



RYERSON HEIGHTS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



September Newsletter



From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back !

We hope that you and your family had a relaxing and enjoyable summer and are ready for the excitement and challenges of the new school year.

You'll find lots of things coming home this week that need to be reviewed, signed and returned to the school. Please take time to read them, as they have a lot of information about this school year.

A special welcome to our new students and their families. We are very happy that

you are joining us at Ryerson Heights. To all of our returning students and their families, get set for a memorable 2018-2019 school year.

This year all families are asked to sign up for Remind 101. By signing up you will receive electronic copies of school newsletters, timely

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reminders and updates from Mr. Ouellette. Please see the attached sheet for sign up instructions.

I'm also encouraging everyone to follow myself, staff and the school on Twitter for the most recent news about our school.



Follow me on Twitter
@Doug_Ouellette &
@RyersonHeights

Meet the Teacher Night is scheduled for Thursday September 13th from 5:30-7:00. This year we plan to host a BBQ (weather permitting).

Specific details about that night will come home soon. We hope to see everyone there.

I'm very excited to be joining the staff at Ryerson and look forward to getting to know the students and their families.

Welcome to our new staff members, Ms. Fitzsimmons, Mr. Corrigan, Ms. Archer, Ms. Trinder & Ms. Joshi.

Welcome back and have a great year!

Important September Dates

First Day of School	4th
Meet the Teacher Night	13th
PA Day (no school)	14th
School Pictures	17th & 18th
Believe Assembly	27th
Terry Fox Walk / Run	TBA
PA Day (no school)	October 2nd

Reminders

- 8:35 Morning Bell
- 10:15—10:55 Morning Break
- 12:35—1:15 Afternoon Break
- 2:55 Dismissal

Class placements for 2018/19

With the start of another year comes both excitement and apprehension.

Our goal is always to make the return to school as smooth as possible starting with placing students in the class where they will be most successful.

In a growing neighbourhood like ours however changes to class assignments might need to be

made after the first day of school.

Changes will be made if class sizes increase due to enrolment over the summer or during the start of the school year.

Should this happen we will do our best to inform families in a timely manner and to make changes that set students up for success.



Nutrition Breaks

All Grand Erie Elementary Schools are on a **Balanced School Day**. This means that your child will have two nutrition breaks during the day. Students are to remain at school during the first break but may go home during the afternoon break.

For students in grade 5-8 wishing to go home/out once and a while the school requires **written** permission the day of or in advance.

Please note that there are several students at Ryerson Heights with anaphylactic allergies to: peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, latex, kiwi, guava fruit and mango. In some cases, just exposure to these items could trigger a life-threatening reaction.

We appreciate the cooperation of all families in keeping the items out of the school. We ask for your support by voluntarily avoiding...

Nuts and sesame in any form (including nut butters, nut oils or any items baked with nut prod-

ucts), latex products, kiwi, guava fruit or mango. Nut substitutes like WowButter or other nut substitutes should also not be sent to school.

In September, rooms containing students with anaphylactic allergies will be posted with awareness signs and parents with students in those classes will be notified.



School Council / Volunteering

School Council is one of many ways to get involved at Ryerson Heights. Council meets regularly during the year and helps organize school events and activities, does fundraising and advocates for our school and students.

Many opportunities will be available for volunteering over the course of the year. Please

remember that a valid police check is required in order to volunteer. The fall is often a very busy time for the processing of police checks and it can take up to a few weeks to process them during busy times. If you need to have your check done please look into it well in advance of the event/activity you would like to

help with. A leeter from the school is required to obtain your police check and available in the school's office.

Accessibility training is also required for all volunteers. This can be found and completed through the Board's website under community, volunteers and A.D.OA. Training.

Our All Star School Staff for 2018-2019



Office Staff

Mr. Ouellette	Principal
Mrs. Stratton	Vice-Principal
Mrs. Sibbick	Secretary
Mrs. Snow	Secretary

Custodial Staff

Mr. Amey	Day Custodian
Mrs. Burton	Evening Custodian
Mr. Mangifesta	Evening Custodian

Kindergarten Teams

Ms. Archer & Ms. Dredge	Kindergarten A
Ms. Halabecki & Mrs. Smyth	Kindergarten B
Ms. Volchoff & Mrs. Anderson	Kindergarten C
Mrs. Rivers & Mrs. Wardell-Parasiuk	Kindergarten D

Primary Staff

Mrs. Manzo	Grade 1
Mrs. Stallmann	Grade 1
Mrs. Horne	Grade 1/2
Mrs. Elsohemy	Grade 2
Mrs. Harris	Grade 2/3
Ms. Payne	Grade 2/3
Mrs. De Grandis	Grade 3
Mrs. Ogle	Grade 3

Intermediate Staff

Mr. Woodley	Grade 7
Mrs. Penrice	Grade 7
Ms. Kroes	Grade 7/8
Ms. Blunt	Grade 8
Mr. Cohoon	Grade 8

Junior Staff

Mr. Mayock	Grade 4
Mrs. Briggs	Grade 4
Ms. Joshi	Grade 4/5
Mr. Corrigan	Grade 5
Mrs. Madgwick	Grade 5/6
Ms. Stewart	Grade 6
Mrs. Marsh	Grade 6
Ms. Trinder	Spec. Ed

Support Staff

Mrs. Mansley	LRT
Ms. Koniuch	LRT
Mrs. Hill	FSL/Prep
Mrs. Mass	FSL/Prep
Mr. Barnes	FSL/Prep
Mrs. Robinson	Prep
Ms. Fitzsimmons	Prep

Educational Assistants

Ms. Martin	Mrs. Sousa
Ms. Riley	Ms. Globensky
Mrs. Roswell	

Reminders and School Procedures

Supervision starts on the playground at 8:20am and ends at 3:10. Students are expected to go directly home after school unless they are participating in a school activity.

PARKING LOT

We continue to need your help to make both arrival and dismissal times as safe as possible for everyone.

Please **Do Not** park and **leave** your car unattended in the “**Drop Off & Pick Up**” lane in the middle of the parking lot. Parking and leaving your car unattended in the “**Drop Off & Pick Up**” lane disrupts the flow of traffic for those dropping off and picking up students. Again, we are asking for your support to help make our drop off and pick up times as efficient and safe as possible for your children. Thank you for your continued patience and support!

Bell Schedule

8:35 am	Entry Bell
10:15am – 10:55 am	1st Nutrition Break
12:35pm – 1:15 pm	2nd Nutrition Break
2:55 pm	Dismissal Bell

DOOR 1: Ms. Kroes, Ms. Joshi, Ms. Stewart, Mrs. Madgwick, Mrs. Horne, Mr. Corrigan, Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Manzo

DOOR 2: Mr. Woodley, Mr. Cohoon, Ms. Blunt and Mrs. Penrice & Ms. Kroes

DOOR 3: Mrs. Ogle, Mr. Mayock, Mrs. Briggs, Ms. Payne, Mrs. Robb, Mrs. Stallmann, Mrs. Elsohe-my and Mrs. Harris

DOOR 4: Mrs. Rivers/Mrs. Wardell-Parasiuk, Mrs. Archer/Ms. Dredge, Ms. Halabecki/Mrs. Smyth and Ms. Volchoff/Mrs. Anderson

INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

In order to avoid confusion regarding the doors during inclement weather conditions such as rain & extreme cold temperatures, Door #1 and the front doors will be open at 8:20 for student entrance. Please do not send your child(ren) to school before 8:20 a.m. in the morning as there is no supervision until that time. Students will not be permitted in the school on Inclement Weather Days until 8:20.

FRONT DOOR BUZZ-IN/SIGN IN & VISITOR/PARENT PASS PROCEDURE

Under the Ontario Ministry of Education “Safe Welcome Program” all school doors including the front doors are locked throughout the day. Please use the call button on the front post to buzz into the office for access. In order to avoid interruptions to classes and improve student safety all visitors to the school **must sign in at the office**. Please respect this policy as it is in place for the safety of your children. Please do not go directly to your child’s classroom during the regular school day. If you need to speak to your child or your child’s teacher our office staff will be more than happy to help you out.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

As per GEDSB directives, **all school payments must be made using** School Cash Online (ie. field trips, lunch program, etc.). Please ensure you have registered with School Cash Online.

Here's how to register:

Step 1: Go to this website: <https://gedsb.schoolcashonline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting "Get Started Now" and follow the steps

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

We send many reminders out from the office using email about important dates, exciting events, and reminders for the happenings here at Ryerson! It is important that we have an up to date email address for families to make sure you're informed! Please let the office know if there are any changes in your email address or contact information.

STUDENT ABSENCES –Please ALWAYS advise the Office – 519-752-8814

If your child is going to be late or absent from school, please call the school to let us know. Our office hours are between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The answering machine is on outside office hours for your convenience.

STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS

Please note that any student requiring medication at school **MUST** have the appropriate paperwork completed and signed by their physician annually. It is important that this paperwork is ready to go for the beginning of the school year. The school is unable to administer any medication (eg. Tylenol, allergy medicine, epipens, prescription medicine) without the proper paperwork on file. Please contact the school if you have any questions, or to receive the appropriate forms.

Dropping something off for your child?

If you are dropping off lunches, permission notes and/or belongings for your child(ren) be sure to label them and leave them on the table or in the bin outside the office door so that your child(ren) can retrieve their delivery at a convenient time. As a leadership school we would like to encourage students to take ownership for their belongings. Please let your child(ren) know that the office will no longer be calling into their classroom to remind them of items as it is a disruption to the class – it will be their responsibility to retrieve their belongings at a time that is appropriate with their teacher and class.