



# West Nissouri P.S. Newsletter

September 2024

Principal: Ms. I. Hollander  
Vice Principal: Mrs. A. Duncan  
Secretary: Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Emery  
Superintendent: Mrs. J Baker

## Important Dates Coming Up:

### Home and School Meeting (virtual and in-person)

- September 16  
7:00 p.m.

### Terry Fox Run

- September 27

### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)

- September 30

### Meet the Family Night

- October 3  
4:30-6:30 p.m.

### School Council Meeting (virtual and in-person)

- October 7  
6:00 p.m.

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7:00 p.m.

### Picture Day

- October 10

## Principal's Message

Dear West Nissouri Families,

Welcome back! As the new school year begins, we would like to extend a warm welcome back to all of our students and families, and a special welcome to those joining us for the first time.

We are excited to embark on another year of learning, growth, and community. Our dedicated teachers and staff have been preparing to create engaging and challenging learning experiences, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential. We remain committed to fostering an environment where every student feels safe, valued, supported, and inspired to succeed.

In addition to our academic goals, we are also focused on strengthening our partnerships with families, as we know that your involvement plays a vital role in your child's success. We encourage you to stay connected with us throughout the year by attending school events, participating in parent-teacher conferences, and reaching out whenever you have questions. Joining our School Council and/or Home and School is a great way to get involved!

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. We are excited to welcome you and your children back to school and look forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and achievement.



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Principal



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## Pick Up Reminder

A gentle reminder to parents/caregivers that teachers for our K-Gr. 3 students need to connect with you at the parent pick-up area located outside of the fenced location in order to release your child. As the bus loading zone is quite a busy area, we ask that those who are picking up wait on the grassy area just west of the yard exit fence line. This will allow our educators to locate you more easily. In addition, you will be less likely to get caught in between our students who are boarding buses.

Also, in order to be a good neighbour, we ask that everyone is mindful not to block any driveways when you park your vehicle for pick-ups and drop-offs. Thank you!



### **INDIVIDUAL PLAN OF CARE FOR STUDENTS WITH PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

If your child has a prevalent medical condition such as asthma, epilepsy or a life-threatening allergy, please log into your Parent Portal, select your child's name, click on the Student Medical Information tab and click on the green icon to update the IPOC for your child. When finished, make sure to click the box acknowledging your agreement with the Individual Plan of Care and submit at your earliest convenience. If your child no longer needs an IPOC, please reply via email, include your child's name in the email when you reply, and we will delete it from our database. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions. Please send your email to either [a.duncan@tvdsb.ca](mailto:a.duncan@tvdsb.ca) or [i.hollander@tvdsb.ca](mailto:i.hollander@tvdsb.ca). Thank you.



# Terry Fox Run

Hello West Nissouri Families,



We have planned a 30 minute run on Friday, September 27 to honour Terry Fox. All classes will participate in our Terry Fox Run by running/walking, making their way around our soccer field beginning at 10:00 am (weather permitting). We will be fundraising to support Terry's dream of a world without cancer. Please support our school's fundraising efforts by helping us reach our goal of \$2000 by donating through the Terry Fox website, West Nissouri page, <https://schools.terryfox.ca/68120>. Alternatively, students are welcome to bring in a cash donation the week before our run. If we meet our goal, we will have our annual "bucket dump" (dump water on a teacher).

## Strong Start to Reading

We are inviting parents, grandparents, or community members with police checks to be a part of an exciting literacy program at West Nissouri. Volunteers are needed to work with our Senior Kindergarten, grade 1, or grade 2 students who need an extra boost in learning letters and sound and blending those sounds to read words. This program is called Strong Start to Reading and has had a positive impact on many students. The program operates for 10 weeks and volunteers work with students for 30 minutes once a week playing games and activities. We are hopeful volunteers can commit to between 60 and 100 minutes once a week. Training is provided through a virtual platform. Please contact Susan Peetsma [s.peetsma@tvdsb.ca](mailto:s.peetsma@tvdsb.ca) or 519-461-9575 for more information.





Dear Parents/Guardians,

If you are interested in assisting with the future direction of West Nissouri P.S., please consider joining the **West Nissouri School Council**. As a school council member, you can help your council discover new and exciting ways to contribute to the education and well-being of students in our school. Education is a partnership involving parents, caregivers, students, teachers, principals, school boards, and the community. Your involvement in the council gives you an opportunity to strengthen that partnership, and to be part of a dedicated team working to ensure a high quality of education for our children. Your participation can make a difference!

We are looking for interested parents/guardians to serve a year term in all positions. We meet a minimum of four times per school year. Dates and times will be established by the new council.

The Declaration of Candidacy (Self-nomination) form is attached below. Please return the form to the school by Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Elections (if necessary) will be done on Monday October 7<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. This is following our monthly staff meeting.

Everyone is always welcome to council meetings. In some cases, there are decisions to be made by voting members. Voting members are Chairperson/Co-chairs, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parent/Guardian Rep. Voting members are established at elections.

Council will also consist of the principal, a teacher from the school, a non-teaching employee of the school and Community Rep (if interest is there). Majority of members must be parents/guardians.

If you wish additional information, please contact the school.

Looking forward to an exciting school year!



## School Council Candidate Nomination Form West Nissouri Public School ~ 2024-2025

Parents and guardians are invited to self-nominate for a parent/guardian representative position on school council.

Please email your completed nomination form to [i.hollander@tvdsb.ca](mailto:i.hollander@tvdsb.ca) by Thursday, September 26, 2024. Elections will take place during our school council meeting on October 7, 2024.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Home phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print student's name & date of birth)

whose home school is currently registered as West Nissouri Public School.

Please check the box next to the position you are interested in running for:

- Chairperson
- Vice – Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Parent/Guardian Representative

Please describe why you are interested in the above noted position. This information will be shared with other parents/guardians prior to the election, if required.

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I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent representative on the school council. I understand the role and responsibilities of a member of the school council as described in the Thames Valley District School Board's school council policy.

Candidate signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



- Secure, easy-to-use system
- Convenient 24/7 online ordering
- All meals are nut safe, allergy aware & meet nutritional mandates
- A portion of the proceeds from every order is donated back to the school



## Register Today

To create an account in 3 easy steps  
visit [www.lunchboxorders.net](http://www.lunchboxorders.net)



Welcome to Lunchbox!

We are pleased to share that Lunchbox will be offered at your school for this upcoming year.

Your ordering calendar is open and will include the following options:

Delivery Day	Featured Restaurants
Tuesday	Little Caesars
Thursday	Marshall's (Wk 1), Marshall's (Wk 2), Marshall's (Wk 3), Pita Pit, Subway, Town and Country

- The ordering deadline for the first scheduled lunch delivery is: **Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 12:00 PM**
- Orders may be placed weekly or in advance for any number of days within the school year.

### How to Order

1. Log into your Lunchbox account.
2. If you need to create an account, please go to [www.lunchboxorders.net](http://www.lunchboxorders.net)
  - Select 'Create an Account'.
  - Add your contact information along with a password.
  - An email notification will be sent to you to confirm your email and login information.
  - Log back into Lunchbox to add your child to the program. (Your email is your username).
3. Confirm your child's account information including their new teacher and grade for the current school year. Click 'Add' to save the information.  
**\*\*Please ensure the correct teacher and grade are selected to prevent errors on delivery days.**
4. Press the 'Order Now' button beside your student's name.
5. Place your child's lunch order(s) on your school's ordering calendar by clicking the blue date for the scheduled vendors.

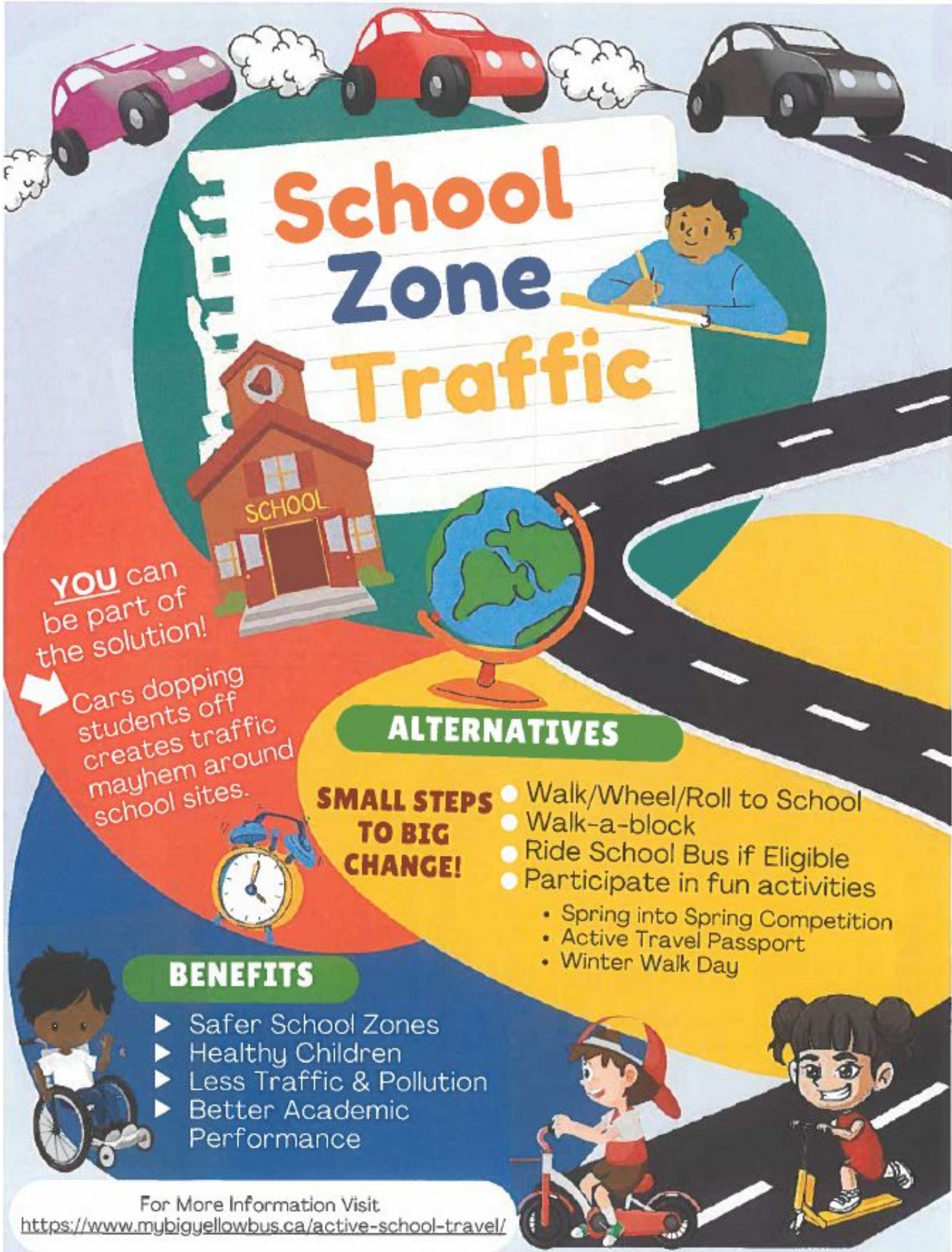
The following credit cards are accepted: Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Debit MasterCard, or Visa Debit. Visa and MasterCard prepaid cards are also accepted.

### Reminders

- The weekly deadline to place lunch orders for the upcoming week is Sunday at 12:00PM; we are unable to accept any orders after this deadline.
- If you need to make any updates or changes to your lunch orders, please do so before Sunday at 12:00PM for the upcoming week.
- For any order cancellations, please notify us 2 days prior to the delivery date. If this is not possible, please contact your school to make alternate arrangements for the meal.
- If there is a school closure, lunches will be cancelled, and a credit will be issued to your Lunchbox account within 3 business days.
- We have updated our Refunds and Credits Policy; please review the updated terms at <https://identity.schoolcashonline.com/Account/Terms>.



Questions? Contact the Lunchbox support team by e-mail at [info@lunchboxorders.com](mailto:info@lunchboxorders.com)



# School Zone Traffic

**YOU** can be part of the solution!

Cars dopping students off creates traffic mayhem around school sites.



## ALTERNATIVES

### SMALL STEPS TO BIG CHANGE!

- Walk/Wheel/Roll to School
- Walk-a-block
- Ride School Bus if Eligible
- Participate in fun activities
  - Spring into Spring Competition
  - Active Travel Passport
  - Winter Walk Day

## BENEFITS

- ▶ Safer School Zones
- ▶ Healthy Children
- ▶ Less Traffic & Pollution
- ▶ Better Academic Performance

For More Information Visit <https://www.mybigyellowbus.ca/active-school-travel/>

