

## Glen Ravine Jr. P.S. Schoolyard And Playground Policy



### Rationale

To ensure that the members of our school community (students, parents/guardians school staff) are aware of the expectations for appropriate behaviour and safe play when in our schoolyard and on the playground equipment.

### Washroom Use During Recess

- The Door Monitors will issue washroom passes
- There are 2 passes for boys and 2 passes for girls
- Students must return the pass to the Door Monitor and go back out the Grade 1 door
- Communicate any recurring concerns to the Office
- It is expected that the Door Monitors will be treated with respect
- Students need to ask a staff member who is on supervision duty for permission to use the washroom or to get a drink during recess

### Suggested Games and Activities

Some ideas for recess games and activities:

- basketball – when area is cleared of ice, snow, water
- recess games taught by teachers and Playground Pals
- outdoor equipment (balls, skipping ropes, hula-hoops, Frisbees, badminton racquets, etc.)
- frisbees – grassy areas only
- baseball – at the baseball diamond; softballs only
- 4-square
- badminton
- hopscotch
- tag – in the field
- relay races
- soccer in grassy areas only
- skipping
- football (touch only)
- tether ball
- bucket hoops
- cricket (with tennis balls or soft balls)



- snow soccer
- snow angels
- snow tag
- building forts

Remember to leave your rollerblades, walkmans, walkie-talkies, cell phones, videogames and other valuable items at home.



### Schoolyard Boundaries

- beyond the yellow lines is out of bounds
- upper soccer field to tree line on the west side
- to the walk on south side
- to large soccer goal posts on north side
- the front door area is out of bounds

There are always at least four staff members supervising during the recess periods.

- One teacher for the playground
- One teacher on the upper field
- One teacher on the pavement and near the stairs – next to the basketball courts
- One teacher on the north and east sides of the school

Thank you for taking the time to review this policy with your child. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school at 416-396-6280



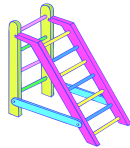
## Student Responsibilities

If going home for lunch, please do not return to school until Supervision begins at 12:30 p.m.

- Show respect for the staff, Door Monitors and Peer Assistants on duty
- When dismissed at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. go directly home, do not stay to play in the schoolyard
- Students are to come to the pavement at the sound of whistle/hand bell
- Please do not litter, remember to always put your garbage in the trash can
- Tag and running games only in the fields
- Report any unsafe, aggressive play or bullying to the staff on duty
- When it is a pavement recess, only utility balls are permitted on the paved area
- Basketball hoops are closed when it is a pavement recess

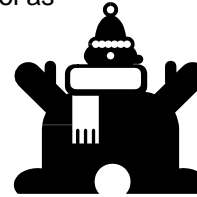
### The Playground

- The playground is closed in the winter for safety reasons
- Sky Runner (looks like an umbrella)
  - ~ limit of 8 students
  - ~ no sitting on the top
  - ~ line up on the paved path
  - ~ wait your turn
- Space module
  - ~ no sitting on the roof
  - ~ no more than 3 or 4 students in the module at any one time
- No pushing or tag/running games in the playground area
- No equipment—balls, skipping ropes, etc.
- Wood chips stay on the ground
- Big Foot (slide) is one way – down. Use the stairs to climb up
- No sitting on top of the climbing structure with the exception of the rope one
- Share the time on the Skyrunner, slide and climbing equipment
- Certain days are designated for primary and junior students to use the playground:  
**Junior Days – Tuesday & Thursday**  
**Primary Days – Monday, Wednesday & Friday**



## Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- Send children to school at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. as staff do not supervise the schoolyard and playground until the 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. bell
- Dress children in clothing appropriate for the weather conditions
- Send extra mitts and socks in the winter, sunhats in the summer
- Send appropriate indoor footwear – shoes, not slippers
- Ensure valuable items are left at home, e.g., electronic games, cell phones, music players, etc.
- Label any personal equipment children bring from home (e.g. basketball, soccer balls, games, etc.)
- Label children's clothing and footwear
- Supervision of the school yard and the playground by school staff ends at 3:45 p.m. As such, please remind your children that you expect them to go home right after dismissal time, unless they are being directly supervised by a parent/guardian
- If the weather is extremely cold or it is raining, children should come to school as close to the entrance bell as possible



## Students – Please Don't Forget

- The Guidelines for Tether Ball rules
- When the orange pylons are out, that means the area is out of bounds



## Staff Responsibilities

- To be on time for your duty
- To circulate in your designated area
- To carry a whistle or bell
- To take the time to listen to the students' concerns
- To deal with inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour from a student with a time out. In a more serious situation, send the student to the office to complete an incident report
- To enter the school after all the students are inside
- To close the playground and upper field down 3-5 minutes before the bell rings and to bring the students from the playground and upper field down to the pavement
- To supervise on the paved areas – to be where the students are - when the playground and/or field is closed
- Communicate any recurring concerns to the office

## Snow and Ice

When there is snow or ice, certain activities can be dangerous. As such, students are reminded that the following activities are **not permitted** in the schoolyard or at the playground

- Throwing or kicking snow or ice in any form: snowballs, chunks, pieces
- Pushing others down the snow hill
- Sliding on flat icy surfaces
- Tunneling or making caves that may collapse
- Burying children in the snow

**Remember to follow the safety routines for the snow hill.**