



**Rene Gordon Health and
Wellness Academy
June 2016**



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<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/renegordon/home.aspx>



https://twitter.com/renegordon_tdsb

Principal's Message:

Wednesday June 29th is our last day of school at Rene Gordon. The school is closed to students until the first day back, Tuesday September 6, 2016. Our first day procedure will be the following:

New Kindergarten students: They will be mailed their first day information in August.

SK to Gr.5 Students: Please meet at the back of the school at 8:30am. Staff will have class lists and be there to help organize the students.

Our school organization model for 2016/2017 is the following:

FDK: M. Gifford / M. Wilson
FDK: D. Atkinson / C. Scott
Gr.1: S. Low
Gr. 1 / 2: J. Bondy
Gr.2 / 3: E. Morrow
Gr. 2 / 3: A. Slover
Gr. 4 / 5: C. Mohan
Gr. 4 / 5: A. Rouleau
Extended French: N. Raffik
Extended French: K. Nyman

ESL: W. Yamamoto-Smith
ESL / Library: C. Spiliakos
HSP / Resource: T. Bartkiw
Phys. Ed / Health / Drama: D. Marchioni
Visual Arts / Music: N. MacLean
Adventure Place: J. Walters / D. Scotti
Adventure Place: S. Pileggi / J. McDonald

The following staff are leaving us at the end of June:

Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Choubdari, Mrs. Fehringer, Ms. Green, Mrs. Laviolette, Mrs. Malthaner, and Ms. Li.

We thank them for their hard work and dedication to the students of Rene Gordon.

Have a safe and relaxing summer!

Mr. Little

Please follow our Twitter account for reminders of important events! @renegordon_tdsb

Upcoming Important Dates:

Report Cards Go Home: Tuesday June 28th

Gr.5 Graduation: Tuesday June 28th at 1pm

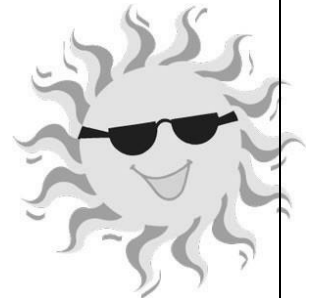
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First Day of School: Tuesday September 6, 2016

SUMMER IN THE CITY

As the year winds to a close, here are some suggestions to help keep your children entertained and learning this summer in Toronto, without costing a fortune.

Whether you use any of these suggestions, we wish you a healthy, happy, and relaxing summer, full of fun, laughter, and learning! (Compiled by Mrs. Morrow)



SPECIAL EVENTS

Our short summer means that there's a festival just about every week and week-end. Here are some that are family-friendly. Most are free to walk around. Check

<http://www.toronto.com/guides/summer-festivals/articles/whats-on-for-kids-this-summer/> and <http://www.todocanada.ca/music-festivals-toronto/> for a more complete listing.

Family Festivals:

BIG ON Bloor Festival: Bloor Street West between Lansdowne and Dufferin July 23-24

Toronto Ribfest: Centennial Park in Etobicoke June 30-July 3.

Sail-In Cinema: Movies on a screen floating on the water: Sugar Beach, August 18-20

Taste of the Danforth: (Centred around Pape & Danforth) August 5-7

Festival of India: Centre Island July 16-17
Unity Festival: Dundas Square, July 22-23
Island Soul Festival: Harbourfront Centre July 29-August 1
Festival of South Asia: Gerrard Street West from Coxwell July 16-17

Free Music festivals:

Toronto Jazz Festival <http://torontojazz.com/> June 24-July 3 – many free shows around Downtown Toronto
Afro Fest: July 9 & 10, Woodbine Park
Franco-Fete: July 10-24, Yonge-Dundas Square
Beaches International Jazz Festival <http://beachesjazz.com/> July 8-24 – different locations – many free shows

Harbourfront hosts a different free festival every weekend in the summer Go to <http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com/festivals/index.cfm> for details. It also hosts free one-hour concerts in the Toronto Music Garden, Thursdays at 7 pm, and Sundays at 4 pm - <http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com/summermusic/>

Canadian National Exhibition (CNE or The Ex): August 19-September 5: Watch for coupons and kids' days. This is not inexpensive, but it is Torontonians' traditional way to end the summer.

SPORTS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Junior Jays Saturdays: Every Saturday home game, there are specially priced tickets for children under 14, starting at \$12. There are also special activities, and the chance to run the bases after the game. Tickets sell out quickly – order well in advance.

http://toronto.bluejays.mlb.com/tor/ticketing/jr_jays_saturdays.jsp

Swimming: <http://www.toronto.ca/swim> leads to a directory of swimming pools with hours and locations. Your nearest outdoor pools are Maryvale and Broadlands; there are a number of indoor pools in the area. There is also Kidstown, the City's only water park, at 3159 Birchmount Road near Huntingwood. The website has information about hours and admission to all its facilities.

Day Camps and summer programs: Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation offers a number of day camps and activities through the summer. Go to www.toronto.ca and click on Parks and Recreation programs. For some programs, you must register your family first, and then register for the program you want. **Registration for some programs has already begun, and others begin June 4 – visit their site soon!**

Kids Bowl Free: Kennedy Bowl (Lawrence & Kennedy) is participating in Kids Bowl Free. All summer long, kids under 15 can bowl 2 games each day, Tuesday – Saturdays, 1-8 pm, and Sundays 3-11 pm. You will need to rent shoes, and register with the bowling alley. Go to https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/center.php?alley_id=6083 to register (or go to kidsbowlfree.com and find your alley).



MUSEUMS AND OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST

Did you know that many of our museums have free or reduced times? Here are a few:

Art Gallery of Ontario (<http://www.ago.net>) - 317 Dundas Street West 416 979 6648 : FREE Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8:30 pm (Permanent Collection only).

Aga Khan Museum – (www.agakhanmuseum.org) (a museum of Islamic civilizations) – 77 Wynford Drive (a short walk from the 25 Don Mills bus) – FREE Wednesday evenings 4pm – 8pm.

Bata Shoe Museum (<http://www.batashoemuseum.ca>) 327 Bloor St. West, at St. George Subway 416.979.7799: Every Thursday evening between 5 & 8 pm, admission is Pay-what-you-can, with a suggested donation of \$5

Gardiner Museum of Ceramics (www.gardinermuseum.on.ca) 111 Queen's Park (across from the Royal Ontario Museum) 416.586.8080: Half price Fridays 4pm-9pm . Children under 12 are always free.

Toronto Police Museum and Discovery Centre (<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/museum/>) 40 College Street: 416-808-7020: Open Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. Call ahead to book a visit with 3 possible dates- (416) 808-7020 Admission is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children 12 & under, \$1.00 for seniors.

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Toronto Public Library "Museum + Arts Pass" Program: Your local library has passes to a number of different arts and cultural places, such as Bata Shoe Museum, the ROM, The Science Centre, Black Creek Pioneer Village, Casa Loma and The Toronto Zoo. They usually give free admission to up to two adults and four children (one family). You need an adult library card to get a pass. You can get full information at <http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/museum-arts-passes>, or ask at your favourite branch.

TD Summer Reading Program

Every summer, the libraries have a summer reading program that children may sign up for, but they also offer a full schedule of free activities . At the time of writing, there is no published schedule for Brookbanks library, but here are the schedules for Don Mills library (Don Mills & Lawrence) and Fairview Library (Right beside Fairview Mall). For more information, go to www.torontopubliclibrary.ca and click on Hours and Locations, and choose your branch.

DON MILLS

School-Age programs: Pick up free tickets ½ hour before the start of the program, unless otherwise indicated. For programs marked with an asterisk (*), you must pre-register in person or by calling 416 395-5710.

Tuesday afternoons at 2:00

- July 5: Hands on Exotics: Stars of Safari Australia
- July 12: Choose Your Own Adventure Scavenger Hunt *
- July 19: Mad Science: Destination Jungle *
- July 26: Where the Wild Things Are Monster Costume Workshop *
- August 2: The Joker's Wild: Learn Card Tricks *)

Thursday afternoons at 2:00

- July 7: French magic program : La Fabuleuse Histoire de Guizm, le Lapin Magique
- July 14 : program is full.
- July 28 : Wild About Animals : Group Collage Workshop *

August 4: Storybook BINGO
August 11: Outdoor Survival Game
August 18: Wild about LEGO *
August 25: Wild Summer Movie: Zootopia

FAIRVIEW

At time of writing, not all dates are on the website. Check for updates about Afternoon at the Movies on Tuesdays, and Fantastic Fridays.

Family Story Time (for children 5 and under, with a parent): Monday, August 8 2:00-3:00

Wild Wednesdays (2:00 except August 17): Pick up free tickets ½ hour before the start of the program.

July 6: Comedy Juggling Show

Aug. 3: Magic Words with Incredibrent

July 13: Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! A Musical with Puppets

Aug. 10: Crafternoon

July 20: French play: Les Contes de Fées Réinventés

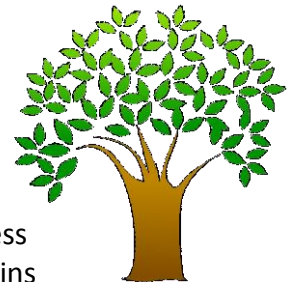
Aug. 17 1:00: Creepy Crawlers Express

July 27: Music Duo Team T&J

NATURE

Even in the city, there are plenty of opportunities to be out in nature!

Toronto Islands: Technically, this is a park, but getting there is half the adventure! Take a ferry from the foot of Bay Street to get there. In addition to beaches and splash pools, the Islands have a children's garden and a miniature farm. If you are looking for rides that are somewhat tamer and less expensive than Canada's Wonderland, Centreville offers 30 rides and attractions; you can buy all-day or all-season passes, but also packages of ride tickets. The web address is very long; for information search Toronto Islands and click on the link that begins www1.toronto.ca.

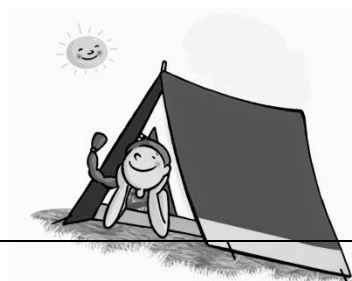


Toronto parks and gardens: We are rich in parks - too many to list here, but the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation website http://www.toronto.ca/parks/parks_gardens/index.htm lists all the Toronto parks, if your family likes to visit parks and gardens.

There are a number of conservation areas a short drive from Toronto. Check the **Toronto and Region Conservation Authority** at <http://www.trca.on.ca> for a list of parks and what they offer.

High Park Zoo (<http://www.highparktoronto.com/zoo.php>): This is a very small zoo, but it's free, and worth the trip because it's in High Park, a truly amazing park in the city.

Riverdale Farm is a working farm right in the city, with a walking path and gardens. Admission is free, and it is open 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm. 201 Winchester Street, near Parliament and Gerrard. <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/featured-parks/riverdale-farm/>



Parks Ontario has a learn-to-camp program: They provide the tents, air mattresses, and the equipment for food preparation, as well as an experienced guide to teach you and present programs; you provide the clothing, sleeping bags, and food. At \$80.00 for one night and two days for up to 6 people, this is a great way to learn to camp and get to know some local parks. Information is at http://www.ontarioparks.com/learntocamp/overnight_upcoming.html

Kindergarten T-Ball at Rene Gordon

After two weeks of practice, we were ready to “Play Ball!” The three teams played each other a number of times over the last few weeks. Students have started to understand how to run the bases, field the ball and hit off the tee. **Congratulations Ball Players!**



Outdoor Classroom

Mrs. Gifford and Miss Margaret's class loves using the outdoor classroom. Outside is one of our favourite places to draw and write. We have also done some math centres outside when we were studying measurement. Then we spent some time after working hard to play together.



Writing (Think, Draw, Write)





Measuring using our feet and recording it on clipboards



Sharing, working together, taking turns

