

## **Back to School BBQ and Curriculum Night**

Save The Date! Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30

We are still working out the details and will send out an update this week. We are hoping to provide all students with a free BBQ dinner which will need to be ordered using School Cash Online, read below.

## **September Hot Lunch and Snack and School Cash Online**

We are excited to announce that the Snack program will start this Friday, and the Hot Lunch program will begin on Monday. Additionally, we are planning a family BBQ, school trips, new t-shirts, and other events. For all these events, payments will be made exclusively through [School Cash Online](#). Nelson Mandela Park and the TDSB are transitioning all payments and forms to online systems. Cash payments will no longer be accepted. It is crucial that you sign up for [School Cash Online](#) to ensure your family does not miss out.

We also need your support for our Snack and Lunch Programs. We provide food for all our students and only ask for a nominal contribution. As food costs continue to rise, your support is vital to help us maintain these programs for our students.

[Need Help? Read the School Cash Online Brochure](#)

The **Hot Lunch** program is open to all students at any time during the school year. The cost for September is \$35. Participation in the Hot Lunch program is optional. [September Hot Lunch Menu](#)

**Breakfast** is available to all students at no cost. A Grab-and-Go cart will be set up at the school's front entrance between 8:20-8:55 AM.

**Snacks** are distributed in class each morning and are available to all students. We ask for contributions to help cover the cost of the Snack and Breakfast programs.

## **Start of Year Forms**

All parents/ guardians should have received by now the information about completing the annual school permission forms. **Please complete these forms ASAP.** If these forms are not completed in a timely manner, your teen may not be able to participate in many school activities and valuable learning experiences. We also require updated medical information so that we can actively promote each student's well-being.

- Families will need to create an account to complete the forms. If you have used the enrollment tool previously to register your child in a TDSB school or program that same account can be used.
- One set of forms must be completed per child.

## **Forms included in this year's package:**

- Permission to Participate in Offsite Walk Excursions
- Student Media Release Consent (for School/TDSB Events)
- Student Media Release Consent (Media Organizations)

- Permission to Leave School in Severe Weather Conditions (Grades 6-12)
- Medical Information Form (511E)

If you require assistance with completing the forms, please use the following link.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqd7nQNNB3Y>

### **Daily Announcements**

Each morning at 9:20 AM we have our daily announcements. At that time we listen to the Land Acknowledgement, O Canada, Allyship Pledge and information related to the Days of Significance and Heritage Months. This is followed by announcements about what is happening in the school such as clubs and sports. Click on the link and you can read the same announcements that are shared each day with our students. [NMPPS Daily Announcements](#) Alternatively, you can go to the Nelson Mandela school website <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/nelsonmandelapark/> and you will see a link saying Daily Announcements Page on the top right corner.

### **Free Ice Hockey Program for kids 6-12 at Moss Park Arena in October**

Attached is our registration flyer for our FREE program for kids 6-12, running out of Moss Park Arena. The program provides free access to 20+ weeks of on-ice coaching starting with the fundamentals of learn 2 skate, then introducing hockey skills. The kids are provided with full hockey gear which is theirs to use for the duration of the program.

Here is a direct link to the registration form [HDA - Moss Park Registration Form](#)

### **Parliament Street Library – Free Programming**

September Program Calendar

Fossil Dig

Relay Education Solar Workshop

### **Do you need a computer?**

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with increased access to information and communications technology (ICT), skill development and learning opportunities, in a socially and environmentally responsible manner. *Read the flyer for more details.*

### **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day**

Monday, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. The TDSB will honour this day and for more background, please visit the Urban Indigenous Education Centre website.

### **Continuing Education Fall Programs**

Register now for all programs, including: [International Languages Elementary & African Heritage Program](#), [Secondary Credit Night School](#), [Learn4Life - Adult General Interest Programs](#), [Adult ESL](#).

### **Cell Phones**

Beginning on September 1, 2024, the [Ministry of Education](#) has provided new direction around cell phone and mobile device use in all Ontario schools. By reducing the distraction of cell phones and mobile devices, students can be more engaged and focus on learning. Learn more: [Cell Phone and Mobile Device Use in Schools](#).

### **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.

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 co-operation for a safe learning environment.