

Good evening Parents/Guardians & Families,

Many of us feel frustrated, tired and a longing for what was normal. The impact of these new restrictions on top of what we're already doing affects each person and family differently; yet, despite these circumstances children are continue to find ways to have fun.

Although one can argue that children may not have the kind of understanding that adults have about the world, I would challenge you to ask them what they know about COVID-19, listen to their answer and then watch how they act after the conversation. Chances are they'll return to their "natural" state. Regardless of what's happening around them, they'll still look for opportunities to have fun. Could they hold the secret to wellness and happiness? Something worth thinking about.

Switching Between In-Person Learning and Virtual School

The first opportunity to switch has expired. We thank you for completing the necessary forms prior to the September 30th deadline.

The next deadline to request a change will be November 6th. These changes will take into effect beginning November 23rd. More information to follow in the upcoming weeks.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Return-to-School/Learning-and-Instruction/Switching-Between-In-Person-Learning-and-the-Virtual-School>

As a reminder, these dates are in place for health and safety reasons (ex. maintaining cohorts, physical distancing, spacing, etc.) and to support staffing models.

Students Going to Virtual Schools (Reminder)

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 the TDSB website and your email for updates.

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

Online asynchronist (independent) learning activities

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Virtual-School/Virtual-School-Elementary/Asynchronous-Learning-Activities>

For Students Remaining at Oakridge (Updated)

Student, staff and class adjustments were made because of the number of students that transferred either to Oakridge or the Virtual School. Below are the following changes.

- a) Ms. Lin (Vice-Principal) will be assisting the Virtual School.
- b) Ms. Mackintosh (kindergarten teacher) is redeployed to the Virtual School.
- c) Ms. Matsoo's grade 1 class is closed. Her students are placed in either Ms. Gladman's or Ms. Lunn's class.

- d) Ms. Gladman's class changes from a grade 1/2 to grade 1 class.
- e) Ms. Matsoo will now teach kindergarten.
- f) Ms. Stott's class changes from a grade 2/3 to a grade 2 class. Her grade 3 students will be placed in either Ms. Mudhar or Ms. Eddy's class.
- g) Currently no changes to kindergarten and grade 4 classes.

If your child was affected by the change, he/she would have received a letter stating the name of the new teacher and classroom. This letter will replace the notification email that was mentioned in the previous parent letter.

To ensure a safe transition, classes will continue to be thoroughly cleaned in addition to detailed tracking of changes mentioned above.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

EarlyOn Centre (Reminder)

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!

TDSB Updates

1. **Back to School Confirmation Form** – In the event of a student's suspected or confirmed illness, parents/guardians are asked to sign the Toronto Public Health [Back to School Confirmation Form](#) to confirm their child is healthy and able to return to school.
2. **Parent Conference** – This year's virtual conference takes place over two days – Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25, which will include two amazing keynotes as well as a host of breakout sessions that you can choose to tailor to your own interests and needs. Learn more at www.parentspartners.ca.

To those that celebrate...Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Stay Strong! Stay Safe! Stay Positive!

Mr. D. Parker