



RUNNYMEDE

Jr. & Sr. Public School



SCHOOL MESSENGER SAFE ARRIVAL REPORTING LINE 1-833-250-2290

September 29, 2023


Dear Runnymede families,

We welcomed the new fall season 🍂 with some cooler weather. Our goal is to get outside (in a little) rain or shine to enjoy some fresh air and the outdoors. Especially at this time of year, wearing layers of clothing is a great idea. Don't forget to label sweaters and other removable items so that they don't end up in the lost and found and to practise retrieving all belongings after playing outside and at home. Our custodians kindly round up forgotten items in the yard for lost and found - we are hoping this year there will be a minimum of items! Parents are welcome to let the office know if you'd like to visit our lost and found.

The **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** - the national day of Remembrance - is an opportunity for remembering, commemorating, and honouring - it isn't and shouldn't be a simple day or experience in the classroom and personally.

1. We learn about the stories of the traditional land that we are on. We can learn more about whose ancestral territories and which treaties are connected to the land we are on [here](#), by entering your location in the search bar in the middle left of the screen.

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

 September 29, 2023	TDSB honours Orange Shirt Day <u>National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation</u>
September 29 & 30, 2023	OBA Clinician Visits Runnymede PS & Band performance at OBA Beginning Band Symposium at York University Kindergarten Meetup at Beresford Park - 10 am
October 4, 2023	Cross Country Meet - Go Runnymede! Gryphon Trio - Listen UP Launch Concert
October 5, 2023	World Teachers' Day - 'We appreciate our amazing teachers!'
October 10, 2023	Jr. Girls Soccer Tournament
October 11, 2023	Journaling for Listen Up (Info Session) - Grade 5s
October 13, 2023	Jr. Boys Soccer Tournament
October 11, 12, 13, 2023	Costume Sale presented by Runnymede School Council - details to come
October 17, 2023	School Photo Day

Journée des Franco-Ontariens

September 25th is the anniversary of the raising of the Franco-Ontarian flag. This past Monday students were invited to participate in our very own flag raising. Students in M. Ty, Mme Kling, Prof. Beardsley and Mme Noel's classes were able to present songs and poems to commemorate this special occasion and display our pride as French learners from K-8 and beyond!



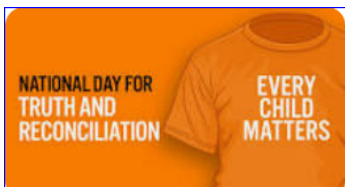
It was wonderful to celebrate our Franco-Ontarien culture and pride together!

Bravo
Runnymede!



Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30 The Toronto District School Board joins communities across the country in marking the third annual National Truth and Reconciliation, and the 10th anniversary of Orange Shirt Day. This day recognizes the ongoing impacts that the Residential School System has on First Nations, Metis and Inuit families and communities. We honour the survivors of residential schools, their families, as well as the children who did not survive.



As the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation says, "**Reconciliation starts with education.**" As an organisation whose primary mission is that of education, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is an opportunity for us to continue our commitment to intentionally embed Indigenous contemporary realities, histories, perspectives, and knowledge in our everyday learning and in our everyday work.

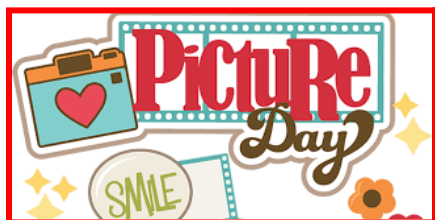
CROSS COUNTRY TRYOUT AND PARTICIPATION GRADES 1 TO 8

Runnymede Cross Country practices have started!. If you haven't already done so, [Permission form](#) are available through [Excursion Management Platform](#) and send it back to school as soon as possible. Your child must bring back a permission form in order to attend practice. **Our practices will continue on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:10am.**

Our first meet is on Monday, October, 4th at Centennial Park.

Important Reminders from Coaches

- Parents must complete their athlete registrations on EMA
- Athletes must show up to practice and run not walk
- This Friday is the cut off date for all runners, the list of participants for the 1st meet will be finalized
- Please have a Runnymede T-shirt for the race
- Wear proper running gear and bring snacks and water for the race
- Parents who are taking their kid back to school from Centennial must inform Ms. Duke or Mr. Tran (they cannot take other kids with them)
- We'll meet all runners at 8:40 sharp in the senior gym on October 4th



School Photo Day

SMILE! Our School Photo Day is on **October 17, 2023**. Please be sure to send your child to school wearing the outfit they will be photographed in, as there will not be enough time for them to change before their class is called to the Senior gym. Photo Retake Day is scheduled for November 7.

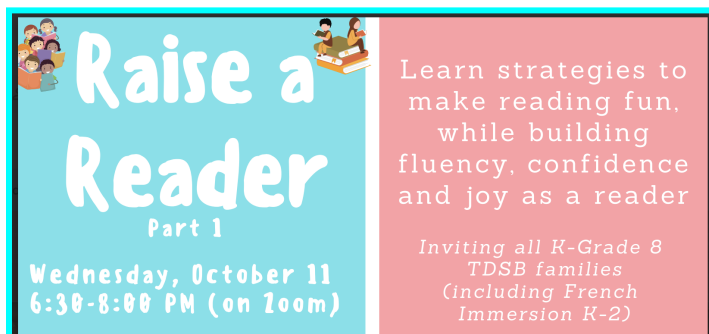
Raise a Reader Part 1

TDSB Community Support Workers are having a virtual presentation on how to [Raise A Reader Part 1](#) on Wednesday October 11th 2023, at 6:30 pm.

Please save the dates for Part 2 and Part 3:

Raise A Reader Part 2 - Wednesday November 8th, 2023

Raise A Reader Part 3 - Wednesday December 6th 2023



Online Digital Media Literacy Skills Session

Parents/Caregivers are invited to a free online session to learn about **digital media literacy skills** so you can understand and better support your child to use technology for learning, identify misinformation and help stop the spread of online hate. The TDSB is partnering with Civix to offer this valuable learning opportunity to TDSB families via Zoom.

Thursday, October 12th from 6:30 - 7:30PM

or

Wednesday, October 18th from 6:30 - 7:30PM

Registration is required at: <https://CTRL-F-TDSB.eventbrite.ca>

Please note that registration is free and will be limited to 300 participants on a first come, first served basis, so please register early.

This virtual workshop is designed to help parents/caregivers learn simple skills for verifying online information, in this era of social media and artificial intelligence such as ChatGPT.



Join the annual Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference, ***Joy in the Journey of Learning***, on **October 21 and 22, 2023**. Parents, guardians and caregivers are invited to participate in a weekend of learning, connection and engagement and learn strategies to support your child throughout the year. This year, attendees can participate in

the conference virtually and also join in-person presentations. Visit www.parentsaspartners.ca for more information.

Morning Drop Off & Afternoon Pick Up Update:

Parents of students in Grades 1 - 5 are asked to please remain at or behind the gate when dropping children off at 8:40. This greatly assists supervision staff in ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for students. The fitness structure will be closed between 3:15-3:30 pm daily. Thank you in advance for everyone's support. We look forward to greeting all of our students punctually each day.)

Cell Phones/Mobile Devices at School

We ask that cell phones remain at home and should they be brought to school with parent permission they must be secured and locked in lockers for the duration of the instructional day without exception. Cell phones are not permitted in the classroom- or learning spaces for safety and to minimise distractions to learning and teaching time inclusive of recess and supervised lunch time. .

Safe Arrival Program

When the Safe Arrival option is selected the call will be transferred directly to the School Messenger phone system. (Parents/Guardians can still call the 1-833-250-2290 directly and receive the same options.)

Calling from a phone number registered in PowerSchool

- Parent/Guardian calls main school number and listens to the welcome message
- To report a student absence, press 1 (can be 2 or 3 depending on your specific school) (caller hears "Wait while I transfer your call")
- Then "Welcome to School Messenger notification system for Toronto District School Board"
- For student attendance, press 3
 - For student A in grade..., press 2
 - For student B in grade..., press 3
 - For student C in grade..., press 4



Calling from a phone number not registered in PowerSchool

- Parent calls main school number and listens to the welcome message
- To report a student absence, press 1 (can be 2 or 3 depending on your specific school) (caller hears "Wait while I transfer your call")
- "Welcome to School Messenger notification system for Toronto District School Board"
- For student attendance, press 3
 - Please enter a phone number that you have registered with a school
 - If phone number is registered then parents/guardians will be able to pick the student and report the absence

If your phone number is not registered you will receive the message "This phone number does not have any children registered to it". Parents/guardians will need to call the school and update data in the Student Information System.

If your child is going to be late please have them come to the main office doors (door #1) and ring the bell. If you need to pick up your child early unexpectedly please call the office ahead of time and come to the main office door (door#1) and ring the bell we will try to have your child ready at the office for your arrival.

Should you need to pick up your child early for an appointment please email your child's teacher as well as Rebecca.Carambelas@tdsb.on.ca to let them know the reason, date and time of pick up.

THE ANNUAL RUNNYMEDE HALLOWEEN COSTUME SALE IS BACK!

Poster Art by Finnley, Gr. 8 - wow!

When: Oct. 11, 12 and 13 after school from 3:15-4 pm

Where: Bigger costumes in the front of the school (near the basketball courts) and Smaller costumes near Colbeck and Runnymede.

Donations: Bring us what you've got!!! We will be accepting CLEAN, gently-used, wearable costumes AND/OR accessories (wigs, shoes, hats, shields, etc.) in All sizes (kids to adults). Please drop off your contributions in the Office from October 2-10, 2023

Prices: Costumes are \$5-\$15 and Accessories \$1-\$2 (Cash only)

Proceeds from the sale will go to Runnymede School Council and be used to enrich school programs. (Leftover costumes will be donated to local charities.)

Runnymede's Annual Costume Sale

When:

October 11, 12 & 13
From 3:00-3:45

Where:

Smaller costumes
near door 1

Larger costumes near
the basketball courts

How Much:

Costumes \$5-\$20
& Accessories \$1-\$2

****Cash Only****

All proceeds raised
go to support school
council initiatives

Donation dates:

October 2-10

Bring your clean,
gently used costumes
and accessories in
ALL sizes to the
school office



Art by: Finnley W-R Grade 8

2023-24 Runnymede Public School Council ***NEWS***

We would like to thank all of the parents who came to the first **School Council** meeting of the school year this week and to Jee, our amazing LRS, for child minding! It was a great meeting and the new Executive Council and Committees now confirmed. We look forward to another great year ahead.

If you missed the first meeting but would like to **join a Committee** or just help out on an event, please do! You can always check our website for Committee meeting dates (coming soon) or email us at runnymedeps@gmail.com and we can connect you with the right committee chairs. website: <http://www.runnymedecouncil.org>

Early French Immersion Registration

While admission to the Early French Immersion (JK entry) or Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 entry) is guaranteed at the entry points to all eligible on-time applicants, admission to a specific school is NOT guaranteed. The entry point to Early French Immersion at Runnymede Jr & Sr PS is Junior Kindergarten. It is an entirely online process.

Application process opens: November 6, 2023

Deadline for applications: December 1, 2023

For more information please visit [this link](#)

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IMPORTANT! EMAIL CHANGE? EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER CHANGE? ADDRESS CHANGE?

*Please inform the school office of any contact information changes by calling **416-393-9055***

Have an excellent weekend ahead

Mme Zamin