



Carruthers Creek This Week

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Week of Aug. 29th

WE ARE

"ALLERGY AWARE & NUT FREE!"

Welcome to a new school year at Carruthers Creek P.S.! A very special welcome to our new students, staff and families. For our families returning from DDSB@Home, welcome back. To our returning Coyotes, we look forward to seeing you on September 6th.

The relationship between school and home is at the forefront of being a member of our Coyote family. We value the physical and social-emotional safety of our students, families and staff. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with your child's teacher throughout the school year.

We appreciate the leadership from Mr. Carter, our lead custodian, as he has led his team through our summer clean-up program. The school looks amazing and we are set to go.

Our current in-person enrollment is slightly over 800 students with a staff of 65 and 34 classrooms. We are one of the largest elementary schools within DDSB.

Be sure to read our weekly newsletter because this is our primary source of communicating school events, learning opportunities, DDSB information and so forth. All families will receive a weekly email late Monday afternoons with newsletter attachment. We appreciate you taking the time to "stay in the loop" by reading our communication.

For this communication we will provide some "In the Loop" information for the structure of the day and expectations.

We look forward to a 'Coyote-tastic' year of learning and growing from one another.

Yours 'Coyote-ingly'

C. Prince, Vice Principal and S. Pipher-Hogg, Principal

SEPTEMBER 2ND—ACCESS TO CLASS ASSIGNMENT

On Friday, September 2nd, families will digitally be able to access who their teacher will be for the upcoming year. In order to access this information you will need your child's OEN number which can be found on their report card.

The office will be closed Friday as it is a DDSB holiday. Our support staff will not be in the office on that day to answer phones/emails but will be able to assist you on Tuesday.

If you are not able to access your child's information digitally, on the first day of school staff will be outside to assist you with this. You will be able to identify a Coyote Staff member by them wearing their Coyote shirt. Our staff members will be at the back of the school building starting at 9 am.

September 6th - First day of Classes

On the first day of classes, we will ask all of the students from grades 2 to 8 to meet their teacher at their designated space outside.

FDK Team—South Enclosure

Gr. 1 (including Gr. 1/2 Mrs. Gerriets-Elliott) Team - East Enclosure

Gr. 2 to 5 - South Pavement

Gr. 6 to 8 - South Field

If it is raining, students will be directed to classrooms upon arrival. Teachers will meet them inside classrooms.

It is a regular day of classes for all of our students except our FDK students. The day will conclude at 3:45 pm.

STRUCTURE OF THE CCPS DAY

Entry	9:15 am (Instruction Time begins)
NB#1	11:15 am to 12 pm (Lunch time to go home)
NB#2	1:30 to 2:15 pm (all students remain at school)
Dismissal	3:45 pm

At 9:15 am instructional time begins and students are expected to be on school property before 9:15 am. Exterior doors will be locked shortly after 9:15 am and students arriving late will have to go directly to the office to obtain a late slip.

Our FDK and Intermediate students will continue with a Gradual Entry format for the morning. Once they arrive at school between 9 to 9:15 am, they will go directly into the school using their designated door. For our students in Grades 1 to 6, they will remain outdoors until the 9:15 am bell and will be directed by staff on duty.

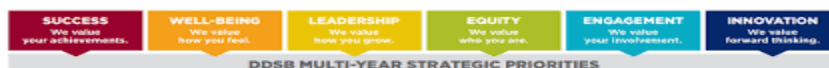
Our Nutritional Breaks (45 minutes) continue to be staggered to reduce the number of students in our hallways and outdoors. In addition, designated entries and exit doors will assist in keeping students safe on the stairs and hallways due to the volume.

Grades 1 to 4

11:15-11:35	Outdoor Play
11:35-12:00	Eating Time
1:30-1:55	Outdoor Play
1:55-2:15	Eating Time

Grades 5 to 8

11:15-11:35	Eating Time
11:35-12:00	Outdoor Play
1:30-1:55	Eating Time
1:55-2:15	Outdoor Play



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SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW AND RETURNING TEAM MEMBERS!

Office Staff:

Principal: S. Pipher-Hogg

Vice Principal: C. Prince

Secretaries: E. McCaw & C. Cowan

Custodial Staff: M. Carter, D. Chislett, N. Minard, P. Doherty

Kindergarten Teams:

R. Bremner & N. Brun, A. Dobbin & F. Malcolm-Wong, M. White & S. Basler, J. Visconti & S. Nicholls, K. Armstrong & T. Kovacs, C. Do & J. Waite

Grade 1 Team: C. Hunwicks, A. Westerman, L. Lee

Grade 1/2: J. Gerriets-Elliott

Grade 2 Team: A. Terry-Stewart, S. O'Toole, C. Arruda

Grade 2/3 Team: M. Hennebury

Grade 3 Team: J. Bahlmann, A. Reid, A. Hodder/K. Gooch

Grade 3/4 Team: S. Lawther

Grade 4 Team: E. Himsl, A. Coscarella

Grade 4/5: D. Cha

Grade 5 Team: N. Nolan, S. Brown, S. Portsmouth

Grade 6 Team: M. Keon, A. Middlestadt, J. Matys

Grade 7 Team: C. Tustin, R. Page, K. Naismith

Grade 8 Team: L. Koichopolos, K. Levy-Sundiata, L. O'Keefe

SSP Team: J. Bates

SERT: N. Scanga, L. Parashyniak, J. Bates

French: V. Deboveanu, I. Kovacs-Bolotenko, P. Lee

Phys Ed: C. Pineau-Burke & T. Yoon

Library: N. Allen

EA Team: B. Luscombe, K. Alexander, S. Mackinnon,

Coverage Team: K. Boone, S. Bay, K. Gooch

Change in Staffing

We wish Mr. Hartley all the best as he transitions to Ajax High School. He is an incredible person. Our Coyotes will continue to be enriched having had him in their lives.

ENROLMENT AND CLASS PLACEMENTS

Staffing and class sizes are directed by the Ministry of Education and once again this year, we have several split grade classes as we need to adhere to the provided guidelines. In the Spring, we asked for parental input into their child's placement for September 2022 and we did take into consideration each request. With our ongoing changes to our enrolment, we will not be making changes to student class assignments at this time.

DDSB will continue to monitor our numbers during the month of September to determine the possibility of adding or re-structuring classes as we make our way through the month. Should this impact your child, you will be notified and a transition plan to the new class will be implemented.

IMPORTANT HEALTH PROCEDURES

There are times when medication must be administered to a student at school. If this applies to your child, you must request an Administration of Oral Medication or an Administration of Medication by Injection form from the office. These forms must be signed by a doctor.

STUDENT, STAFF AND VISITOR SCREENING

It is strongly recommended that all staff, students and visitors continue to screen themselves on a daily basis prior to coming to school/childcare/work by using the [Ontario School Screening Tool](#) and that they follow the directions provided on the screening tool.

Schools will continue to notify school communities at the end of each school day if there are self-reported positive COVID-19 test results in a class.

Masks are not required for students, staff, and visitors in schools or on student transportation. Schools will be a mask-friendly environment and students, visitors, families, and staff are welcome to continue to wear a mask, or not wear a mask while at school and/or on the bus.

Currently, there are certain circumstances where the Ministry of Health requires masking while attending school ([Ministry of Health: Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario](#)).

- if returning to school after a 5-day isolation period (COVID positive result), masks are required to be worn for days 6-10.
- asymptomatic household contacts that pass the screening and can attend school or work are required to wear a mask for 10 days after last exposure to the COVID positive household member. under **current federal travel requirements**, upon return from international travel, individuals who are **NOT** fully vaccinated must wear a mask at all times when in public spaces (including schools and child cares) for 14 days. Exemptions for this masking requirement include individuals who need to remove their mask for security or safety reasons; children under the age of 2; and children aged 2 to 5 who are unable to tolerate wearing a mask. Note: Fully vaccinated travelers are no longer required to wear a mask when in public settings for 14 days after arrival in Canada.

Ongoing Distribution of Rapid Antigen Test Kits

To support school boards with an ongoing supply of tests, the ministry has shared that they will continue to distribute rapid antigen test (RAT) kits to school boards. If you require a kit, please let the office know.



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STUDENT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Arrival—Kiss and Ride Program

Your PATIENCE is critical. Our parking lot is an EXTREMELY BUSY place with over half of the school population being transported by buses. The safety of our children always comes first! Our buses will take priority and you need to follow the directions of the staff assigned to the Drop Off areas.

Our Kiss and Ride program in the morning is a drop off area for students. Parents who are choosing to drive their child(ren) to school are strongly encouraged to park legally off of school property. Walking to and from school is a great option.

In the morning our supervision begins at 9:00 am so please refrain from dropping off your child/ren prior to this time. Our Drop Off area begins at 9:00 to 9:15 am. For students in older grades (Grade 4 to 8) we ask that parents/caregivers drop off on the West side of the building through the designated Drop Off area beginning at 9:00 am. For our younger children (Gr 1 to 3) parents/caregivers may drop their child(ren) off in this designated area and the child will walk independently to their designated area. Parents are asked NOT to get out of the car as a staff member will assist with the child getting out of the vehicle. Backpacks and any other items required for the day, should already be with the child.

For our Kindergarten bus children, staff will hand-over-hand assist with getting them safely to their designated classroom. This year, we will be seeking assistance from our older students to assist with the Safe Arrival of our FDK students.

Parking spaces are VERY limited at CCPS. Only park in designated spaces on school property. When you park for your convenience, often you are impacting the flow of cars. If you are trying to park on the side streets, we encourage you to park legally. You will be subject to the bylaws of the town. We remind everyone to be patient and RESPECTFUL of our interactions towards one another. Kindness matters.

Dismissal

At dismissal time, students are expected to dismiss from their regular exit doors. This is a safety expectation that allows our teachers to ensure that all students are accounted for in a predictable routine. Parents/Caregivers or supervising students are expected to meet students outside these regular exit doors and to be on time. **The front foyer is not an area for meeting your child.**

If you are trying to pick up your child from school, you will have to have patience. Parking spots are very limited and the buses take the priority entering and exiting the parking lot. Only park in designated parking spots, which is not along the curbs. We strongly encourage you to park your vehicle legally on a side street and walk onto our property to meet your child(ren) at their designated area.

BOOMERANG LUNCHES & WASTE REDUCTION

CCPS is committed to being as "green" as we can. Our goal is to be a Litterless-Nutritional school where students bring lunch and snack materials in re-useable containers. Boomerang lunches mean that your non-recyclable materials return home from where they came. We will only be recycling paper material this year. All containers, water bottles, and juices boxes will be returned home.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Technology continues to evolve, providing students with access to a variety of personal wireless electronics. It is the practice of the DDSB that personal electronic devices are not used inside of schools during the normal school day unless under the direct guidance and supervision of their teacher. At Carruthers Creek students from grades 6 to 8 are permitted to use their personal devices once they have completed a Digital Boot Camp early in the school year.

We gently ask parents to refrain from texting/calling their child throughout the day. We want our students to be engaged in their learning environment and not be distracted. If a child needs to communicate with their parent, we encourage our students to advocate for themselves with their educators.

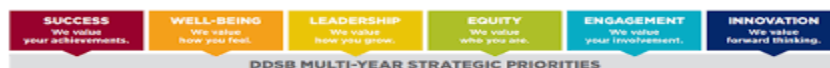
SAFE ARRIVAL

For safe arrival purposes, attendance is completed twice during the day, at entry first thing in the morning and following the first Nutritional Break at 12 pm.



DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

For the safety and well-being of all students in the DDSB, dogs are not allowed on the property, even if they are leashed. Please leave pets at home.



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