

2016-2017 Theme: Community and Belonging

Principal's Message

Another school year has begun and everyone at Dovercourt is looking forward to the year ahead. To our new families - we welcome you to Dovercourt. You will find our staff, students and community very welcoming and caring.

Over the next year I look forward to getting to know you and your child(ren). Please do not hesitate to drop in and introduce yourself to me.

The staff and I look forward to working together with you to help your child achieve his/her academic potential and to have a happy and rewarding year at Dovercourt Public School.



Regular and Punctual Attendance

Being on time and attending school on a regular basis are critical components in the success of your child. Your assistance and cooperation in making sure that your child is at school everyday and that he/she arrives on time are greatly appreciated.

Communication

Do we have your e-mail address?

If you did not receive an e-mail from Dovercourt PS by the end of the day Friday, September 9 then we DON'T have your e-mail address. Please follow the link below to register your e-mail with the school:

<http://tinyurl.com/Dovercourtemail>

If you have questions or concerns about your child please speak to your child's teacher. Our teachers use websites and/or your child's agenda and newsletters to keep parents/guardians informed about the events within their classroom.

Signing Out of School

Students who must leave during the school day should bring a note written by their parent/guardian to school, and give it to their teacher. The note should state who will be picking the student up and what time they need to leave the classroom. Parents/guardians are asked to come to the office to sign out their child from the school.

If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent or late for school, please call the school safe arrival line at 416 393-9220.



School Hours JK/SK

Morning Entry	8:53 a.m.
Morning	8:55 - 11:25
Lunch	11:25-12:38 p.m.
Afternoon Entry	12:38
Afternoon	12:40-3:10 p.m.

School Hours Grades 1-6

Morning Entry	8:53 a.m.
Morning	8:55-11:40 a.m.
A.M. Recess	10:35-10:50 a.m.
Lunch	11:40-12:38 p.m.
Afternoon Entry	12:38 p.m.
Afternoon	12:40-3:25 p.m.
P.M. recess	2:20-2:35 p.m.
Dismissal	3:25 p.m.

School Hours Gr. 7-8

Morning Entry	8:53 a.m.
Morning	8:55 - 11:30
Lunch	11:25-12:38 p.m.
Afternoon Entry	12:38
Afternoon	12:40-3:15 p.m.

*Teachers may wish to provide extra help at the end of the school day.

LUNCH

Children who are participating in the Supervised Lunch Program will have the option of leaving school for lunch hour (with a written note from a parent/guardian) on FRIDAYS only. If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to speak to the Principal, Ms Kramer in the office.

Children are invited to eat lunch at school if parents / guardians / caregivers are not available during the lunch hour. Dovercourt is an ECO School with **PLATINUM** certification! Therefore it is vital that we all **REDUCE, REUSE** and **RECYCLE**. Please send lunches in reusable containers.

All students who leave school property during lunch may return to the schoolyard at 12:25 when there is supervision.



BREAKFAST PROGRAM

All students at Dovercourt PS have the opportunity to take part in the school breakfast program. Forms were sent home last Thursday. If you are interested in having your child participate in this program, please complete the form and return it to your child's teacher.

Although our school receives a subsidy from the Toronto Foundation of Student Success, every month, we ask families for a \$10.00 donation to help offset the costs of this program. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

DOVERCOURT News

UPCOMING EVENTS

School calendar attached.



IRST SAC (School Advisory Council) MEETING & ELECTION

Monday, September 19

6:30 pm - Lower Gym

PLEASE JOIN US!

Terry Fox Walk
Wednesday, September 28

Curriculum Night & School Marketplace
Thursday, September 29

School Photo Day
Thursday, October 6

QSP Magazine AND Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Starts September 22nd

Again this year:

ORDER ONLINE

(www.qsp.ca and search Dovercourt PS)

Campaign ends Wednesday, October 13

More information to follow!



 **YOUR LIBRARY**

From Ms Ling, Teacher Librarian

I am excited to introduce **Family Library Drop-In** for the school year of 2016-2017. As your new teacher-librarian I invite you to join me in the library after school for one hour **from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm every Tuesday starting September 20th**. I will be here to help you exchange books, look at books, talk about books, maybe even read you a book, and generally enjoy and make the most of our wonderful library space. Students, please bring your caregiver to the library after school on Tuesdays so that we can all enjoy the library (students must be with their caregiver to come by).

WHO: Dovercourt students with their families

WHAT: Family Library Drop-In for the whole school year

WHEN: Every Tuesday 3:30-4:30 pm (Starting Sept. 20th)

WHERE: Dovercourt School Library - 2nd floor

WHY: Because reading helps everyone succeed! And because Ms. Ling loves reading!

We hope this exciting library initiative allows our Dovercourt School families to have even more opportunities for reading and sharing our love of books. I hope to see you all soon.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Lockdown and Fire Drills

Though no one ever wants to see an emergency happen at a school, it's important for school staff to be equipped to deal with those situations, should these occur.

The safety of students and staff is a top priority at our school and to that end, as with all emergency drills, it is essential that we are prepared and understand the importance of procedures that will help ensure the safety of everyone in our school.

The TDSB has taken steps to ensure your child's safety while in school. Each school has developed emergency preparedness plans that include steps staff will take in the event of an emergency, how staff will get students away from possible dangers, and how students' families will be contacted.

One aspect of emergency preparedness is the lockdown and fire drill. All schools are required to conduct a minimum of two lockdown drills and six fire drills each school year. Lockdown drills, like fire drills, are an essential component to ensuring student and staff safety. It is important that all staff and students are prepared and know how to respond in cases of emergencies. The drills last approximately 5 minutes and ensure plans are effective and can also systematically identify any safety concerns.

Communication is also very important in any emergency situation. The emergency contact information kept on file is important in helping this happen. It lists the people who can pick up a student from the school. If you have not yet provided this information to the office or have updates to the information on file, please make sure members of our office staff have that information as soon as possible.

First Lockdown Drill will take place on Tuesday, September 20.

**Sabrina's Law
(Dealing with Anaphylaxis in Our School)**

Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we want to raise awareness about students and staff at our school who may have anaphylactic reactions to some food products. This is a life-threatening condition.

Students who have severe allergies to some food substances are exposed to a severe health risk when such products are consumed in their environment or shared with them. As prevention is the best approach, we ask that you speak with your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other students and please do not send any snacks or lunches with your child that contain nuts / tree nuts.

Students with Health Concerns

If your child has health concerns of any kind, please inform your child's teacher or office staff immediately so that the necessary health protection steps may be taken and to ensure everyone's co-operation for a safe learning environment.

**Sharing of Food at School
Please don't send celebration treats or other food to share at school**

We have many students in each class who have severe (anaphylactic) allergies to a variety types of food as well as other food restrictions. We ask that you **NOT** send food to school to share with other students. Thank you for your understanding.

Scent Aware School

We have people in the school with allergies, breathing difficulties and sensitivities when they come in contact with perfumes, colognes, body creams and sprays. In order to support these people, please avoid having your child use these items excessively prior to coming to school.