

Jesse Ketchum Public School

Fall 2015

Principal: Elizabeth Holmes
Vice-Principal: Diane Jamieson



Upcoming Events

- ◆ October 12, Thanksgiving (no school)
- ◆ October 27, Picture Day (please notify the office if you do not want your child's picture taken on this day)
- ◆ November 11, Progress Reports home for SK-8
- ◆ November 12, Interview Night
- ◆ November 13 - Morning Interviews (no school)
- ◆ November 17, picture retake day
- ◆ December 21 - January 1, winter break
- ◆ January 22, professional activity day (no school)

Principal's Message

We hope everyone has had a great first month of school. There has been a lot going on with cross country running, baseball, Terry Fox walk, and the everyday great teaching and learning in the classrooms. Just a few reminders as we move forward to the fall months:

- Supervision begins at 8:45 for students in grades 1-8, and at 9:00 for kindergarten students. Supervision ends at 3:10 for kindergarten and 3:40 for grade 1-8 students each day. Where possible ensure that students are picked up at dismissal time.
- Attendance and punctuality are very important for all students. When a child arrives late it is not only interfering with their own learning, but can be disruptive to the whole class. Please have students here for the first bell.
- For absences please call our safe arrival line, 416 393-1530, otherwise we will call in the morning to inquire about the absence to ensure that your child is safe.

Best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend. Looking forward to working together to make Jesse Ketchum a great learning environment for your child.

Jesse Ketchum Staff

The following is a list of our classroom teachers:

JK/SK	room 5 Mr. Halstrom and ECE, room 6 Ms. Siggner and Ms. Kwong, room 7 Ms. Melo and Ms. Doukas
1/2	room 1 Mr. Marshall, room 3 Ms. Yoshida, room 4 Mr. Bertrand, room 8 Ms. Tucci, room 9 Ms. Gardziejczyk
3	room 12 Ms. Plaunt
3/4	room 17 Mr. Yu/LTO Ms. Jennings
4/5	room 13 Ms. Jamal
5/6	room 16 Ms. De Courcy, room 19 Mr. Elkerton
7	room 27 Ms. Khan, room 28 Mr. Chan (phys ed)
7/8	room 22 Ms. Van Herk (history/drama/dance), room 25 Mr. Lam and Ms. Lyndsay, room 26 Ms. Chopik, room 29 Mr. Grubb (health/geography)
8	room 30 Ms. Duffy (visual art)

The following teachers offer support and instruction outside of the homeroom classroom:

Mr. McNie - French, Ms. McLean - special education, Ms. Bandt - science, Ms. Brombal - ESL, Mr. Fogel - music and ESL, Ms. Dunne - primary phys ed, Ms. Tullett - library and literacy

Sports

Sports are back in full swing at Jesse Ketchum!

This fall we have begun:

Cross country running - grades 7 and 8 with Mr. Grubb and Mr. Wass, grades 1-6 with Mr. Marshall

Softball - Grades 7 and 8 with Mr. Chan, Grades 4-6 with Mr. Marshall

The cross country qualifier was October 2nd, at Ashbridges Bay. Students qualifying in the top 30 for their age group will be given information about finals.

Grade 8 - Highschool Information

Our school guidance counsellor is available to answer questions you might have about highschool. She can be reached by email at:

Michelle.Bruner@tdsb.on.ca

High school information nights begin at the end of this month. A complete list is available to you child, and is posted on our school website.

You can apply to your home school, 2 high schools on optional attendance, and 2 alternative or specialty programs. Optional attendance deadline is Friday, February 19, 2016.

Lunchroom Supervisors Wanted

We are often in the need of supply supervisors for our lunchrooms. If you are interested, please contact the vice principal, at Diane.Jamieson@tdsb.on.ca for information on the process. We will complete the necessary paperwork for those interested in the position.

Anaphylaxis, Asthma and Scent Awareness

ANAPHYLAXIS - We have a number of students in the school who have severe allergies to nuts, peanuts and other allergens. For these students we request that they carry an EpiPen with them. Carriers can be purchased from a variety of organizations which can be found online. If you like, an additional EpiPen (or other similar product) can also be kept in the office. Please remind all children to not share snacks or food, and please do not send food products in for birthday celebrations.

ASTHMA - For students with asthma who require the use of a puffer, please ensure that it is available to them at school and that we are aware of any triggers.

SCENT AWARENESS - Exposure to perfumes and other scented products can trigger serious health reactions in individuals with asthma, allergies, migraines or chemical sensitivities.

Fragrances are found in a wide range of products, including perfume, cologne, deodorant, soap, fabric softeners and laundry detergents. It is a personal choice to use fragrances, however, fragrance chemicals by their very nature, are shared. The chemicals vaporize into the air and are easily inhaled by those around us. Individuals with chemical sensitivities can experience a variety of symptoms, including headache, sore throat, runny nose, sinus congestion, wheezing, shortness of breath, dizziness, anxiety, anger, nausea, fatigue, mental confusion and an inability to concentrate, resulting in great difficulty in work and study activities.

The TDSB is asking for voluntary cooperation towards a scent-reduced environment. Staff, students and visitors are strongly encouraged to avoid or reduce the use of fragranced products, and to replace them with unscented alternatives. This is a request to voluntarily refrain from chemical-based scented products, and not a ban on scented products.

Thanks to all for your assistance in keeping everyone safe at school!

Volunteers

Volunteers are an important part of our school. We value parent and community volunteers at Jesse Ketchum and appreciate the time and effort they put into supporting our students.

We have many volunteer opportunities at our school such library volunteers, reading support for our beginning readers, numeracy support and classroom volunteers. We are always open to new opportunities to utilize volunteer skills to support student learning.

Also, if you have any special skills (arts, cooking, writing, acting...etc.) or a career path that could be shared with students please share this information with your child's teacher. We are a STEM focused school (science technology engineering and math) so if you have any skills or knowledge in these areas your support would be appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering at Jesse Ketchum please stop by the office to complete a volunteer form. **A police reference check is required for all regular volunteers.**

School Hours and Student Safety

Supervision is provided from 8:45 a.m. until 3:40 p.m. each school day. Students should not be arriving earlier, or staying later unless they are a part of a club or team.

	<u>Primary and Junior</u>	<u>KG</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>
a.m. entry	8:55	9:10	8:50
end time	11:45	11:40	11:34
p.m. entry	12:35	12:40	12:30
end time	3:25	3:10	3:14

If your child is going to be late or absent please call the school and leave a message when prompted - stating your child's name, room number or teacher name and the reason for absence or late.

Please ensure you have given us the names of all individuals who may pick up your child. We have these on file and reference them when a child is being signed out.

Jesse Ketchum Website and Twitter Accounts

Jesse Ketchum now has a Twitter Account! You can find it by searching @ps_jesse on Twitter. Follow @ps-jesse to get up to date information and see the great things that are happening at JKPS! Don't have Twitter? No problem, you can keep up with our Twitter Feed directly on our website at <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/jesseketchum>.

French Programs Application Deadline

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's French Immersion or Extended French programs, we offer an online process for applying to:

- Early French Immersion (EFI) which begins in Senior Kindergarten;
- Junior Extended French (JEF) which begins in Grade 4
- Middle Immersion which begins in Grade 4 (available in a limited number of schools)

We guarantee an offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) to all on-time applicants. Transportation is provided as per the Board's Transportation policy.

Please note the timelines for applying for these programs for September 2016:

- Applications for Early French Immersion (for a Junior Kindergarten aged child), must be completed online between November 2 and December 3, 2015.
- Applications for Junior Extended French or Middle French Immersion (for a child currently in Grade 3), must be completed online between January 4 and January 28, 2016.

Offers of placement within your chosen program will be made to all on-time applicants in the weeks following the close of the application window.

Please note: families with an older sibling currently in a French program are still required to complete an online application for the new student.

Further information on French as a Second Language programs and the application process is available online at www.tdsb.on.ca/french.

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