



WELCOME TO NORTH MEADOWS

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Welcome to the Kindergarten Program!

You can expect that throughout the day, your child will be involved in spontaneous play as well as more structured play-based learning. As children play, they learn about the world around them and how it works, about other people, and about themselves. The Teachers and Early Childhood Educators have carefully organized the full day for your child, keeping in mind that young children will require adequate nutrition breaks and quiet opportunities.

The activities offered to your child are based on the Full Day Kindergarten program document, developed by the Ministry of Education. More information and the document are available at:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childergarten/> and <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/schools/childergarten-registration.aspx>

Balanced Day

Schools using the balanced school day schedule balance the learning periods and nutrition periods more evenly during the school day. This tends to minimize disruptions and provides for a more balanced intake of food. Total instruction time remains the same.

9:00 – 11:00	Entry and First Learning Block
11:00 – 11:50	First Nutrition Break (20 minutes to eat / 30 minutes for recess)
11:50 – 1:30	Second Learning Block
1:30 – 2:10	Second Nutrition Break (20 minutes to eat / 20 minutes for recess)
2:10 – 3:30	Third Learning Block

Meet the Office Team

Superintendent:

Jeff Bruce

Principal:

Tiffany Frederick

Vice Principal:

Erin Alary

Administrative Assistant:

Megan Knoop

Office Assistant:

Teresa Lima

Attendance

The safety of our students is very important to us at North Meadows. When your child is not able to attend school for whatever the reason, including illness, appointments, snow days, etc. please report through the School Messenger app (found on the App Store or Google Play) ,by calling School Messenger at 1-844-305-3756, or by going online at www.tvdsb.ca/schoolmessenger. Safe arrival calls will be made to parents/guardians of absent students from whom the school has not received communication. If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment you can call the office prior to your arrival to pick them. If returning to school the same day, please have them come to the office to sign back in.

Signing In/Out

Parents are reminded to have their student(s) please stop in the office to sign in and receive a late slip to present to the classroom teacher if they arrive after 9:00 am. This procedure is for the safety of the students. To support the education of our students, we wish to keep class interruptions to a minimum. You can help us by making arrangements prior to the school day for your child sending a note or email to your student's teacher when you need to pick him/her up for appointments. You can drop off forgotten lunches, school work or other items at the office by ringing the bell at the front doors.

First Day of School Information

Kindergarten students arriving on the bus as well as students arriving with their families are encouraged to meet their educator team at the side gate before the morning bell at 9:00 am. A teacher is on duty at 8:45 am each morning in the Kindergarten area. You may drop your child off after this time if they do not take a bus. All children are dismissed at 3:30 pm from the side gate.

Medication

The Thames Valley District School Board has a medication policy. If it becomes necessary for your child to take prescription medication at school, please call the school in advance. The office provides a form requiring you to outline the details of the administration of the medication. **This form must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian and a physician before we can administer any medication.**

Transportation

Registration is mandatory and will be available online at www.mybigyellowbus.ca in June 2022. Some students will be eligible to have bus transportation to and from the school. Please keep in mind that only students who qualify for transportation will be allowed to take the bus. Please refer to the enclosed letter from STS for more information. All questions regarding bussing should be directed to STS at 519-649-1160.



Bus Cancellations and Inclement Weather

Check www.mybigyellowbus.ca for details on bus cancellations. When buses are cancelled, the school remains open. Please report to the School Messenger system if you choose to keep your child at home, even if they are bussed. If buses are cancelled, you are welcome to drop off your child if you feel that the roads are safe for you to drive. We simply ask that you are available to pick up your child at 3:30 pm dismissal. In the case of school closures, this will be posted on the TVDSB website.

We encourage students to dress for the weather. Students should dress warmly during the winter so they can benefit from the fresh air and outside activity with their friends. Please send extra socks and mitts in case of wet feet and hands.