



# BYRON SOUTHWOOD SPITFIRES

## Principal's Message

Welcome to an amazing year at Byron Southwood! We are so happy to see all of our new and returning families. The start of this school year has felt very close to "normal" (if we dare even think it!). The smiling faces, laughter and positive energy filling the school yard and building are certainly welcomed.

We are excited to share that we will be able to hold an in-person "Meet the Family/Teacher day" this fall. Please watch for the date and further information coming once all of the details are solidified. It will be very nice to physically meet each other and re-establish our Spitfire community!

Remember that we are here to help in any way. Please reach out to your child's teacher or the office at any time if you have any questions.

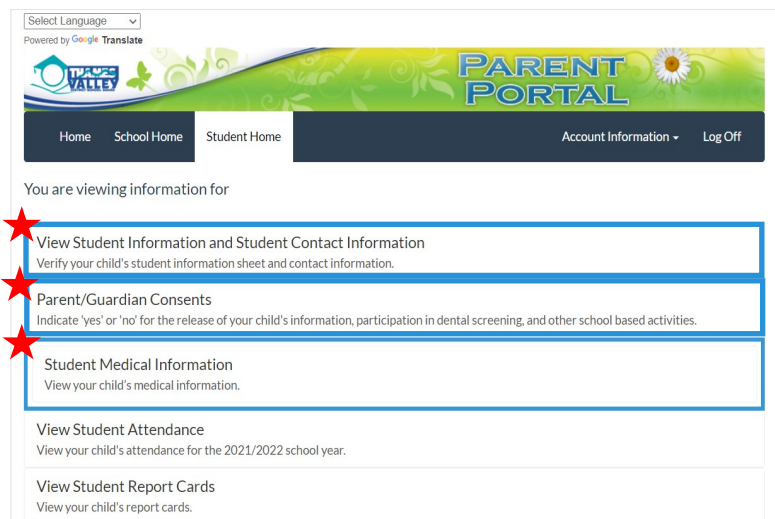
Take care,

Pam Hart & Kelly McCormick

## IMPORTANT REMINDER!!

Thank you to the families who have completed online forms in the Parent Portal. I would like to remind those who have not done so, that these forms need to be completed **each school year**. Please take a moment this weekend to log in to your Parent Portal and verify that you have completed the following forms for each child attending school:

1. Student Information and Student Contact Information
2. Parent/Guardian Consents
3. Student Medical Information



The screenshot shows the Parent Portal interface. At the top, there is a "Select Language" dropdown and "Powered by Google Translate". The main header features the "PARENT PORTAL" logo and navigation links for "Home", "School Home", "Student Home", "Account Information", and "Log Off". Below the header, it says "You are viewing information for" followed by a list of items to be verified, each with a red star icon:

- ★ View Student Information and Student Contact Information  
Verify your child's student information sheet and contact information.
- ★ Parent/Guardian Consents  
Indicate 'yes' or 'no' for the release of your child's information, participation in dental screening, and other school based activities.
- ★ Student Medical Information  
View your child's medical information.

Below these items are links for "View Student Attendance" (View your child's attendance for the 2021/2022 school year.) and "View Student Report Cards" (View your child's report cards.).

For instructions on how to access the [Parent Portal](https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/parent-portal-faq.aspx) visit:  
<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/parents/parent-portal-faq.aspx>

*In addition to the Parent Portal, our school also uses other web applications which you may wish to acquaint yourself with. Please click the hyperlinks for instructions to access [School Messenger](#) and [School Cash Online](#).*



## NOTICE REGARDING PARKING:

If you require parking, please use the street parking and walk your child to the school. It is important that you abide by the posted parking signs, especially near the corner of Lola St. and Jellico Cres. Our busses are unable to safely turn the corner, and when cars are parked on both sides of the street.



## 2022 Truth and Reconciliation Day

On September 30 we will join millions across the country recognizing Orange shirt day and our commitment that **Every Child Matters**. Phyllis Webstad, who attended a residential

school in British Columbia in the 1970s, started Orange Shirt Day in 2013. Phyllis was initially excited to go to school and went shopping with her granny to pick out a new outfit for school; she chose a shiny orange shirt. That shirt was taken away from her when she arrived at residential school and was never returned to her. On September 30th Canadians wear an orange shirt to demonstrate the commitment to reconciliation and opening and continuing the dialogue about residential schooling.



## Terry Fox run!

This year Byron Southwood will continue to participate in the 2022 Terry Fox Run. Each class will have an individual time when they get to go outside and complete their "run" on October 7th. Students will also have the opportunity to learn about Terry Fox and take part in lessons based on this year's theme "Try Like Terry."

We are encouraging students to fundraise by using our school online fundraising site: <https://secure.terryfox.ca/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?TeamID=946685>  
Thank you for your support!



## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING

# WOWBUTTER<sup>®</sup> AND nutella

We ask that you please not send wowbutter, or other similar products to school in your child's lunch. It is very difficult for staff to distinguish these products from peanut butter.

In addition to peanut butter, Nutella also contains nuts and is not permitted at school.

We thank you for your help keeping all Byron Southwood Students safe.

## INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES – ELEMENTARY PROGRAM 2022-23



*The TVDSB International Languages - Elementary Program is expected to return to in-person learning for 2022-23.*

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022, to MAY 13, 2023  
SATURDAY MORNINGS 9:30 AM to 11:45 AM  
KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 8  
G.A. Wheable Centre

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION WILL BE OFFERED IN THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES:

Albanian	Korean	Punjabi
Arabic	Kurdish	Russian
Bengali	Malayalam	Spanish
Bosnian	Persian	Tamil
Hindi		

For more information about the International Languages – Elementary Program and for Registration Information, please visit the following webpage:  
[www.tvdsb.ca/ILE](http://www.tvdsb.ca/ILE)



**Picture day at Byron Southwood  
will be September 29th, 2022**

For the 2022-23 school year TVDSB is pleased to offer families the option of two student accident insurance providers to choose from if they wish to purchase insurance for their children. Please follow the links below for more information.

<https://www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/>

<https://insuremykids.com>



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