



Carruthers Creek This Week

Week of Sept. 14th

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WEEK ONE

Awesome! Awesome to seeing students back! Awesome for our educators and students to spend time together in smaller group settings! Awesome to see the staggered entry run with only a few hick ups along the way! Awesome teamwork amongst staff and parents! Awesomeness for respecting the new guidelines for Drop Off and Pick Up. Coyote "Awesomeness" to all of you!

We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate our return to school plans. We know this will present new learning opportunities with the arrival of more students and the return of busing.

Over the course of July to present, approximately 30% of our students have transitioned to the virtual school. As a result, at CCPS we have had to reduce our class assignments by 8 classes, and over 11 CCPS teachers have taken roles within the virtual schools. When we had completed our initial student placements at the end of May we were able to accommodate most requests and we had no split grades at that time. Unfortunately, with the numerous re-shuffling, re-staffing and re-organizing, we have not been able to fulfill all requests, and we currently have 4 split classes.

During the next several weeks, DDSB will continue to monitor our enrolment and we may have to re-organize due to changing enrolment. We will keep you posted.

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.

ITEMS TO BE RETURNED

If you received a chromebook during distance learning last year, please return the chromebook with the charger to your child's teacher this week. Mrs. Allen is also collecting any library books that may still be at home.

If your child takes a school bus, please remember to check the bus number and bus times by visiting <https://www.dsts.on.ca/> or by calling the transportation line at 905-666-6979 and using the automated prompts. This service has the most up to date information, as well as information about cancellations and delays.

ENTRY & EXIT DOOR ASSIGNMENT

New this Year: When students first arrive at school in the morning they will immediately enter into the school using their assigned doors. At the conclusion of the school day, parents/caregivers/siblings are asked to meet at assigned doors. If you are picking your child up at lunch time, make arrangements to meet them at their assigned doors.

DOOR	CLASSES
A	Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Westerman, Mrs. Nadarajah, Mrs. Gerriets-Elliott, Ms. Heenebuoy, Mrs. Terry-Stewart, Mrs. Reid, Ms. Coscarella and Mr. Cha
B	Mr. Brown, Mrs. Nolan, Ms. Koichopoulos, Mr. Page and Mrs. Tustin
C	Ms. O'Toole, Mrs. Bahlmann, Mrs. Keon, Ms. Middlestadt, Mrs. Sweetman, Mrs. Levy-Sundiata and Mrs. Bates
Kindergarten Enclosure Gate	Mrs. Jan, Mrs. Dobbin/Mrs. Malcolm-Wong, Ms. White/Mrs. Favaz and Mrs. Smith/Mrs. Higgins
Kindergarten Door	Mrs. Armstrong/Mrs. Kovacs and Mrs. Couper/Mrs. Rasmussen
Front Door	Mr. Hartley

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. Middlestast

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

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.

PARKING ALONG GREENHALF ST.

It is illegal to park along Greenhalf St. in front of the school and you will be subject to parking fines by bylaw officers. Our buses take priority getting in and out of the school parking lot. When you park illegally, it makes it very difficult for our bus drivers to navigate this area. For the safety of all of our children, park legally on the side streets and use the sidewalks. Parking on school property is very limited.

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.

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.

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.

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.

