

# Thompson Brook School

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Dear TBS Families,

We successfully launched this week by opening our recess for students to play with students outside their cohort. These small changes can make a big difference for our students. It was nice to see our student council take off as well. Mrs. Spencer is now busy sorting our 70+ students into committees to begin the work.

Here is our TBS update for this week:

**School Musical:** I recently confirmed with the PTO that we will be moving ahead with plans to have a school musical this year. We talked through the details of safe, socially distanced auditions, rehearsals, and performances and will share information soon. We also considered contingency plans in the event we need to adjust for any new safety requirements as we go. I am excited to offer this opportunity for our students.

**After School Activities-Registration Deadline Extended:** Enrollment for our after PTO school activities is very low, so we have extended the deadline for registration. Go to <https://flexacademies.com/> for more information. If we do not reach our minimum enrollment threshold, activities may be cancelled.



**Student Council:** Mrs. Spencer presented expectations to TBS Student Council members this week and shared access to the SC google classroom. All members should check this classroom regularly for communications and information this year.

**Thank you to our Custodians:** Today we are recognizing our custodians for National School Custodians Day. Mr. Goldie and his crew (Mr. Pesino, Mr. Fabretti, and Mr. Bates) have worked tirelessly to keep TBS clean and beautiful. They have been responsive, positive, flexible, and willing to do whatever is needed to keep our school in tip top shape. Thank you to the whole team!



**Shout Out To Our Language Arts Teachers:** Yesterday our grade 6 Language Arts teachers took part in a half-day Reader/Writer Workshop professional development and our grade 5 teachers will do the same on Monday. They are doing tremendous work to revise units and increase student reading and writing stamina and skills.

**October is Bullying Prevention Month:** During the month of October, we will focus on bullying prevention with support from the Avon Police Department. We have planned morning announcements and activities to promote this initiative, which complement our annual school-based lessons.

**Family Conversations - Tik Tok Challenges:** I encourage all families to have conversations about concerning challenges that are being encouraged on Tik Tok and possibly other social media platforms. These challenges,

among other things, encourage students to violate school rules and harass others, including stealing items and touching others inappropriately. Please let your children know that these behaviors are not jokes and will not be tolerated.

**Quarantine Process Reminder:** I recently sent an email to clarify expectations for students accessing remote learning if quarantined. Essentially, if students need to go home midday, the process may take some time to notify everyone depending on the situation and volume of students. Due to the timing, if teachers are not able to meet students online that day, they will expect to see students in their homeroom google meet the next morning, and each morning, at 8:10 AM. Teachers will then share the daily online schedule with remote students. Only students placed in quarantine by the Farmington Valley Health District are able to access remote learning during the quarantine period.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

October 11 - No School - Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day

October 25 - School Picture Makeups

November 2 - No School - Election Day (Teacher Professional Development)

Sincerely,



William Duffy

Principal

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