



## Cliffside PS

27 East Haven Drive  
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Tel 416.396.6170

## SAFE ARRIVAL

Full Day Absence  
1.833.250.2290

Late or Half Day Absence  
416.396.6170 Press 1

Principal  
Andrea Chisholm

Office Administrator  
Voula Gountas

Superintendent  
Liz Holder

Trustee Ward 18  
Malika Ghous

# September 2023 WELCOME BACK!

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy September! We would like to wish all of our returning students and families a warm welcome back, and a special welcome to all of our new students and families joining the Cliffside school community.

We would like to welcome some new staff to Cliffside this year. Welcome to Ms. Damario who will be joining us in Kindergarten, and to Ms. Moretti who will be joining us in Grade 1/2B. Welcome to Ms. Vlahovic who will be our teacher-librarian and will teach Grade 5/6 in the afternoon. Welcome back to Ms. Georgiou who will be in our SERT/Prep position this year, and welcome to Ms. Bacon who will also join the SERT/Prep team. Welcome to Ms. Ali who will join us for Prep coverage in the afternoon. Welcome to Ms. Asokan who will be our new Special Needs Assistant in the morning, and to Ms. Ershad who will be our new Educational Assistant in the morning.

As always, during the month of September, will be focusing on student safety and well-being. Please be sure to review the Cliffside Code of Conduct with your child, prior to the first day of school.

## Back-to-School Reminders

### Student Absences:

- If your child is feeling ill, please DO NOT send them to school
- Contact the school's Safe Arrival Line (**1-833-250-2290**) prior to 8:30 a.m. to report your child's absence

### Masks/Face Coverings

- Cliffside PS is mask-friendly

### Outdoor Clothing

- Cliffside PS is an **all-weather** school!
- Please ensure your child is prepared to be outside for both recesses and lunch every day
- If it is raining, please send your child in rain boots, a raincoat, and bring an umbrella

Our **First Day Package** will be coming home on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Please complete all forms and **return it** to the school by **Friday September 8<sup>th</sup>**. We require all information as soon as possible so we can provide the best care for your children. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead! As always, we remind students to: Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful.

Sincerely,  
Andrea Chisholm  
Principal

# **TDSB OBSERVES...**



**September 30**

**Orange Shirt Day**

For more information, please go to [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca)

# CLIFFSIDE STAFF 2023-2024

<b>Principal:</b>	Ms. Chisholm
<b>Office Administrator:</b>	Ms. Voula
<b>Head Caretaker:</b>	Mr. Smith
<b>Evening Caretaker:</b>	Ms. Hall

## **Class**

JKSK  
1/2A  
1/2B  
3/4  
4/5 MFI  
5/6  
5/6 MFI  
7/8  
7/8 EF  
SERT/Prep  
SERT/Prep  
Prep (pm)  
0.5 FSL (pm)  
0.5 Library (am)  
SNA  
SNA (am)  
EA (am)  
Lunchroom Supervisors

## **Staff**

Ms. Damario & Ms. Yibo (ECE)  
Mr. Keyes  
Ms. Moretti  
Mr. Currie  
Ms. Turay  
Mr. Mekni (am) / Ms. Vlahovic (pm)  
Mr. Soleimani  
Mr. Cabrera  
Mr. Thompson  
Ms. Bacon  
Ms. Georgiou  
Ms. Ali  
Mr. Mekni  
Ms. Vlahovic  
Ms. Holsmer  
Ms. Asokan  
Ms. Ershad  
Ms. Cofinco  
Ms. Lynn  
Ms. Siler



# BIRTHDAY WISHES

## SEPTEMBER

Amelia	1/2B
Aribah	7/8EF
Carson	3/4
Elliott	5/6MFI
Eloise	5/6
Elsa	5/6MFI
Ibraheem	4/5MFI
Jabiya	4/5MFI
Kiyana	5/6MFI
Macie	3/4
Norah	1/2B
Olivia	K1
Owen	3/4
Samaira	5/6MFI
Samarah	7/8EF
Sanskar	5/6
Tyler	6/7
Zakiullah	3/4





## **BELL TIME REMINDERS**

Morning Entry	9:10 am
Lunch	11:55 am
Afternoon Entry	12:45 pm
Dismissal	3:30 pm



Cliffside's Library is approaching Phase 2 of our renovation! We are waiting for confirmation of when the construction will take place. Our new Teacher-Librarian, Ms. Vlahovic, has our current library ready to go, and will ensure that our students have access to amazing literature, technology, and our school's robotics resources. When we receive information about construction dates, we will let our Cliffside Community know!



## **Are you interested in joining Cliffside's School Council?**

**If so, be sure to fill out the nomination form that  
will be sent home with the First Day Package.  
Please send all nominations to the office by  
September 28, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.**

### **CLIFFSIDE'S SITE DRAINAGE PROJECT**



Our drainage project is near completion. Once the project wraps up, we will have new sod placed over the field. The field will remain fenced off to allow the new grass an opportunity to root. We hope to have the fences removed in Spring 2024!

# CLIFFSIDE IS CASHLESS!

If you do not yet have an account, be sure to register!



Purchase  
School  
Items  
Online

Check out the latest items on *School Cash Online*! Pay for things like field trips, spirit wear, and activity fees, without the need to take out cash.

Go to the URL below to register or check for updates!

**REGISTER TODAY AT:**

[www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com)



- GET STARTED – open a profile
- Say YES to receive EMAIL
- You will receive an email to activate your account
- My Account – ADD your children
- Check ITEMS



## UPCOMING DATES:

- September 5 – First Day of School
- September 8 – First Day Forms Due
- September 22 – Terry Fox Run
- September 26 – Grade 7/8 Immunizations
- September 28 – Curriculum Night
- September 29 – Orange Shirt Day (Observed)
- September 29 – School Council Nominations Due



# CONTACT US



Have a question or a concern?  
 Please feel free to contact us at **416.396.6170**  
 or by email:

Position/ Grade	Staff Name	Email
Office Administrator	Voula Gountas	paraskivoula.gountas@tdsb.on.ca
JKSK – Room 3	Jordyn Damario	jordyn.damario@tdsb.on.ca
1/2A – Room 2	Ray Keyes	raymond.keyes@tdsb.on.ca
1/2B – Room 5	Rachel Moretti	rachel.moretti@tdsb.on.ca
3/4 – Room 6	James Currie	james.currie@tdsb.on.ca
4/5MFI – Room 7	Ami Turay	ami.turay@tdsb.on.ca
5/6 – Room 8	Mohamed Mekni (am) Mira Vlahovic (pm)	mohamed.mekni@tdsb.on.ca mira.vlahovic@tdsb.on.ca
5/6MFI – Room 12	Freddie Soleimani	fereydoon.soleimani@tdsb.on.ca
7/8 – Room 9	Guillermo Cabrera	guillermo.cabrera@tdsb.on.ca
7/8EF – Room 11	Peter Thompson	peter.thompson@tdsb.on.ca
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SNA (am)	Mallika Asokan	mallika.asokan@tdsb.on.ca
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Head Caretaker	Rick Smith	rick.smith@tdsb.on.ca
Principal	Andrea Chisholm	andrea.chisholm@tdsb.on.ca





# Cliffside

Public School

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at Cliffside is to empower all students to reach their full potential and to acquire the knowledge, critical thinking skills and values they need to become responsible members of a democratic society. To accomplish this mission, it is essential that we continue to provide a positive, supportive and safe learning environment where co-operation, personal responsibility and respect are valued and demonstrated.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

Our code of conduct outlines our expectations that students will be safe, responsible and respectful members of our school and community. Cliffside students are:

### SAFE

- Follow class and school rules (indoors and outdoors)
- Follow health and safety rules
- Keep hands and feet to ourselves

### RESPONSIBLE

- Arrive on time and prepared to learn
- Think ahead and make good decisions
- Be helpful to others
- Accept responsibility for our actions

### RESPECTFUL

- Follow **The Golden Rule**: Treat others as you wish to be treated
- Be kind, positive, and polite
- Take turns and share
- Respect the beliefs and rights of others

