

IONVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL

September 2020



At IONVIEW PS our mission is "Be the change in the world". At Ionview, we focus on a variety of academic and extra-curricular activities that meet the needs of the

September 2020 RESPECT

Report Student Absence
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to students, parents and staff for another excellent year at Ionview! As your new principal I am extremely excited to be joining such a vibrant and caring community.

September is a busy and focused month as staff and students settle into the school year. This is a much different year as half our school is in Virtual Learning and for those who are in school learning we have so many new health protocols that we must work through. With that being said we are focused on ensuring that all our students social and emotional needs are met as we adapt to a new normal.

September is also an important time for students to establish positive home and school routines. Supporting consistent

routines at home (homework schedules, reading time, meal times, and free time) can help students be more successful at school.

We know that there remain many unknowns for this school year but it is our collective commitment to support the academic and health and wellness needs of each of our students. For those who are working virtual we miss you and know that you will be back at Ionview very soon.

We look forward to working with you in partnership to provide the best education for your child/ren.

N. Gordon

Principal

K. Fox-Casey

Vice-Principal

Trustee: Mr. D Smith

SO: Ms. D. Panagiotopoulos

Principal: Mr. N Gordon

Vice Principal: Ms. K Fox-Casey

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sept 30: Orange Shirt Day
- ◆ Oct. 1: Terry Fox Run in a Socially Distancing Way
- ◆ Oct. 2: Rain Date for Terry Fox Run
- ◆ Oct. 6: Parent Nomination forms due to Mr. Gordon
- ◆ Oct 12: Thanksgiving

Character Development: A Partnership with Families

With a new school year ahead, we continue to develop character in all students which is a shared responsibility between home and school. There is a need for family, community and schools to engage cooperatively to encourage students' learning and maturing as social beings.

Throughout the year, we will continue to focus on the 10 attributes identified by the TDSB and we encourage parents to reinforce these attributes at home whenever possible: Respect, Responsibility, Empathy, Kindness and Caring, Teamwork, Fairness, Honesty, Co-operation, Integrity and Perseverance.

Some tips for supporting character development in the home, include:

- Use the language of character development and be clear about your values
- Model and teach respectful manners
- Listen to your children and spend time with children in shared activities
- As a family, take part in community service projects or civic activities
- Establish family traditions and enjoy family celebrations together
- Teach your children to be responsible and discerning with their choices in media and entertainment and online activities
- Teach your children how to resolve conflict in a peaceful, respectful way
- Become involved in your child's school life from Kindergarten to Grade 12
- Live character every day

For more information, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/character

view's parent council meetings will be virtual for the foreseeable. A date will be determined shortly. Stay tuned for Ionview Updates!

Parent Concern Protocol

There are times when concerns are brought to the school by parents. It important when this happens to know the following protocol

If the concern is classroom based, the first point of contact is the teacher in order to resolve the issue/concern.

Following this if it remains unresolved the principal should be informed in order to support all parties in finding a resolution that meets the needs of all.

TDSB Homework Policy:

There are four types of homework that can be assigned to students. Work that requires **completion**, work to **practice**, work that requires **preparation** for an upcoming activity or lesson and homework designed as an **extension** for student learning.

Homework for kindergarten will not be assigned. Rather we encourage families to talk, play and read together. Homework in for early primary should take the form of reading, playing games, playing interactive games and having discussions. It is only in late primary and junior when homework will take the form of more independent activities.

No homework will be assigned during holidays and efforts will be made to ensure that homework is assigned in blocks in recognition of families' busy schedules and students outside activities.

On occasions, the Superintendent of Education or our area Trustee is contacted. On those occasions they will work with all parties to find a resolution to the problem.

In all instances the most important thing to consider is that solutions can be found only through respectful and considerate conversations. At Ionview, we are committed to establishing a close and respectful working relationship with our families.

Anaphylaxis: Taking the Necessary Precautions

Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that can be life threatening. This medical condition can cause a severe reaction to specific foods or other materials, and can result in death within minutes. Although foods such as peanuts, milk, eggs, and sesame seeds are the most common cause of anaphylaxis, insect stings, medicine, or latex can also cause a reaction. In recent years, anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students. The TDSB is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and works with Toronto Public Health and other partners to ensure the successful implementation of Sabrina's Law, which came into effect on January 1, 2006.

Sabrina's Law requires every school board to establish and maintain an anaphylactic policy that includes strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common school areas. The TDSB has procedures for the prevention and management of anaphylactic reactions.

Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we want to raise awareness about this life-threatening condition. Students who have severe allergies

to such food substances are exposed to a severe health risk when such products are consumed in their environment or shared with them. As prevention is the best approach, we ask that you speak with your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other students and please do not send any snacks or lunches with your child that contain peanuts or other nut products.

Thanks to all the parents who have updated the school regarding their children's health protection need. For those new to the school please inform your child's teacher and the main office if there are health protection needs we should be aware of.

To ensure safety of all we ask that **no food is brought to Ionview for the purposes of sharing (i.e. birthday, celebration, etc.)**. There are other ways to recognize and celebrate that does not include food. We appreciate your consideration and support with this rule.



Student Agendas

At this stage we will be holding off handing out agendas as we want to reduce the amount of belongings that go between home and school and reduce the chances of COVID-19 being spread.

Teachers will be utilizing various electronic forms to connect with families. We hope that over the course of the year that we will be able to hand out agenda's for all our students.

We appreciate you understanding i

Caring and Safe Schools

remains the highest priority in the Toronto District School Board. At Davis we will be highlighting the importance of learning environments where all staff and students feel safe and secure. Your child will be reviewing and practicing parts of our emergency procedures in the next few weeks.

- Hold and Secure - Hold and secure means that all movement in and out of the school is restricted, however movement within the school is not restricted and the external danger near the school poses no immediate threat to the students or staff unless they leave the building.

- Lockdown - A lockdown is the most serious response to a threat to school safety and should be used only when the danger is inside the school or on school property and poses an immediate and serious threat to staff and students. During a lockdown students will be locked in their classrooms, quiet and out of sight.

At Ionview we will be practicing both a lockdown and hold and secure drills at least 3 times over the course of the school year.



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FRIENDLY COVID REMINDERS

1. Limit non-essential trips
2. Keep 2meters apart
3. Wear a mask or face covering
4. Clean you hands often (soap and water or hand sanitizer)
5. Clean and disinfect surfaces regularly
6. Avoid close contact with people who are unwell
7. Stay home if you are unwell
8. Download the COVID Alert App

<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-protect-yourself-others/covid-19-reduce-virus-spread/>

Resources You Can Use: Internet Safety for Parents

1. Talk with your child about Internet safety as soon as he/she begins using the Internet.
2. Use age-appropriate filtering, blocking and monitoring software.
3. Stay involved in your child’s online world by setting limits on his/her “screen time”.
4. Explain to your child that he/she should never give out personal identifiable information online.
5. Make sure your child knows never to meet someone they met online face-to-face.
6. Tell your child to never share their passwords with anyone, including friends.
7. Keep your computer in a central location.
8. Educate yourself on the latest threats facing kids online (e.g., cyberbullying).

Health and Wellness Reminders

Terry Fox Run: October 1st, 2020th

Ionview will continue our annual Terry Fox Run. We will be organizing a socially distancing event where class cohorts will be outside running or walking around the school yard at a predetermined time. As this is the 40th Anniversary we feel very strongly about ensuring that we acknowledge and continue Terry’s work. Students are asked, if they are able to bring a a tooney for Terry. We will be sending home electronically pledge forms for those in the Ionview interested in raising further funds for cancer research. A friendly reminder that students should only be asking close friends and family and not New this year Mr. Gordon and Mrs. Fox Casey have a surprise for the highest fundraiser.

Wellness Resources You Can Use:

Student and family wellness remain a high priority for all of us at Ionview. Attached are a few resources for consideration which focus on anxiety and managing stress:

1. <https://smho-smso.ca/covid-19/parents-and-families/>
2. <https://smho-smso.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Booklet-Simple.pdf>
3. <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/PSS%20Parent%20Tips.docx>
4. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM867caDjoxDoRPd40fK8Xg>
5. <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-protect-yourself-others/covid-19-mental-health-resources/>
6. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Mn4WEU4y41ICmtsYZrkIJC5P1mGqsW5E/view>

I can't change the direction of the wind but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination!

Jimmy Dean

Student Reflection

*Whatever happens,
take responsibility!*

