

RICHMOND REVIEW



September 2018

Principal: J. MacJanet

Vice –Principal: G. Watson

A Message From Mr. Mac & Mr. Watson

Welcome, or welcome back, to Richmond Street Public School! Doesn't every year /every summer, seem to go by faster and faster? We hope you all had an amazing, relaxing summer filled with great memories and loads of fun!

We are so excited to be back. Staff have been in this past week, busily preparing for your child's year. We welcome new staff and have provided you with a staff list on our school website. We encourage every student to GET INVOLVED! Cross Country will be starting up right away so get those running shoes ready to rock! Parents you are welcome to get involved, too! We need volunteers for our reading programs, for school council, breakfast club and so many other great initiatives. Ask your child's teacher or check in with us at the office any time.

As Raptors, we say we want to "Ignite the Fire"-the fire within all of us to strive, to learn, to be the very best we can be-to ourselves and to each other. Let's have a great year....TOGETHER!

Bell Times

Being on time is a life skill. Please note the bell times for school.

Entrance Bell

8:35 am

1st Nutrition Break

10:15 am—10:55 am

2nd Nutrition Break

12:35 pm—1:20 pm (students may go home at this time)

Dismissal

3:00pm

Dates to Remember:

Terry Fox Kick Off: Sept 14th

Early Release Day: Sept 14th students dismissed 3 hours early @ 12 pm

Meet the Teacher BBQ: Thursday, September 20th from 4:30—6:00 pm

School Council Meeting: Sept 25th @ 6pm

Terry Fox Run Day: Sept 14th

Professional Activity Day: Oct 5th

MEDICATION SAFETY AT SCHOOL

If a child requires medication at the school, the school must have a medical form (obtained at the school office) signed by the physician as well as by the parent/guardian. A prescription bottle must have a doctor's prescription label on it in order for the medication to be kept in the office. Please be sure to notify the office if your child requires any medication during the school day.

Please DO NOT send medications in a baggieALL meds MUST be in their appropriate prescription containers.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) is a consortium between the District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara Catholic District School Board. The mandate of NSTS is to plan and manage transportation services for both Boards and to provide safe, efficient and effective transportation to the students of Niagara.

You can find bus stop locations and times on their website www.nsts.ca. You will need your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) which is located on the student report card to log-on to their secure website.

For transportation information please visit their website www.nsts.ca or call 905 346-0290.



Terry Fox



Once again Richmond Street School is pleased to be hosting its 11th annual Terry Fox Run/ Walk on Friday September 14th during block 2 from 10:50—11:50 pm . Money donated to the Terry Fox Foundation will be used for research, which we hope one day will help cure cancer. Many of you have heard of the Canadian named Terry Fox who was diagnosed with a form of bone cancer which resulted in him losing his right leg. His experiences as he battled cancer were so dreadful that he decided to help fight cancer by running across Canada to raise money for cancer research.

Ultimately, Terry dreamt that if Canadians came together and donated just one dollar each, then the money raised could help cure cancer and stop the suffering.

Teachers at Richmond Street School will be giving students a chance to learn about Terry Fox by teaching lessons about Terry Fox the week prior to our school's run.

ALSO we're hoping students and parents will become involved in fundraising efforts by bringing in a loonie or a toonie at any time up until our school run and giving it to their teacher. All money collected will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation in hopes of continuing cancer research.

Thank you, Mr. Goar (Terry Fox Staff Organizer)

Early Release Days

As the Provincial curriculum has changed very rapidly and has become more rigorous, our Board has recognized the need to provide on-going professional development to our staff. Part of the Professional Development program will involve an “early release days”. This day is Friday, **September 14, 2018** . On this day, there will be **NO** afternoon classes for any students. Dismissal will be at 12:00 pm.

Transportation will be provided for all bussed students starting 3 hours prior to their normal bus time. Teachers will remain at school for various workshops on this afternoon.

We hope this advance notice will assist with making child care arrangements. We recognize that this may require some parents to arrange additional daycare. We appreciate your support in this matter as it is of great benefit to our students, your children.

Attendance

Please be sure to notify the school **OFFICE** of your child's absence. You may leave a message on the school answering machine at any time during the day 24/7. Please be sure to leave your child's name along with their teacher's name. All absences **MUST** be reported by an **ADULT** . Also, please do not send your child to the school before 8:15 am as there is no one on duty until that time. We want to ensure the safety of our students!

905-227-2971

Safety Issues

Teachers will be reviewing some common sense safety issues in each classroom at the start of this week. Some of the safety rules that will be discussed are as follows:

- stay away from strangers
- always walk with a buddy
- report suspicious or unusual activity to an adult immediately
- look both ways before crossing the road
- make sure you cross the road using the crossing guards
- if waiting to get picked up by someone...do not stand outside and wait alone...wait in the main foyer where there are adults.

We ask that parents/guardians reinforce these same messages at home. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Student of the Month

Every student in the school will have the opportunity to be chosen for "Student of the Month" awards. We will continue with these award assemblies.

Those students who have successfully displayed the month's criteria will be chosen and will have their names displayed on our "Student of the Month" bulletin board in the front foyer. These students will be acknowledged and handed their certificates at our monthly "awards" assembly. The character trait for September is "Respect".

Primaries will have their assembly at 8:45am on Friday, September 28th and the Junior/Intermediates will have their assembly at 9:30 am of the same day. Hope to see you there!

Insure Your Child....Accidents Can Happen

Is your child insured for medical or dental costs in case of an accidental injury? The District School Board of Niagara does not provide medical payments coverage for students. If you have no other coverage, it is important that parents/guardians purchase this coverage to ensure that medical or dental costs are covered in case of accident. Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance forms have been sent home with each student to assist you in getting coverage. Or you can visit www.insuremykids.com to apply online. It costs as little as \$8 per student for one year of basic school day/school activity coverage.

Visitor Sign-In Procedure

- ALL visitors are welcome in our school. In the interest of care, welfare, safety and security of our students, all visitors (including parents and guardians) are asked to check in at the office when visiting the school and must understand for the safety of the staff and students of Richmond Street School, you are NOT PERMITTED to wander down the hallway to wait outside the classroom to pick up your children. Please be patient and wait in the lobby area for the students to be dismissed. We have a sign-in book and visitor labels that will be issued to any parent/guardian/visitor that will be staying at the school and have authorization to be in the classroom from the classroom teacher.

- All doors will be locked from 8:35 am—2:45 pm for security reasons.
- Students that are picked up during the school day while doors are locked must be picked up in the office.
- We greatly appreciate your co-operation in this matter as we want to maintain a safe and happy school environment for all of our students.

We appreciate your co-operation in keeping Richmond Street a "safe school"!





Milk for Sale



Our school is once again participating in the Elementary School Milk Program run by the Dairy Farmers of Ontario.

NO OTHER BEVERAGE PROVIDES THE NUTRITIOUS BENEFITS OF MILK.

We are offering this program because Milk provides the kind of healthy goodness that helps children concentrate, have more energy, and get the most out of their school day! If you pre-order Milk for your child, it means you don't have to remember to send money to school every day. Pre-ordering and pre-payment also cuts down on the time our school spends on administration.

Order forms can be found on Cash Online and tickets can be picked up at the office on first break.

Agendas & Locks

Student agendas are now for sale. If your child would like to purchase one, please send in \$6.00 and it will be collected.



Dudley locks are for sale in the office. There are 1 digit and 3 digit locks, that sell for \$6.00.

Picture Day

Edge Imaging will be taking school pictures on Wednesday, October 24th starting at 9:00 a.m. The photographers will not be taking photos during the nutrition breaks. Bright, colorful clothing usually turns out the best.



Nut Free School

Once again as we begin the new school year, we must emphasize the importance of educating the parents/guardians and students about allergies. We have a staff member and a number of students in the school with life-threatening allergies. **One of these children could be in your child's classroom.**

One type of allergy in our school is to nuts and nut products. For this reason, we are asking you and your child to be on the alert to nuts and nut products when packing snacks and lunches. This is an educational experience you and your child can share as you peruse food labels. You will be surprised at how many food items contain nut products, especially peanut oil.

We would really appreciate your help in explaining to your child how a simple peanut butter sandwich or a granola bar made with peanut oil could really harm another child.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

