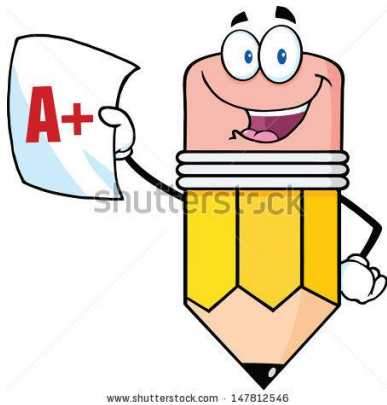


Progress Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews



Regular parent-teacher communication is an important part of student learning. Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled throughout the year after progress reports and reports cards are sent home

Progress reports will be sent home Monday, November 13, 2017. Please be sure to check with your child for the report.

Parent-Teacher interviews are your opportunity to ask questions about your child's progress and to discuss any issues that may arise. In addition to regular scheduled parent-teacher interviews, you can request a meeting at any time during the school year by contacting the school or your child's teacher directly.

DVMA Parent Council Meeting

The next DVMA parent council meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 pm in the library.

All DVMA parents are welcome to attend.

Remembrance Day

Today, Friday, November 10, students and staff at our school and across the city marked Remembrance Day, which falls on Saturday, November 11, with classroom activities and school assemblies

During Remembrance Day, our teachers make connections between global events and students' lives by promoting peace within our school community. On this solemn occasion, our staff, students, parents, and the wider community all join together in a call for peace.



This year's Remembrance Day marks the date and time when fighting stopped on November 11th at 11am in 1918 (the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month) which makes this the 99th anniversary for the end of the First World War. This year is also the 72nd year since the end of World War II.

Thank you to all staff and students who were part of our Ryerson and Downtown Vocal Music Academy ceremony and to all who attended.

Grade 8 Families

Our Guidance counsellor has setup a website to help students and families understand the transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9. <https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/msbrunersguidancepage>

In the coming weeks, students will be visiting local high schools.

Mentoring Juniors Kids Organization

MJKO Boxing is a great free program held each Tuesday from 3:30pm to 5:00 pm in our gym.

Students in grades 4-8 are welcome.

Please ask for forms in the office if you would like to participate.



Reminder to call school if your child will be late or absent



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. If we are not informed about the absence, we will make attempts to contact you through our automated call-out system to determine the reason for the absence. To find out how this automated system works please visit

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool/CaringSafeSchools/SafeArrivalProgram.aspx>

Please let the office know by calling the school 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.

GATE TIMES

The gate connecting our school grounds to Alexandra Park is locked during the school day. It is locked from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm to accommodate school start and end times.

Nut Free School



Families are asked to be careful not to send food with nuts of any kind to school. We have a number of students with life threatening allergies. Next week be sure to check Halloween treats that you might send for peanuts and nuts. Thank you for helping to keep students safe.

Lost and Found

The lost and Found is filling up. Please be sure to check for your child's belongings next time you are into the school. Labeling lunch bags, backpacks and coats can help get lost items returned quickly.



News from Fashion District Childcare Centre

Over the next couple of weeks the kindergarten and school age children from Fashion District Childcare Centre will be participating in a shoebox project for Indigenous children at a Cree reserve which is located at the north shore of the Albany River. We will be putting together as many shoeboxes as possible. These shoeboxes will contain things such as modelling clay, socks, sunglasses, jewelry, hair accessories, stuffed animals, puzzles, flashlights, sketch pads, compasses, gel pens, journals, sharpies, among other things. The kindergarten children will be packing shoeboxes for children aged 3 – 8 while the school age children will be focusing on children ages 9 – 16. We will be setting up a few bake sales to raise some money with which these items can be purchased as well as we will be using our garage sale money from the summer.

For families which are interested in supporting either room or have any questions please feel free to speak to one of the staff in either room. Together we can make a difference! We will also be collecting shoeboxes to pack. If you are interested in contributing a shoebox or any of the items from the list above, please drop them off in the office in the box labelled donations for Fashion District.

More information about this great program is in the attached flyer.

Thank you for your contribution!