



# Carruthers Creek This Week

Week of Sept. 9, 2019

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WE ARE

"ALLERGY AWARE & NUT FREE!"

The beginning of the school year, especially the first week, is a transition for everyone. Our Coyote learners have done a fantastic job settling into their learning environments while adjusting to the Balanced Day schedule. With any change, it takes time. As the month unfolds, the days become more incredible with learning opportunities that are presented inside and outside of the classes while embracing a growth mindset. Even during Week One, extra curricular activities got underway with our students becoming involved within the school community by becoming active and developing leadership skills.

Over the summer months our school population has increased to over 830 students with a staff of 67. With the increased population there is always a possibility we will have to do some re-organizing to meet the DDSB and provincial class size requirements. Over the next couple of weeks, we will receive communication from the DDSB's Operation Department regarding any re-organization. If we do have to re-organize, we will directly contact the classes affected.

On Tuesday, September 17th we will be having a Welcome Back BBQ followed by a Curriculum Night. Parents/Carers will have an opportunity to meet staff and visit classrooms from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Further details regarding the BBQ will follow this week.

S. Pipher-Hogg and R. Saati

## ARE YOU "ON TIME"???

Please ensure that your child(ren) are on time for school every day. Late entries disrupt the class and the learning routines. Please emphasize with your child(ren) the importance of "on time arrival" as an essential "life skill".



Please plan to drop off and meet your children outside. They will exit the school building using their assigned door and NOT the front door. Visitors are requested to stop in at the office first. We appreciate your support in keeping our halls clear. Parents of older children who walk home on their own after school are asked to remind children to go straight home after school. We do not supervise the playground and field after school hours. Thank you in advance for your support. Let's all put safety first before convenience.

Our custodian, Mr. Carter has unfortunately had an accident and will be off for a while. We will miss his smiling face and wish him a speedy recovery. Mr. Potts will be replacing Mr. Carter.

## WELCOME BACK MEET THE TEACHER BBQ

Please join us to celebrate a new school year at Carruthers Creek!

Parents, students and families, please join us at our Welcome Back to School evening on Tuesday, September 17th.

5:00 - 6:30 Barbeque

6:15 - 6:40 Gr. 7&8 Parent Information Meeting (Gym)

6:30 - 7:30 Classrooms will be open for parents to visit.



**LUNCHROOM SUPERVISORS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 2019/20 SCHOOL YEAR. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION, PLEASE CALL REMA SAATI, VICE PRINCIPAL AT 905-683-0921.**

### PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Technology continues to evolve, providing students with access to a variety of personal electronic devices. 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:

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

### Make every day count!

**Send me to school if:**

- I have a runny nose or a little cough, but no other symptoms.
- I haven't needed to take medication for a fever in the last 24 hours.
- I haven't thrown up or had diarrhea in the last 24 hours.

**Keep me home if:**

- I have a fever higher than 37.5°C.
- I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.
- My eyes are pink and crusty.
- I have a cough that keeps me awake.
- I have a sore throat.
- I have an infection/disease that can be spread to my teachers and friends.

**Call a doctor if:**

- I've had a fever higher than 37.5°C for longer than 2 days.
- I've had a runny nose for more than a week and it is not getting better.
- I still have asthma symptoms after using my regular asthma medication.



### 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 11:00
Recess/Break #1	11:00 to 11:30 (plus 5 min entry)
Period 5	11:30 to 12:00
Period 6	12:00 to 12:30
Period 7	12:30 to 1:00
Period 8	1:00 to 1:30
Recess/Break #2	1:30 to 2:00
Period 9	2:00 to 2:30
Period 10	2:30 to 3:00

\*Conclusion of morning

Things to Ponder:

\*Lunch time - recess 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

## PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENTS TO THIS NEWSLETTER:

- School Council Nomination Form
- Gifted Testing Information Nights



## 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/carers 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/carers 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 a predictable routine. Parents/Carers 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.

## VOLUNTEERING

If you are interested in volunteering at the school, you will need a police check. Please drop by the office to pick up a letter which will give you a discounted rate on the police check. If you currently have a police check on file older than one year, please stop by the office to complete a declaration.

## TERRY FOX RUN

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held on Friday, September 27th from 2:30 to 3:30. Students will be encouraged to dress in Red and White and to donate a toonie. Please keep an eye out for Terry Fox information which will be coming home soon.

## 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. Dobbin, 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. Hunnicks, L. Lee, A. Westerman

Grade 1/2 Team: S. O'Toole

Grade 2 Team: J. Gernets-Elliott, A. Reid, A. Terry-Stewart and N. Handa

Grade 2/3 Team: S. Lawther

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

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

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

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

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

Grade 8 Team: J. Bates, K. Lew-Sundata and C. Tustin

SSP Team: D. Hartley

### Coverage Team:

SERT - L. Panashyniak & N. Scanga

French - V. Debeveau, I. Kovacs-Boltenko & 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

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|--------------|------------------------------|
| 2            | - Labour Day                 |
| 7            | - Ukrainian Heritage Day     |
| 8            | - International Literacy Day |
| 13 - Oct. 20 | - Navratri                   |
| 21           | - International Day of Peace |
| 23 - 27      | - Ally Week                  |
| 25           | - Franco-Ontarian Day        |
| 29 - Oct. 1  | - Rosh Hashanah              |



## SEPTEMBER AT CARRUTHERS CREEK P.S.

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| 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        |
| 27 | - Terry Fox Run                             |
| 30 | - Orange Shirt Day                          |



DDSBS MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Superintendent: Margaret Lazarus  
Trustee: Donna Edwards

Principal:  
Vice-Principal:

S. Pipher-Hogg  
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)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date)  
(School Official)



## **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)