



Carruthers Creek This Week

Week of Aug. 31st

WE ARE

"ALLERGY AWARE & NUT FREE!"

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Welcome to the 2020-21 school year at Carruthers Creek P.S.!

Although this year looks different than any other year, we are dedicated to providing your child(ren) a memorable learning experience. 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.

Throughout the summer months, numerous emails have been shared with DDSB Return to School Plans. Over the month of August, CCPS staff have worked collaboratively to structure and implement the numerous safety protocols outlined. We appreciate the leadership from Mr. Carter, our head custodian, as he has led his team through our physical restructuring of our classrooms.

During this week our staff will embark upon PD opportunities which include Return to School Covid Preparedness, Mental Health First 20 Days of Connection and Well Being and Anti-Black racism. These will continue to guide us with our return to school this year.

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 information to keep you "in the loop" for the structure of the day and expectations. There is no doubt, you will have more questions and we value those questions.

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

Yours 'Coyote-ingly'

R. Saati and S. Pipher-Hogg

STUDENT ARRIVAL & 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.

Unfortunately, we will not be offering a Kiss and Ride program this year. 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 8:55 am so please do not drop off your child/ren prior to this time. Our Drop Off area begins at 8:55 to 9:10 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 Drop Off area. For our younger children (Gr 1 to 3) parents/caregivers may drop their child (ren) off in their circular area located at the east side of the building. At this designated area, the child will independently open the car door and walk independently to their designated door of entry. **Parents are asked NOT to get out of the car.**

For our youngest students (Kindergarten) arriving on school property, our staff will not be able to assist getting a child out of the car and walking them to their enclosed area. Parents/Caregivers will need to walk their child to their designated Kindergarten gate/door. **THIS IS A CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR.**

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 are planning to pick up your child earlier from school, we will need you to call ahead to make an appointment at the office.

Parking spots are very limited and the buses take 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. We have 100s of students who take the bus to and from school each day. Loading students onto the buses will be our priority.

There will be no pick up area along the east side of the school. **THIS IS NEW!** Parents will not have access to the loop as this area will be closed off for our buses and bus students. This will be in place for the first week so families can become familiar with routines. Parents waiting to pick up their child for their allocated doorway, will need to step away from the doors and socially distance from others.

PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS WORK. PLEASE SUPPORT US WITH OUR NEW PROCEDURES TO ASSIST WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING AND BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER.

ENROLMENT

Our enrolment continues to fluctuate as families continue to make decisions regarding in class learning and distance learning. Late last week we were provided with our new enrolment numbers and restructuring in all grades took place. This week we restructured classes with our current enrolment and we will not be making changes at this time to student placements. 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.

FIRST WEEK

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

During the first week, we will ask all of the students from grades 1 to 8 to meet their teacher at their designated area when they arrive onto the school property.

For our Kindergarten team, parents will be provided with a staggered entry time for their child. Homeroom educators will be sending emails to families with specific times for their staggered entry.

We will provide further direction for our entry and exit procedure following the first week of school.

STRUCTURE OF THE DAY

DDSB Elementary schools no longer have a 5 minute entry bell in the morning.

Instruction time begins at 9:10 am and students are expected to be on school property before 9:10 am.

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.

Students are permitted to leave the school property during the first Nutritional Break to go home for lunch. With permission, Intermediate students are able to leave the school property during this break only when they have written permission from a parent/caregiver for that day.

Our day concludes at 3:45 pm.

Balanced Day

Period 1	9:10 to 9:40 am
Period 2	9:40 to 10:10 am
Period 3	10:10 to 10:40 am
Period 4	10:40 to 11:10 am
Nutritional Break	11:10 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





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STAGGERED STARTS

Schedule for all Elementary Students (JK to Grade 8)

Tuesday, September 8, 2020	Families with last names beginning with A—G
Wednesday, September 9, 2020	Families with last names beginning with H - M
Thursday, September 10, 2020	Families with last names beginning N—S
Friday, September 11, 2020	Families with last names beginning T—Z
Monday, September 14, 2020 and Wednesday, September 16, 2020	Families with last names beginning with A—M
Tuesday, September 15, 2020 and Thursday, September 17, 2020	Families with last names beginning with N—Z
Friday, September 18, 2020	Full Attendance

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:

K. Armstrong & J. Bentham, A. Couper & N. Rasmussen, M. White & M. Fayaz, M. Smith & L. Higgins, A. Dobbin & F. Malcolm-Wong, S. Jan

Grade 1 Team: L. Lee, A. Westerman, N. Nadarajah/K. Boone

Grade 2 Team: J. Gerriets-Elliott, M. Hennebury

Grade 2/3 Team: A. Terry-Stewart

Grade 3 Team: J. Bahlmann, S. O'Toole, A. Reid

Grade 3/4 Team: A. Coscarella

Grade 4 Team: D. Cha

Grade 4/5 Team: S. Brown

Grade 5 Team: N. Nolan, L. Koichopolos

Grade 6 Team: M. Keon, A. Middlestard

Grade 6/7 Team: R. Page

Grade 7 Team: C. Tustin, R. Sweetman

Grade 8 Team: J. Bates, K. Levy-Sundiata

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

Library - N. Allen

ELL - K. Fry

EA's:

K. Alexander, B. Luscombe, L. Wiersma, S. Mackinnon, S. Milnes

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. We acknowledge this might be difficult to have done at this time. Please contact the office if you are unable to do this.

SAFE ARRIVAL

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

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.

LUNCH DROP OFF

Our lunch drop off table will be outside the front doors as access to the school is restricted, however we strongly encourage parents to send a lunch with your child so that they are prepared for the day. If you absolutely have to drop a lunch off, please make sure it is packaged and labelled as there will be no pens or labels available.

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.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Providing safe learning environments is a strong and constant focus at the Durham District School Board. Families should however recognize that there is always a potential risk of injury with field trips, sports and other student activities both on and off school grounds. Accidents can happen, despite precautions to prevent them. Accidental injuries may involve medical, dental or other expenses not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans.

Please be aware that the Durham District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries. For your convenience, we do make available a Student Accident Insurance program through Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. This program offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable prices.

All rates are one-time annual premiums. The insurance agreement is between you and Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. For complete details please refer to the *insuremykids Protection Plan* information/application form or visit their website at: www.insuremykids.com.





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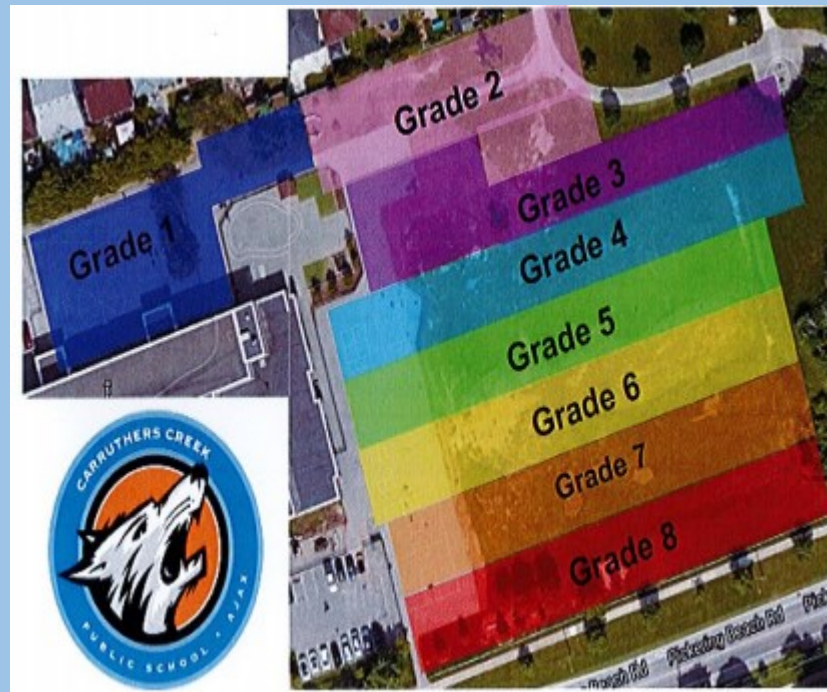
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DESIGNATED MEETING ZONES

For the first week of school when arriving on school property, students will go directly to their allocated zone (picture below). Their teacher will be there to greet. If a student does not know who their teacher is, CCPS staff members will be outdoors to assist.

In case of rain, students will go directly into the building into their classrooms. Once again, staff will be there to assist if a student does not know their teacher's name.



Zones

Our school yard has been divided into 8 zones (not including Kindergarten classrooms). When outdoors for their nutritional breaks, students will play within designated class zones.

