

West Nissouri P.S. Newsletter

September 2025

Principal: Ms. I. Hollander
Vice Principal: Mrs. N. Pol
Secretary: Mrs. Smith & Ms. Day
Superintendent: Mr. B. Nielsen

Important Dates Coming Up:

**Hot Lunch
Pizza every Tuesday**

Terry Fox Run
• September 26

Picture Day
• September 29

**National Day for Truth
and Reconciliation
(Orange Shirt Day)**
• September 30

Meet the Family Night
• October 1
5:00-6:30 p.m.

**Home and School
Meeting (virtual and
in-person)**
• October 6
6:00 p.m.

**School Council Meeting
(virtual and in-person)**
• October 6
7:00 p.m.

West Nissouri P.S.

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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 would also like to welcome some new staff members who have joined us here at West Nissouri. These staff members include the following:

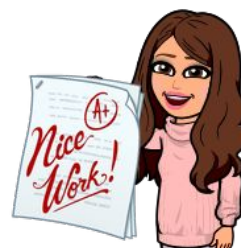
- Ms. M. Tapscott, Teacher, Kindergarten
- Mrs. K. Johnson, ECE, Kindergarten
- Mrs. N. Christie, Teacher, Kindergarten
- Ms. J. Rooyakkers, Teacher, Gr. 2
- Mrs. N. Otten, Teacher, Gr. 4
- Ms. K. Mitchell, Teacher, Gr. 4
- Ms. N. Day, Assistant Administrative Secretary
- Mr. T. Woolcock, Charge Custodian

Students and staff have launched into the new school year with great energy and enthusiasm! Classrooms are buzzing with learning as routines are being established and relationships are beginning to flourish. It's been wonderful to see students settling in, supporting one another, and engaging positively with their teachers and peers. We're proud of the caring and inclusive environment that's already taking shape.

We warmly invite parents and guardians to get involved in our school community by joining School Council or Home and School. These groups play a vital role in supporting student learning and enhancing school experiences. Your voice and ideas matter, and together we can build a strong partnership that benefits all students. If you have any questions, please reach out—we'd love to have you join us!



Ms. I. Hollander
Principal



Mrs. N. Pol
Vice-Principal

Parking Reminders

A gentle reminder to parents/caregivers that there is no parking in the fire lane at the main entrance of the school. We understand that parking can be a challenge but we need to keep this lane clear in case of emergency, as well as for loading and unloading the accessible bus.

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 n.pol@tvdsb.ca or i.hollander@tvdsb.ca. Thank you.



Terry Fox Run

Hello West Nissouri Families,



We have planned a 30 minute run/walk on Friday, September 26 to honour our Canadian Hero, 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/105414>. 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 between 60 and 100 minutes once a week. Training is provided through a virtual platform. Please contact Susan Peetsma 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 25th. Elections (if necessary) will be done on Monday October 6th at 7 pm.

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 ~ 2025-2026

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 by September 25, 2025. Elections will take place during our School Council meeting on October 6, 2025.

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.

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 _____

We're excited to share that this year, **both your hot lunch days and Elementary School Milk Program** will be offered through **Lunchbox by SchoolCash Online** - a convenient online platform that lets you manage your child's meals and milk orders all in one place.



How to Order - Quick Steps

1. Log in to your SchoolCash Online account. Visit www.schoolcashonline.com and use your existing login. (Don't have an account? Contact your school to get set up.)
2. Go to the "Items" page in your child's profile. Scroll to the Lunchbox banner and click "Order Now"
3. Confirm allergy information (if applicable), then click "Update"
4. Click the "Order Now" button beside your child's name
5. Choose between milk or hot lunch:



Milk: Offered daily (Mon-Fri)



Hot Lunch: Available on scheduled days from local restaurants

6. Repeat for multiple days or pre-schedule for the full program
7. Pay securely online using:



Visa , MasterCard , Discover , Visa Debit , Debit MasterCard , or Prepaid Cards



The Ordering Calendar is NOW OPEN!

Daily milk and scheduled hot lunches will begin:

Monday, September 15, 2025

Delivery Day	Restaurant
Daily	
Tuesday	
Thursday	 
	 



Key Dates to Remember

Program Start Date:
 Monday, September 15, 2025

First Order Deadline:
 Sunday, August 31, 2025 @ 12:00pm

Hot Lunch Order Deadline:
 Sundays @ 12:00PM - for the upcoming week

Milk Order Deadline:
 Sundays @ 12:00PM - two weeks prior to the delivery week

You can place orders **weekly or in advance for both programs**