



# Carruthers Creek This Week

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Week of Sept. 7th

WE ARE

"ALLERGY AWARE & NUT FREE!"

## Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Carruthers Creek P.S.!

For our families returning from DDSB@Home, welcome back and a very special welcome to our new students, staff and families. We are looking forward to seeing our other Coyotes back in the building this week.

The relationship between school and home will be important as we look to support our return to school. The physical and social-emotional safety of our students, families and staff will remain at the forefront. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with your child's teacher regularly throughout the school year.

Over the last several months CCPS staff have worked collaboratively to structure and implement the numerous safety protocols outlined by DDSB and public health. We appreciate the leadership from Mr. Carter, our head custodian, as he has led his team through during this.

Our current in-person enrollment is slightly under 750 students with a staff of 75. We are one of the largest elementary schools within DDSB and we continue to grow.

Please be sure to read our weekly newsletter. All families will receive a weekly email and we urge you to read the weekly overview. This is our primary mode of communicating important announcements and event information to parents, and we appreciate you taking the time to "stay in the loop".

For this communication we will provide a lot of in the "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'

R. Saati and S. Pipher-Hogg

### FIRST WEEK

We recognize everyone has mixed emotions as we return to in-person since leaving in April or perhaps March 2020. These first several weeks will allow our staff to work collaboratively with students and families as they transition back to attending CCPS full time.

On the first day of classes, we will ask all of the students from grades 1 to 8 to meet their teacher at their designated space outside.

K Team — South Enclosure

Gr 1 Team — East Enclosure

Gr 2 to 3 — South Pavement

Gr 4 to 8 — South Field

### STRUCTURE OF THE DAY

**Change:** We no longer have a 5 minute entry in the morning. At 9:15 am instruction 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 Nutritional Breaks continue to be staggered to reduce the number of students in our hallways and outdoors. Signage and coordinated movement will assist with limiting interactions as they move through the school. In addition, designated entries and exits will also support keeping the learning groups apart from one another.

## Carruthers Creek September Spirit Days

Thursday September 16	Friday September 24	Thursday September 30
<b>Coyote Spirit Day!</b> Wear Blue, Orange or your Coyote Gear!	<b>Terry Fox Day!</b> Let's Celebrate Terry Fox! Dress in red, white, or wear a maple leaf!	<b>Orange Shirt Day</b> Wear an Orange Shirt in recognition of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Day



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## SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW AND RETURNING TEAM MEMBERS!

### Office Staff:

Principal: S. Pipher-Hogg

Vice Principal: R. Saati

Secretaries: K. Cormack & C. Cowan

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

### Kindergarten Teams:

R. Bremner & N. Rasmussen, A. Dobbin & F. Malcolm-Wong, M. White & M. Fayaz, J. Visconti & L. Higgins/S. Nicholls, K. Armstrong & T. Kovacs, A. Couper & J. Waite

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

**Grade 1/2:** J. Gerriets-Elliott

**Grade 2 Team:** A. Terry-Stewart, C. Do, M. Hennebury

**Grade 3 Team:** J. Bahlmann, A. Reid, S. Lawther

**Grade 3/4 Team:** A. Hodder/C. Arruda

**Grade 4 Team:** D. Cha, A. Coscarella

**Grade 4/5:** S. Portsmouth

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

**Grade 6 Team:** M. Keon, A. Middlestadt, S. O'Toole

**Grade 7 Team:** C. Tustin, R. Sweetman, R. Page

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

**SSP Team:** R. Hartley

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

**French:** V. Deboveanu, I. Kovacs-Bolotenko, A. Tremblay

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

**Library:** N. Allen

**EA Team:** B. Luscombe, K. Alexander, L. Wiersma, S. Mackinnon, S. Milnes

**Coverage Team:** K. Boone, S. Bay, N. Ranjan

## ENROLMENT

Our enrolment continues to fluctuate. Late last week we re-structured classes with our current increase in enrolment and hired several new staff to fill our new postings. 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. At this time, we will not be making changes to student class assignments.

DDSB will continue to monitor numbers during the month of September to determine the possibility of adding or reducing teachers and 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. Thank you very much for your support and understanding.

## 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.

## DAILY COVID-19 STUDENT SCREENINGS

Did you do your child's screener before arriving at school? Parents/Caregivers are required to complete the daily screener. If your child(ren) exhibit any of the symptoms on the list, you are required to follow the instructions given and your child(ren) will not be allowed to come to school.

We encourage you to use the Ministry of Health's online self-assessment tool (updated August 2021) by visiting:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

## BALANCED DAY SCHEDULE

Period 1	9:15 (Entry) to 9:45 am
Period 2	9:45 to 10:15 am
Period 3	10:15 to 10:45 am
Period 4	10:45 to 11:15 am
Nutritional Break	11:15 am to 12 pm* (attendance taken)
Period 5	12 to 12:30 pm
Period 6	12:30 to 1 pm
Period 7	1 to 1:30 pm
Nutritional Break	1:30 to 2:15 pm
Period 8	2:15 to 2:45 pm
Period 9	2:45 to 3:15 pm
Period 10	3:15 to 3:45 pm (Dismissal)



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## STUDENT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL — CHANGES TO OUR "KISS AND RIDE" PROGRAM

### Arrival

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 always 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 actually 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.

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. 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 door. 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. Unfortunately, for our other Kindergarten students being driven, we are not able to provide this service. Parents/Caregivers will have to park legally and walk their child to their designated door.

Do not park illegally because you will be asked to move. If you decided to park illegally on the streets, you will be subject to the Bylaws of the town. We remind everyone, to be patience and RESPECTFUL of our interactions towards one another.

### 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 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 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.

### 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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