



# BIRCH CLIFF PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year at Birch Cliff P.S.!

I am looking forward to my first year at B.C.! From all reports, this is a tremendous school with a very rich history and I am privileged to be part of such a terrific staff and community.



Birch Cliff will be the fourth school in my career as an administrator, and prior to arriving here, I had worked at West Rouge J.P.S., Jack Miner Sr. P.S., and Wexford P.S. In each of those buildings, I have worked hard to establish relationships with staff, parents/guardians, and most importantly, students. I will continue to do so at Birch Cliff and will count on all of you to make this school an even better place to be. I also believe in supporting the whole child, so in addition to academics, I will continue to support the many wonderful extra-curricular offerings that Birch Cliff is known for.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to working hard this year to achieve the best possible results. I remind the students to remember the most important rule of all, **RESPECT** (for others and yourself), and to enjoy your year and get involved in the school. I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you in the near future.

Sincerely,

~ Ted Vine, Principal



### Dates to Remember

- ~ Sep. 26: Curriculum Night
- ~ Sep. 27: Terry Fox Walk
- ~ Oct. 4: Picture Day

[2018-2019 TDSB Dates of Significance can be found here.](#)



#### **WELCOME BACK!!!!**

School will resume on Tuesday, September 4th, 2018. Our 1st PA Day is on Fri. Oct. 5th.



Visit the TDSB public website at [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca) to view the school year calendar or the [Birch Cliff Calendar](#) for specific events.

## From the Office

*If there are any changes in your home or business phone numbers, please inform us as soon as possible!*

### Administrative Staff for 2018/19



Principal - Ted Vine

Office Administrator - Mrs. Walpole

Head Caretaker - Mr. Milley

### Support Staff

Birch Cliff has been allotted 6 ECEs. We have also been allotted a CYW to work in our Autism program, 1.5 SNAs, 0.5 EA, and 0.5 clerical in the morning.



**Please note: the only number to call for Safe Arrival is the main number for the school.**

**416-396-6060**

The *Safe Arrival* mailbox is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If your child will be late or absent from school, please call us to let us know!

~ Mrs. Walpole

### Teaching Assignments for 2018/19

K (FI) - Mme Hiler

Gr. 1 (FI) - Mme Clark

Gr. ½ (FI) - Mme Ristuccia

K - Ms. Secher

K - Ms. Hornsell (Ms. Briggs)

K - Ms. McIntosh

Gr. 1 - Ms. Stewart

Gr. ½ - Mrs. Brady

Gr. ¾ - Mrs. Hopkins

Gr. ¾ - Mrs. Adams

Gr. ¾ - Mr. Kranjec

Gr. ¾ - Ms. Shah

Gr. ¾ - Mr. Bolton

Gr. ¾ - Ms. Corker

Gr. ¾ - Mr. Inglis (Mr. Baxter)

Gr. 7 - Mr. Barlow

Gr. 7½ - Mrs. Scott Lindsey

Gr. 8 - Ms. Calce

Jr./Int. French - Mdm Knappe Davis

Jr./Int. Autism Program - Mr. Kavaratzis

Arts - Ms. Ribble

Gym - Mr. Butler

HSP - Mrs. Barlow

Library/SERT - Mr. Brown and Mr. Fok



## Pedestrian Safety



Dear Parent(s) & Guardian(s):

The TDSB has some very important information for families to read regarding pedestrian safety. Topics included by the TDSB are as follows:

*(click on the topic for the link)*

- [Pedestrian Safety - Walk Safe PSA](#)
- [Tips for Parents and Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Making the Case for Active School Travel](#)
- [Canadian School Travel Planning Guide](#)
- [Vision Zero: Toronto's Road Safety Plan](#)
- [TDSB School Traffic Management Program](#)

To read all of their suggestions and watch their videos, please visit this link:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Active-Transportation-Charter/Pedestrian-Safety>

The Toronto Public Health has issued a memo on the importance of walking to school along with how to walk to school safely. To read that memo, please visit this link:

[http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/AboutUs/Innovation/docs/2018\\_03\\_01\\_Pedestrian%20Safety%20Info%20for%20Parents.pdf](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/AboutUs/Innovation/docs/2018_03_01_Pedestrian%20Safety%20Info%20for%20Parents.pdf)

## Kids Kitchen is BACK!

**2018 UPDATE** - Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer break.

As you get organized for the start of school, please remember that we are here to help with the lunches. Whether you order each day we service your school or when you need an extra hand, we are here.

We are excited to bring back your old favourites and some new meals for the new school year ahead. Please visit [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca) to view our full menu.

### SEPTEMBER SPECIALS

Each month we feature new specials and combos to bring you even more variety!

For the month of September, your child can enjoy:

Chicken curry with rice or Chickpea spinach curry with rice.

These are available as an entrée only or as a combo.

Our September specials are only available until September 28th. Place your orders today!

### Made from scratch every day.

Your child(ren)'s lunches will always be made fresh in the morning. If we can't make something, we only use suppliers that share our passion for high quality food.

### Stay in the know! Don't miss any important lunch updates.

Be sure to subscribe to Kid's Kitchen e-mails for specials, reminders, and account updates. Create your account or sign in at [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca). In your Account Profile, check the box "Send me lunch reminders and details for specials".

### Lunch distributors/Delivery people needed:

We are looking for delivery drivers and lunch distributors to help us get hot lunches to students at lunchtime. If you or someone you know are available for a 1-3 hours a day, Monday to Friday, and are interested, please give our office a call or e-mail us at [information@kidskitchen.ca](mailto:information@kidskitchen.ca).

### Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca). Orders are accepted until 10:00 a.m. the previous business day (on Friday for Monday orders).

### Spend more quality time with your kids. Leave the lunches to us!

905.944.0210 | [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca) | [information@kidskitchen.ca](mailto:information@kidskitchen.ca)

## September Character Trait: RESPECT

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Caregiver:

Every month the TDSB staff and students focus their attention on a specific character trait. Your child is involved in learning activities designed to develop good character and help children make good choices. Our focus for September is **RESPECT**.

What does respect mean to you?

### Your child can show respect by:

- demonstrating respect for themselves and others, including family, friends, and pets
- being aware of others' feelings and allowing others to share their opinions
- respecting opposing teams/clubs whether you win or lose

### Questions to discuss with your child:

- How do we show respect toward each other in our family?
- What other things *could* we do to show respect toward our family members?
- What kinds of things can we do to show respect toward our friends?
- What does it mean to be respect the environment?

### Projects to do together:

- Engage your child in being respectful toward others by reflecting on his or her behaviour and identifying when he/she has been respectful.
- Do something that shows respect for a group of people or a community.
- Do something that shows respect for the environment.

### Encouraging your child to be respectful:

- Show your child the importance of being respectful by being respectful to your child and others.
- Share examples of when someone was respectful to you
- Expose your child to the power of respect by going out of your way to respect other people, animals, and the environment.
- Read and discuss media stories that depict acts of respect.

**Thank you for supporting our Character Development program.**

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BUILD SUCCESS**