



# Carruthers Creek This Week

Week of Sept. 3, 2019

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WE ARE  
"ALLERGY AWARE & NUT FREE!"

## WELCOME!

Welcome! A special welcome to our new students, staff and families, as well as our returning Coyote families. We hope you had the opportunity to enjoy some memorable times with family and friends over the last several months.

In addition to our new students and staff this year, we are also very excited about our new Balanced Day schedule which comprises of two Nutritional Breaks throughout the day, instead of the traditional recesses and hour lunch time. Students wishing to go home for 'lunch' will be permitted to leave the school grounds during the first Nutritional Break at 11:10 to 11:55 am. Students in Grades 6 to 8 wanting to 'go out' during this time, will require written permission. All students will be required to remain on school property during the second Nutritional Break at 1:30 pm. A schedule will be posted.

We realize that the beginning of the school year may mark an important milestone in our children's lives as they look forward to making new friends, mastering new skills and abilities while facing challenges with a positive attitude. We are committed to working with you throughout the upcoming year as we foster the growth and development of all of our Coyotes. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with your child's teacher regularly throughout the school year.

Our staff has worked diligently getting classrooms ready, and preparing for the many curriculum initiatives and extra-curricular activities that will be offered. We are committed to making our school a warm and inviting place so everyone can feel safe and a sense of belonging.

A big thank you goes out to our custodial team who has worked so hard to have our school sparkling for our return. Thank you to Mr. Carter and the custodial team!!

We would like to take this opportunity to invite parents/caregivers to volunteer at Carruthers Creek P.S. Developing and fostering this partnership between the home and school will lead to a successful year for all of us. Whether it be working with students and staff or joining the SCC (Nomination Form attached) to provide input and insight in guiding the school, we have just the right spot for you! We look forward to you working with us to better support all of our Coyotes' education.

Our weekly communication from the Office Staff will be provided online. The purpose is to inform our families about learning opportunities outcomes and events within the school and DDSB.

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

Yours 'Coyote-ingly'

R. Saati and S. Pipher-Hogg

## SAFE ARRIVAL

Attendance is taken twice during the day, entry first thing in the morning and following the first Nutritional Break at 11:55 am.

## 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.

If your child is going to be absent, notify the school by:

- 1 Safe arrival portal login  
[attendance.ddsbs.ca](http://attendance.ddsbs.ca)
- 2 Parent toll free number  
1-844-350-2646
- 3 Smartphone application  
[safearrival](http://safearrival)
- 4 Questions? Call the school directly

## Make every day count!

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| <p><b>Send me to school if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I have a runny nose or a little cough, but no other symptoms.</li> <li>I haven't needed to take medication for a fever in the last 24 hours.</li> <li>I haven't thrown up or had diarrhea in the last 24 hours.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Keep me home if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I have a fever higher than 37.5° C.</li> <li>I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.</li> <li>My eyes are pink and crusty.</li> <li>I have a cough that keeps me awake.</li> <li>I have a sore throat.</li> <li>I have an infection/disease that can be spread to my teachers and friends.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Call a doctor if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I've had a fever higher than 37.5° C for longer than 2 days.</li> <li>I've had a runny nose for more than a week and it is not getting better.</li> <li>I still have asthma symptoms after using my regular asthma medication.</li> </ul> |
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## CCPS Balanced Day Schedule

Period	Time
Period 1	9:00 to 9:40
Period 2	9:40 to 10:20
Period 3	10:20 to 10:40
Period 4	10:40 to 11:10
Nutritional Break #1	11:10 to 11:55 plus 5 min entry
Period 5	11:55 to 12:35
Period 6	12:35 to 1:00
Period 7	1:00 to 1:30
Nutritional Break #2	1:30 to 2:15
Period 8	2:15 to 2:45
Period 9	2:45 to 3:15
Period 10	3:15 to 3:45

\*Conclusion of morning Things to Remember  
 ~Lunch time - nutritional break #1 or #2 (students would be permitted to leave school property during NB #1)  
 ~5 minute entry would be assigned to the Lunch time - NB #1

## CODE OF CONDUCT

For our students who have a school agenda, our Code of Conduct is located at the front of the agenda. In addition, it has also been posted on our school website.

## 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.

## ENROLLMENT

As a vibrant and growing school, our student population continues to change. As a result, there is always the possibility of adding teachers and re-structuring classes as we make our way through September. 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.

## STUDENT ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Your PATIENCE is critical. Our parking lot is an EXTREMELY BUSY place with over half of the school population being transported by buses. With a school size of over 800, that means we are trying to safely load and unload 400 students daily - that is bigger than numerous schools within DDSB. 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 Kiss and Ride area. 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 patient and RESPECTFUL of our interactions towards one another.

In the morning our supervision begins at 8:55 am, so please refrain from dropping off your child/ren prior to this time. Our Kiss and Ride program begins at 8:55 to 9:05 am. For students in older grades (Grade 4 to 8) we ask parents/caregivers to drop off on the West side of the building through the designated Kiss and Ride area. For our younger children (K to 3) parents/caregivers are encouraged to drop off on the East side of the building. Staff on duty will transition inside with students at 9:05 am because instructional time begins at 9:10 am.

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. We ask that you not meet students in the front foyer as this is a busy location, as we have 100's of students transitioning to buses through this area.

## BOOMERANG LUNCHES & WASTE REDUCTION



Carruthers Creek 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 juice boxes will be returned home.

## 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.

## SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW & 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, T. Aylott

### Kindergarten Teams:

A. Dobbins, K. Armstrong & J. Bentham, A. Campion & J. Waite, M. White & M. Fayaz, M. Smith & L. Higgins, N. Davis & F. Malcolm-Wong, E. Goldhawk & B. Secord

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

Grade 1/2 Team: S. O'Toole

Grade 2 Team: J. Gerriets-Elliott, A. Reid, A. Terry-Stewart and N. Honda

Grade 2/3 Team: S. Lawther

Grade 3 Team: E. Himsal, A. Hodder, J. Bahlmann

Grade 4 Team: D. Cha, A. Coscarella and M. Paterson

Grade 5 Team: S. Brown, J. Matys and N. Nolan

Grade 6 Team: M. Keon, A. Middlestadt and L. O'Keefe

Grade 7 Team: M. Hoogsteen, L. Koichopolos and M. Judge

Grade 8 Team: J. Bates, K. Levy-Sundiat and C. Tustin

SSP Team: D. Hartley

### Coverage Team:

SERT - L. Parashyniak & N. Scanga

French - V. Deboveanu, I. Kovacs-Bolotenko & K. Rivett

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

Primary Coverage - C. Francom & S. Bay

Kindy Coverage - K. Boone

### EA's:

K. Alexander, B. Luscombe, S. MacKinnon, C. Mbakwe, L. Wiersma

## DATES OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

- 2 - Labour Day
- 7 - Ukrainian Heritage Day
- 8 - International Literacy Day
- 13 - Oct. 20 - Navratri
- 15 - Franco-Ontarian Day
- 29 - Oct. 1 - Rosh Hashanah



## SEPTEMBER AT CARRUTHERS CREEK P.S.

- 1 - First Day of Classes (no early dismissal)
- 17 - Welcome Back BBQ/Curriculum Night
- 19 - Intermediate Chromebook Night
- 26 - SCC Night/Elections - 6:30-8:00 pm
- 30 - Orange Shirt Day

<b>SUCCESS</b> We value your achievements.	<b>WELL-BEING</b> We value how you feel.	<b>LEADERSHIP</b> We value how you grow.	<b>EQUITY</b> We value who you are.	<b>ENGAGEMENT</b> We value your involvement.	<b>INNOVATION</b> We value forward thinking.
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DDSBS MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Superintendent: Margaret Lazarus  
Trustee: Donna Edwards

Principal: S. Pipher-Hogg  
Vice-Principal: R. Saati

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## DURHAM SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCILS

### SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM (to be filed with principal)

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (name and date of birth) who is currently registered at this school.

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent representative on the school community council. I understand the role and responsibilities of a member of the school community council.

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Received by \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(tear along line)

#### Nomination Form Receipt

The nomination form for parent representative on the S.C.C. for \_\_\_\_\_ has been received.

(School Name)

\_\_\_\_\_

(School Official)

(Date)



## Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT)

### Gifted Screening

Parents and Guardians of current DDSB Students in Grades 3 and up are invited to CCAT Testing (also Gifted Screening) Information Night at the following locations:

Please choose ONE of the following sessions

**NO RSVP OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED (6:30-7:30)**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Thursday, September 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	6:30 p.m.	William Dunbar P.S.	1030 Glenanna Rd, Pickering, L1V 5E5
Wednesday, September 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	6:30 p.m.	R.H. Cornish P.S.	494 Queen St. Port Perry, L9L 1K2
Thursday, September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	6:30 p.m.	DDSB Board Office Board Room	400 Taunton Rd E., Whitby, L1R 2K6

*Special Education Facilitator for Gifted Programming will be on hand to:*

- Describe the testing procedures, timelines, considerations and requirements for gifted identification with the DDSB
- Provide a copy of nomination form if guardian did not receive one from home school
- Briefly describe programming options available for gifted learners
- If you cannot make one of the information sessions, you can still have your learner tested by requesting a copy of the nomination form and handing it in to your child's current DDSB school SERT. Questions, please email [michelle.doiron@ddsb.ca](mailto:michelle.doiron@ddsb.ca)