

Good afternoon Parents/Guardians & Families,

It was recently reported that we have entered the second wave of this pandemic. Similar to the recent past, we have to adapt to the new realities by altering how we live and relate to each other if we want to control and stop the spread of this virus.

Unlike the initial beginning of the first wave, we now have a better sense of how to protect our loved ones and ourselves. This includes the **wearing of a non-medical mask or face covering** when it's not possible to maintain physical distancing, **frequently washing hands**, **practicing proper respiratory etiquette** , **physical distancing**, and **self-isolating** if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

If we want to beat this virus we must continue to take the necessary steps as outlined by our medical health professionals.

Switching to Virtual Schools

Oakridge has transferred the names of students who requested the virtual schooling using the Google form. A staff member from the Virtual School will contact you. Because the Virtual School is separate from Oakridge, we will not have any additional timeline information; however, we encourage you to continue to check your emails for updates.

Please click on the link if you want more information about Virtual Schools.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Virtual-School/Virtual-School-Elementary/Learning-Centre-3-LC3>

For Students Remaining at Oakridge

Because of the number of students transferring either to Oakridge or the Virtual School, and the redeployment of some of our staff members, your child may have a different teacher and class if they are remaining at Oakridge. If this is the case, you will receive an email between October 10th to 12th with the name of your child's teacher, room number and if in grades 1 to 4, a classroom letter (ex. A, B, C) that indicates where your child is to line up to enter the building on Tuesday October 13th.

New Screening Tool for Parents

Based on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Government of Ontario has updated the school and child screening process. There are now 2 sets of questions about symptoms and descriptions that will help parents determine if their child should attend school or daycare, contact a health care provider or get tested for COVID-19.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid19-cms-assets/2020-10/Screening%20Children%20v1.0%202020-10-01%20FINAL%20EN%20AODA.pdf>

As a reminder, your child will need you to sign the TDSB yellow paper pass each day to confirm that they are well enough to come to school.

EarlyOn Centre

Welcome back I hope you had a restful, safe and enjoyable summer.

Due to these difficult circumstances we are not currently providing programming at our school however we are offering a virtual drop-in program where parents and children can join us for chats ,stories, songs activities and more.

Please visit our website below. Our group is called the EarlyOn at TDSB Toronto East group

If you have any questions or If you would like to connect with me please feel to e-mail me at alexandra.koroneos@tdsb.on.ca

Hope to see you all very soon!

Alex😊

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears>

Recruitment of Lunchroom Supervisors

Lunchroom Supervisor Needed - \$15.17/hr (supply) or up to \$24.09/hr (permanent)

- If you have experience working with children and an ability to communicate in English sensitively with our students, parents and others, please consider joining our team.
- Your main role will be to ensure the safety and security of our students during the daily lunch period for 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- Necessary skills include patience, understanding and the ability to encourage positive relations among students.
- If interested, please apply on-line at the following address or provide a resume to the School: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Employment.aspx>

Terry Fox Run

Today I did the Terry Fox run. Terry Fox's goal was to run all across Canada. He wanted to run across Canada to get money for cancer research. Terry has a mom, a dad, 1 sister as well as 2 brothers. He was born in Winnipeg, Canada. His favourite sport was basketball. We ran around the field today. I did ten laps around the track. My row did 26 laps in total. The entire class did 120 laps! Every lap we did we got 1 popsicle stick. I ran as fast as I could go. The run was fun. Yuvan K.

Hearts and Minds

Hello Oakridge parents and caregivers. I hope you and your family are well. Here is the most recent "Hearts & Minds" newsletter from the Psychology department. You will find some strategies to manage worries and improve flexibility: when there are constant changes and feelings of uncertainty, many children and adults may spend a lot of time worrying. There are also ideas to help your child wear a mask, if she/he is finding this hard. I really liked the tips on

managing screen time which can be a struggle in many homes! As always, if you would like to speak with me, please reach out to your child's teacher or Mr. Parker/Ms. Lin.
Dr. Laura Sloan