



September 18, 2026

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

2026 marks the 46th anniversary of Terry Fox's attempt to run across Canada to raise awareness and donations for cancer research. Losing his leg to bone cancer when he was 18 years old was Terry's inspiration to make a difference. In 1980, he began the Marathon of Hope, running an average of 42 kilometers (a marathon) every day, for 143 days. He traveled from St. John's, Newfoundland to Thunder Bay, Ontario before he was forced to stop when cancer was discovered in his lungs. Terry never made it across Canada, but his spirit and legacy remain.

Each year, Brentwood School supports the Marathon of Hope by participating in a Terry Fox Run. The event will take place on **Friday, October 2nd, 2026**. Tuesday/Thursday kindergarten students will complete their run earlier in the week.

Last year, as a school we were able to raise \$3744.30 for the Terry Fox Foundation. This year, we are once again proud to support the Terry Fox Foundation through our annual Terry Fox Run. Students are encouraged to make donations online, if possible, by October 2nd.

Please note that classroom teachers will not be collecting cash or coin donations. Using an honor system, students who make an online donation of \$2 or more will be allowed to wear casual clothing on the day of the run. Our goal for this year is to raise \$4000.00.

The Terry Fox Foundation allocates \$0.82 cents of every dollar raised going directly to cancer research. Should you have family members/employers/friends who wish to make a donation, please visit our school fundraising page:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/BrentwoodSchoolCalgary>

You may then search and click on your child's teacher to donate. The classrooms with the most donations will get to have a spirit day of their choice.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Ms. Levine
Physical Education Teacher, Brentwood School