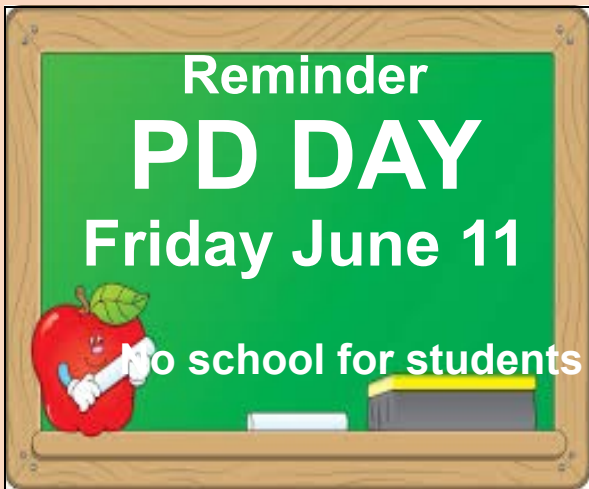


We would like to congratulate our Grade 8 students on your upcoming graduation. Thank you, to our 55 graduates for being contributing members of our Tweedsmuir community. We know that we have students who have joined us at Tweedsmuir at different points over the past ten years, from those who started in Kindergarten to those who joined us part way through this year and at every point between. We look forward to sharing our virtual graduation ceremony with you and your families later this month. We will continue to send correspondence to our Gr. 8 families throughout this month with more details.

At the time of writing this newsletter, we do not know yet if there will be a return to in-person learning before the end of the school year. TVDSB and Tweedsmuir Public School will communicate with our families once a decision has been made by the Ministry of Education.

Finally, we would like to wish all members of our Tweedsmuir community a safe and happy summer. We hope that you are able to find many opportunities to play, learn new things, and grow.

Stay Well,
Ann-Marie Parsons, Principal and Miriam Hendry, Vice-Principal



Summer Vacation

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Mon. June 29, 2021

SUMMER VACATION starts
Tues. June 30, 2021

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Tues. September 7, 2021

A cartoon sun with a smiling face, blue eyes, and a yellow body with rays. It has two arms and is peeking over a horizontal line. The background is white with a yellow band at the bottom containing the text.

We wear orange to honour the children from the residential school in Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc territory near Kamloops, BC, and all residential school survivors. [#EveryChildMatters](#)

215+ Lives Lost

Every Child Matters

June 1, 2021



June 2021



Mathematizing the Beach

So much of a student's success in math is based on their ability to develop personal benchmarks and use those benchmarks to estimate measurement in school and the world around them. A personal benchmark is a physical reference for a unit of measure. For example, the width of your pinky finger is about a centimetre. It must be gained through experience! Once students have a sense of personal benchmarks, they can use these benchmarks to estimate. Parents can help students develop these benchmarks within everyday contexts by asking questions like: Do I have enough sugar to make cookies? Will this wrapping paper cover the box? Will my car fit into the parking space?

Let's illustrate how you might help your child develop personal benchmarks using the example of a trip to the beach.

How long do you think it will take us to get to the beach?

What increments of time are key for kids? Do they have a sense of a minute, 15 minutes, half an hour or an hour? We take it for granted that children have this sense. Car rides are a great opportunity for children to get a better sense of time.



What do you think is the temperature today?



If children know that water freezes at 0 degrees Celsius and it boils at 100 degrees Celsius, can they estimate the temperature on a "hot" day? Did you know that

"burning hot" sand can be 50 degrees Celsius?

How much water will this container hold? How much does it weigh?

A really important benchmark connection is that *a litre of water has a mass of one kilogram.*

Once a child has made this connection there are many opportunities to explore them at the beach. For example:

- How many litres of water will fill your pail?
- What is the mass of the pail?
- Can you find something with a mass of one kilogram?



How long is a kilometre?



The beach provides an ideal opportunity to develop a personal benchmark for a kilometre. You could use an app on your phone to keep track of distance. Pick a visual marker as a start point, walk a kilometre, and then look back! We did it!

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So, the next time you are planning on heading to the beach - use the opportunity to help your child build personal benchmarks.

On rainy days, try some of the activities at the link below:

<http://www. estimation180.com/>

