

## Hello Tapleystown Families!

Welcome back, everyone! As we step into January 2025, we are excited to embark on a new year filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and connection. We thank you for your continued partnership.

### Reminders:

To ensure the safety of all students, please avoid parking at the front of the school during pick-up times. This area needs to remain clear for buses and emergency vehicles. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our school environment safe and efficient.

As a reminder, students are not permitted to use cell phones during school hours. This policy helps minimize distractions and ensures a focused learning environment for everyone. We appreciate your cooperation in supporting our efforts to maintain a productive and respectful school atmosphere.

As the wintry weather continues, we remind all students and staff to dress appropriately for the conditions. Please wear warm clothing, including hats, gloves, and winter coats, to ensure comfort and safety during outdoor activities and travel to and from school. Let's stay warm and healthy this winter season! HWDSB policy states that students will stay in at -15 or when the windchill is -20.

### Farewells and Hellos:

At Tapleystown we are lucky to have a fabulous community of adults supporting our students. Carla Fianza, our Office Administrator, has accepted a position as an Executive Assistant at the Education Centre. We sincerely thank you.

We would also like to thank Ms. Hancock for (Grade ½ Teacher) her time here at Tapleystown and welcome Ms. Mullin's back from her leave.

Last, but not least a thank you to Sarah Graves, who has been our acting Head Custodian for the past two years. She is moving on and we welcome Gino Beltrano who is her temporary replacement.



### Junior Kindergarten Registration

JK Registration opens on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Children born in 2021 may register to begin school in September 2025. Please go to the [HWDSB Kindergarten Website](#) to find more information and the link to registration forms.

### Kindergarten Registration for Students requiring Special Needs

There will be a Parent Information Night on **January 28th at 6:30pm**. Please see the poster for the link and QR code for families to enter the meeting. [SS-Entry-To-School-Info-Night-Poster-2025](#)

### Pizza Days

Orders for February Pizza Days will open on January 13th. Please be sure to place your order before January 27th. No late orders will be accepted.

### School Website:

Are you subscribed to our school website? We post news, events, and other valuable information to our website regularly. Subscribers will get automatic emails to update them whenever we share information. It also sends out reminders of all events on our school calendar the night before.

### Sports and Clubs:

Currently, our Junior and Senior Girls, and Senior Boys Basketball teams are practicing in anticipation of the upcoming season. Game schedules will be posted to our website under the "Athletics" heading once we receive them.

Plans are in the works for an Environmental Club. Students should listen to the morning announcements for sign up information.

### Fundraisers:

Taplestown School Council wants to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to our Hot Chocolate and Cookie Day on December 18th. The event was a tremendous success, and it was wonderful to see all students and staff enjoying Tim Horton's hot chocolate and tasty cookies.



Your generous donations helped us raise an impressive \$1439, which will be used to purchase DPA (Daily Physical Activities) supplies. These funds will enable each class to engage in enjoyable activities that keep our kids active and healthy!

A special thank you goes out to Tim Horton's for donating a portion of the hot chocolate and ensuring that every student and staff member had a delightful treat.

Our **Farm Fresh Fundraiser** raised \$1000. Thank you for your support!

Our **Movie Night** was very successful and raised \$600 for Kindergarten classrooms. We hope to have more movie nights so watch for more to be planned in the future.

### **Winter Wonderland Concert:**

It was nice to see so many parents, family members and friends in attendance at the school in December. The students did a wonderful job performing their songs and acts. A very big thank you to Mrs. Kula for all her efforts, and to all the other staff and students involved in the set up and helping to make the day run smoothly.

### **Bus Portal:**

If you would like to receive notifications when your child's bus is delayed, please go to [www.mybusplanner.ca](http://www.mybusplanner.ca) to sign up for the bus portal.

### **Dates to Remember:**

Grade 7 & 8 Saltfleet Information Night – **January 16th**

PA Day (No School)- **January 24<sup>th</sup>**

Family Day (No School) **February 17<sup>th</sup>**

PA Day (No School)- **February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Upcoming School Council Meeting- **February 20<sup>th</sup>**

March Break (no school) **March 10-14th**

