

2016-2017 Theme: Community and Belonging

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October is sneaking up on all of us. We have all been working hard over the past month on curriculum and on establishing and maintaining classroom/school expectations.

We have many events coming up so please make sure you take a look at the attached calendar for the month of October.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me in the school office.

***Accessing the schoolyard for
Pick up and Drop off***

We ask all families and caregivers to meet their child(ren) outside in the schoolyard and ask that you walk outside the building to get to the appropriate drop off/pick up location.

There are two access points to the Dovercourt schoolyard:

Bartlett Street Access - North side of school building
Gladstone Avenue Access - Southwest corner of schoolyard

Lunch hour access to the school

Please note that the school office is closed every day from 12 noon to 12:40. Therefore, there will be no access to the school from the front entrance. If there is an emergency, please go to the schoolyard and speak to a lunchroom supervisor who can radio the person in charge for assistance.

Thank you for working with us to keep our school safe for everyone.

SAFE ARRIVAL

One measure of keeping our students safe is to ensure we can account for any absences or reasons for being late to school. We would like to remind you that if your child is going to be absent or late for any reason, we ask that you contact the school immediately and report the reason for the absence.

Please let the office know by calling 416-393-9220 if your contact information, including phone number, changes at any time throughout the school year.

Thank you for your continued cooperation to keep your children safe and accounted for.

**SEE YOU TONIGHT AT OUR
COMMUNITY AND
CURRICULUM NIGHT!**

**5:45 – 6:30 – SAC Pizza and
Bake Sale; Community
Marketplace – Learn what is
happening at Dovercourt!**

**6:30 – Introductions (Main
Gym)**

**7:00 – First Classroom
Presentation**

**7:20 – Second Classroom
Presentation**

7:45 – Evening Ends

**8:00 – Solar Panels being
installed – all power turned off
to building**



LOCKDOWNS AND FIRE DRILLS

At the beginning of each school year, our students and staff prepare for the year ahead by establishing the foundations for a successful year. One of the ways we know we can help students be successful is to create a safe environment in which to learn. 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.

Communication is also very important in any emergency situation. The emergency contact information kept on file is important in helping this happen.



QSP Fundraising Magazines and Cookie Dough *NOW until Oct. 13*

Have you e-mailed your family and friends? Have you picked up a subscription to a magazine through our QSP fundraising initiative?

Visit www.qsp.ca and use our school #3658069 to purchase a magazine subscription.

All money raised will go towards subsidizing Field Trips and supporting our Winter Alternatives Day.

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LUNCH ROOM

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.



Please see the attached calendar for upcoming events. We are a very active school and events get added or changed on a regular basis. Please check our online calendar at:

<http://tinyurl.com/Dovercourt-Calendar>