



## Back to School 2022



We hope you and your family had a wonderful summer. We are really looking forward to starting the 2022-2023 school year at Lynnwood Heights JPS! We have missed you and would like to take this opportunity to sincerely welcome all our returning families and extend a warm welcome to our new families! School will begin this year at all TDSB schools on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.



### Lynnwood Hts. Jr. PS Bell Times



**Before School Supervision:  
8:25 – 8:40AM**

**School Entry Bell: 8:40 AM**

**Morning Recess: 10:05 – 10:20  
AM**

**Lunch: 11:30 AM – 12:35 PM**

**Afternoon Recess: 2:00 – 2:15  
PM**

**Dismissal: 3:25 PM**

**After School Supervision:  
3:25 – 3:40 PM**

# Lynnwood Hts. Jr. P.S. Newsletter

50 Southlawn Drive, Scarborough, ON M1S 1J1



Lynnwood Staff 2022-2023

**LYNNWOOD  
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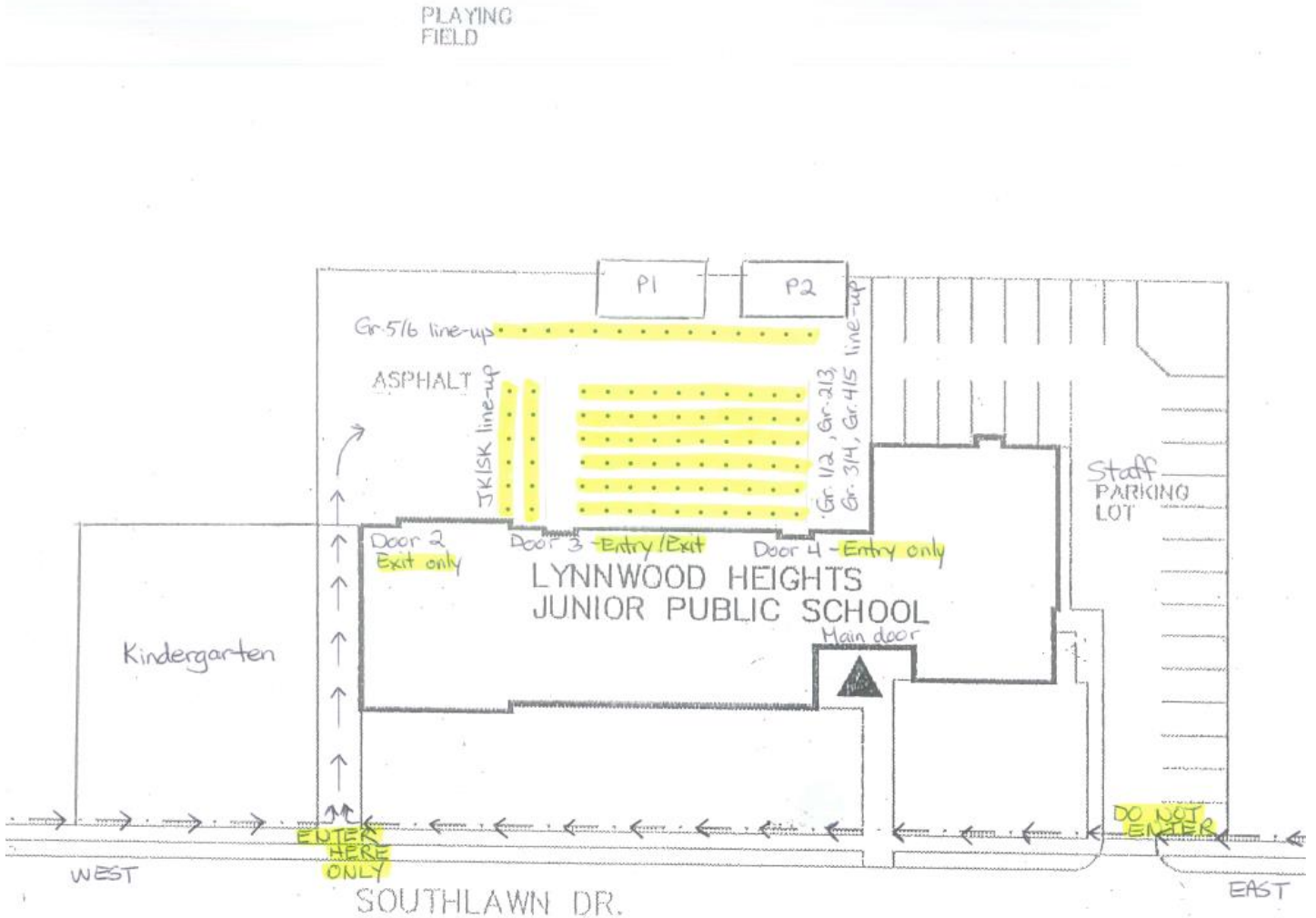
**JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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<b>Grade/Position</b>	<b>Staff Member</b>	<b>Room</b>
JK/SK 1	Brian Rothman	3
JK/SK 2	Jinjin Qi	2
DECE	Nishat Ahmadi	2
Grade 1/2	Karsten Jaynes	5
Grade 2/3	September Fisher	7
Grade 3/4	Georgina Foulidis	6
Grade 4/5	Arron Swire	4
Grade 5/6	Siobhan Alexander	9
DD1	Susan Ci	10
Educational Assistant	Kristi McRae	10
Educational Assistant	TBD	10
Noon hour Assistant	Rabia Rukhshanda	10
DD2	Lesley Davis	11
Educational Assistant	Nadia Ibrahim	11
Educational Assistant	Miss Vicky	11
Noon hour Assistant	Mary Galloway	11
Resource/MART	Susan Gopaulsingh	Portable 2 and classrooms
Librarian and Visual Arts	Viktoria Feldman	Library and classrooms
AM – ESL PM – Core French/DD Prep	Kimberly Ho	Portable 1 and classrooms
PM Physical Education and Dance	Jisun Lee	Gym
Educational Assistant – AM	Angela Potter	In classrooms
Special Needs Assistant – PM	Angela Potter	In classrooms
Nutrition Coordinator	Angela Potter	Staffroom
Lunchroom Supervisors	Melanie Valentin Mary Findlay Yue Ying Li Sangeetha Thivagarar	Kindergarten 1 Kindergarten 2 Gym Grades 1-6 Gym Grades 1-6
Head Caretaker	Israel Amago	Caretaking Office
Evening Caretaker	Peter Wilson	Caretaking Office
Office Administrator	Sandra O'Brien	Main Office
Principal	Joy Reiter	Main Office

## First Day Procedures

On your child's first day of school on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, please refer to the map below and proceed to the asphalt area at the back of the school and look for the demarcated area/line-up for your child's class. Starting at 8:25 am staff will be present to welcome our students back to school. Students will not be permitted to enter the building until 8:40 am. **Please DO NOT drop your child off before 8:25 am as there will be no supervision available. Class lists will be posted on the school windows facing the back play area by Tuesday at noon so you can see the class that your child is in for this school year.**



## Road Safety

Parents are reminded to observe the speed limit and all posted traffic signs e.g., Bus Loading Zone, No U Turning, No Parking, etc. along Southlawn and surrounding streets. Remember to slow down in school zones!



We will have a Student Drop-off Zone by the west gate by the kindergarten play area. The parking lot is for staff use only. For safety, students are **not allowed** to enter the parking lot nor are parents allowed to drop off their child(ren) in the parking lot. 😊

### Lunch

Students will be encouraged to stay at school for lunch. Please ensure your child comes to school with a litterless and peanut-free lunch in the morning as we are discouraging any food/lunches to be dropped off. Students will bring home any garbage. Please also remind your child that NO sharing of food is allowed.



### 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

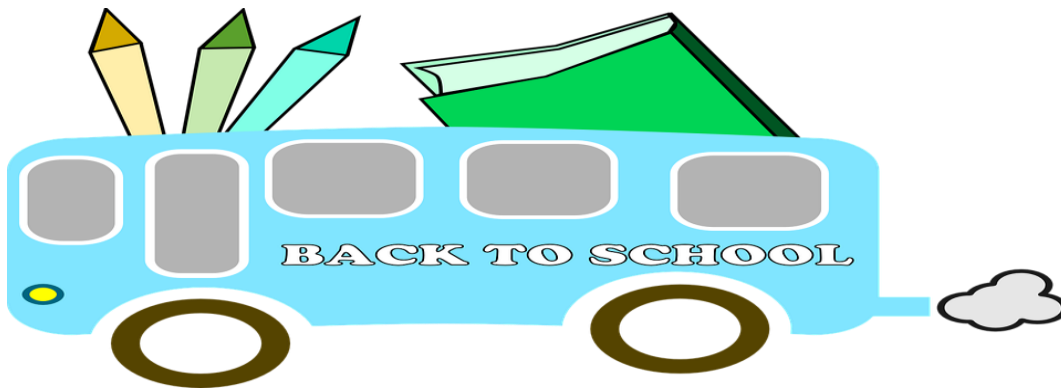
TDSB, in partnership with Toronto Public Health, is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for all students and staff.

As required by Sabrina's Law, the TDSB has established policies and procedures to prevent and manage anaphylactic reactions and to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common school areas.

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.**

If your child has health problems of any kind, please inform your child's teacher or office staff immediately so that the necessary health protection steps may be taken and to ensure everyone's cooperation for a safe learning environment.



### **COVID-19 Health and Safety Measures and Practices**

Over the past 30 months, TDSB staff have been diligent in following the health and safety directions provided by the Ministry of Education and Toronto Public Health to manage COVID-19 and keep our schools and sites as safe as possible. Earlier this month, the Ministry of Education released its guidance for the new school year. They have stated that schools will begin the year in the same way that we ended last year, with only the most necessary COVID-19 measures in place. We continue to take our health and safety direction from the Ministry and Toronto Public Health, and it is important to note that this is the current information can change based on a change of guidance.

**Screening** – Students and staff should continue to do a daily self-assessment before entering school or Board buildings and stay home if they are sick. We are awaiting an updated screening tool from the Ministry and will share as soon as it is available.

**Masks** – The TDSB continues to be a mask-friendly environment inclusive of all staff and students. While the Ministry of Education and public health officials are not mandating the use of masks, Toronto Public Health strongly recommends wearing a well-fitting, high-quality mask, especially in indoor public settings. The TDSB will continue to provide medical masks for staff and students who request them. Non-fit-tested N95 masks will also continue to be provided to staff who request them, while fitted N95 masks will be provided to those who require them as part of their role.

**Testing** – Rapid Antigen Test kits will continue to be available to both staff and students and are to be provided to staff/students upon their request and/or upon return from an unplanned absence. As rapid antigen tests are readily available in other public settings, it is not the expectation that all students/staff in a school are provided tests proactively.

**Vaccines** – The TDSB will continue to work closely with Toronto Public Health to support their vaccination efforts for COVID-19 and other illnesses. School-based clinics may continue to operate to support local communities and you will be contacted if a clinic is to take place at your school.

**Cohorting** – Cohorting classes is no longer required for health and safety reasons.

**Ventilation** – More than 16,000 institutional-grade HEPA filters are in the TDSB with at least one in every occupied classroom. Caretakers will continue to increase ventilation in schools and classrooms with mechanical systems by adjusting the air exchanges and running them before and after class as well as increase natural ventilation by opening windows for short periods of time.

### **Elementary Important Dates**

- September 6, 2022 – Professional Development
- October 7, 2022 – Professional Development
- November 18, 2022 – Parent Teacher Conferences
- December 2, 2022 – Professional Development
- January 13, 2023 – Assessment and Reporting
- February 17, 2023 – Parent Teacher Conferences
- June 2, 2023 – Assessment and Reporting

### **Dates to Remember - School Year Holidays (as per Ministry of Education)**

Labour Day: September 5, 2022

Thanksgiving: October 10, 2022

Winter Break: December 26, 2022 – January 6, 2023

Family Day: February 20, 2023

Mid-Winter Break: March 13 - 17, 2023

Good Friday: April 7, 2023

Easter Monday: April 10, 2023

Victoria Day: May 22, 2023



### **School Lockdown and Fire Drills**

At the beginning of each school year, our students and staff prepare for the year ahead by establishing the foundations for a successful year. One of the ways we know we can help students be successful is to create a safe environment in which to learn. Though no one ever wants to see an emergency happen at a school, it's important for school staff to be equipped to deal with those situations, should these occur.

The safety of students and staff is a top priority at Lynnwood Heights JPS and to that end, as with all emergency drills, it is essential that we are prepared and understand the importance of procedures that will help ensure the safety of everyone in our school.

The TDSB has taken steps to ensure your child's safety while in school. Each school has developed emergency preparedness plans that include steps staff will take in the event of an emergency, how staff will get students away from possible dangers, and how students' families will be contacted.

One aspect of emergency preparedness is the lockdown and fire drill. All schools are required to conduct a minimum of two lockdown drills and six fire drills each school year. Lockdown drills, like fire drills, are an essential component to ensuring student and staff safety. It is important that all staff and students are prepared and know how to respond in cases of emergencies. The drills last approximately 5 minutes and ensure plans are effective and can also systematically identify any safety concerns.

Communication is also very important in any emergency situation. The emergency contact information kept on file is important in helping this happen. It lists the people who can pick up a student from the school. If you have not yet provided this information to the office or have updates to the information on file, please make sure our office staff have that information as soon as possible.

### **Upcoming**

Sunday 18 Terry Fox Run - 2nd Sunday after Labour Day Terry Fox Foundation

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry\\_Fox\\_Run](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_Fox_Run)

Friday 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation First Nation, Métis, Inuit i

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/first-national-truth-reconciliation-day-1.6188540>

Friday 30 Orange Shirt Day First Nations, Métis, Inuit <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/about-us.html>

More dates will be shared with you once they have been agreed upon by the staff.

