



September Newsletter



From the Principal's Desk

RYERSON HEIGHTS : SEPTEMBER 2020
"TODAY'S BELIEVERS ARE TOMORROW'S LEADERS"

Welcome back !

After being away for a long time we are very excited to be back at Ryerson Heights.

To start the year there will be many changes to our daily operating procedures. Most of these can be found in the *Ryerson Heights Day at Glance* and the *Board's Re-opening plan*. Although we are confident that our return to school will be successful we do expect an adjustment period for both staff and students as we work towards our new nor-

mal.

Below are a few highlights from both of the previously mentioned documents.

- ◆ Staff, students and any visitors must complete daily Covid-19 screening before coming to school.
- ◆ Students and siblings must stay home if anyone in the household is exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms.
- ◆ The parking lot will be closed at arrival and dismissal time.

- ◆ Only parents of Kindergarten parents are allowed on the yard at arrival and dismissal times.
- ◆ Students will be staying inside during nutrition break time and the traditional recess time in order to prevent the mixing of cohorts and the number of students entering and exiting the building.
- ◆ Outside time will be built into our daily timetables.

Typically there are a lot of things that

come home the first few days of school. We are going to try and minimize these items as much as possible.

To get started please...

1. Familiarize students with our new routines.
2. Make sure your contact information is up to date including a valid email address.
3. Make sure your emergency contacts are available for picking up students during

Important September Dates

First Day of School (no students)	8th
No students	9th
Students A-L attend	10th and 14th
Students M-Z attend	11th and 15th
All Students attend	16th
Terry Fox Activities	Sept 28-Oct 2

Reminders

- 8:35 Morning Bell
- 10:23—11:03 Morning Break
- 12:39—1:19 Afternoon Break
- 2:55 Dismissal

Future Opt In/Out Dates

This year all families had the option of choosing between face to face instruction or online instruction.

At three points in the year families will be able to switch from one option to the other.

October 13th, 2020

January 4th, 2021

March 22nd, 2021

We will share the procedure for making that change once the School Board informs us how to proceed.

Please know that if a significant number of students return to Ryerson both our class sizes and possibly the number of classes will change.

At Ryerson we are fortunate that most of our classes have been

kept small (under 20) with only a few just over that number. Smaller classes will allow us greater flexibility and the ability to manage social distancing. In part this was achieved because a large number of our families selected the online learning option.

If you have any questions please contact the school.

Nutrition Breaks

All Grand Erie Elementary Schools are on a **Balanced School Day**. This means that your child will have two nutrition breaks during the day. Students are to remain at school during the first break but may go **home** during the afternoon break (gr. 6 and up). Please remind younger students to save food for both breaks.

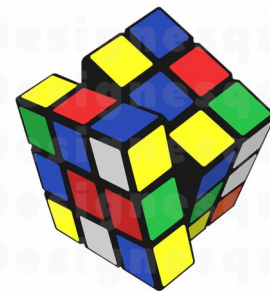
Please note that there are several students at Ryerson Heights with anaphylactic allergies to: peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, latex, kiwi, guava fruit and mango. In

some cases, just exposure to these items could trigger a life-threatening reaction.

We appreciate the cooperation of all families in keeping the items out of the school. We ask for your support by voluntarily avoiding...

Nuts and sesame in any form (including nut butters, nut oils or any items baked with nut products), latex products, kiwi, guava fruit or mango. Nut substitutes like WowButter or other nut substitutes should also not be sent to school.

Since students will be inside during regular nutrition break times this year please consider sending an independent activity they can do at their desks.



School Council and Volunteering

School Council is one of many ways to get involved at Ryerson Heights. Council meets regularly during the year and helps organize school events and activities, does fundraising and advocates for our school and students.

School Council will look a little differently this year but our School Council will still play an

important role in our school.

Please look for more information in the near future.

For now, volunteering at Ryerson is on hold.

Accessibility training is also required for all volunteers. This can be found and completed through the Board's website under com-

munity, volunteers and A.D.O.A. Training.

Our All Star School Staff for 2020-2021



Office Staff

Mr. Ouellette	Principal
Mrs. Stratton	Vice-Principal
Mrs. Sibbick	Secretary
Mrs. Snow	Secretary

Custodial Staff

Mr. Amey	Day Custodian
TBA	Evening Custodian
Mr. Mangifesta	Evening Custodian

Kindergarten Teams

Mrs. Haliburton & Ms. Schillaci	Kindergarten A
Ms. Johnson & Ms. Smiley	Kindergarten B
Ms. Volchoff & Mrs. Anderson	Kindergarten C
Mrs. Rivers & Mrs. Wardell-Parasiuk	Kindergarten D
Ms. Borges	Kindergarten E

Junior Staff

Mr. Mayock	Grade 4
Mrs. Ogle	Grade 4
Mr. Corrigan	Grade 5
Mrs. Harder	Grade 5
Mrs. Andrews	Grade 5/6
Mrs. Marsh	Grade 6
Mrs. Easton	Grade 6
Mr. Briggs	Grade 6/7

Primary Staff

Mrs. Manzo	Grade 1
Mrs. Stallmann	Grade 1
Mrs. Horne	Grade 1
Mrs. Elsohemy	Grade 2
Mrs. Harris	Grade 2
Mrs. Matheson	Grade 2
Ms. Payne	Grade 3
Ms. De Grandis	Grade 3
Ms. Clark	Grade 3/4
Ms. Kohli	Room 104

Support Staff

Mrs. Mansley	LRT
Mrs. Koniuch	LRT
Mme Hill	FSL/Prep
Mme Maas	FSL/Prep
Ms. Csordas	FSL/Prep
Mrs. Agius	Prep
Ms. Fitzsimmons	Prep
Ms. Purdy	Prep

Intermediate Staff

Mr. Woodley	Grade 7
Mr. Vandervlist	Grade 7
Ms. Kroes	Grade 8
Mrs. Madgwick	Grade 8
Mr. Cohoon	Grade 8

Educational

Assistants

Ms. Martin	Mrs. Sousa	Mrs. Whittaker
Mrs. Roswell	Ms. Globensky	



2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR ELEMENTARY

	1st Week							2nd Week							3rd Week							4th Week							5th Week						
	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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The 2020-21 School Year Calendar provides a total of 187 Instructional and 7 Professional Development Days.

H School Holiday

P Professional Activity Day

B Board Designated Holiday

- Sept. 1/20 • Re-opening protocols, mental health and wellbeing, remote and online learning strategies and tools, bullying prevention and equity and an introduction to the new elementary math curriculum and fundamental math concepts/skills
- Sept. 2/20 • Student Assessment & Reporting - Parent Interviews
- Sept. 3/20 • Student Assessment & Reporting - Report Cards
- Nov. 13/20 • Student Assessment & Reporting - Report Cards
- Jan. 18/21 • Student Assessment & Reporting - Report Cards
- June 11/21 • Student Assessment & Reporting - Report Cards
- June 29/21 • School Achievement Reflection and Planning

SUCCESS for Every Student