



Open House

Our Ryerson / Downtown Vocal Music Academy Open House will be on **Thursday, September 27 at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** Please come to meet your child's teacher and learn about their plans for the upcoming school year. We look forward to seeing you then.

Breakfast, Snacks and Lunch

Our breakfast program was cancelled this year due to a lack of student participation. However, our snack and lunch programs continue to provide healthy, nutritious and delicious meals. Your child can purchase a ticket daily or you can purchase for a month, half year or year. We encourage you to pay on cashless for your convenience. The nutrition sign up form is attached.

Communication about the Physical Education Curriculum

All parents should have received a letter from the TDSB regarding the changes to the physical education curriculum. In case you have not received it, it is attached to this newsletter.

Contact Information and Forms

Please remember to return all of your registration forms with changes to phone numbers/addresses/email as they are vitally important for the school to have in case of an emergency. Please return the digital tool consent forms that your child received. If you do not return the form, it will be assumed you agree. If you do NOT consent, you must return the form with your child's name and student number. A web page, bit.ly/TDSBDLT, has been created to provide parents with additional information and a copy of the digital consent form is attached.

Playground

We are hoping to have our new kindergarten area ready for the beginning of October. We have had some delays with some of the seating being installed and the contractors hope to finish soon. Thank you for your patience. We are excited at how it is shaping up!



Lates

It is important that your child arrives on time at school every day. Our office can be quite busy in the morning with a high number of late students. It is essential that you bring your child to school on time as it is disruptive for the class and your child misses important learning that takes place. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us reduce our lates.

Pick up time at the end of the day is 3:30 sharp. While there is teacher supervision at the end of the day, younger students should be picked up by parents/guardians or daycare providers that the teacher knows so that children are released to the appropriate person. Students are brought into the office if a parents/guardian does not arrive shortly after dismissal. Please ensure you arrive on time.

Terry Fox Walk

On the afternoon of **Thursday, September 27, 2018**, Ryerson Community School and DVMA students will be taking part in the annual Terry Fox School Run. Our school is proud to play an important role in keeping the legacy of Terry Fox going. Terry Fox showed us all that the impossible is possible. He reminded us all that we can make a difference in the world and change people's lives for the better. Students will have the opportunity to discuss and reflect on the heroic efforts of Terry over the next few weeks as well as raise much-needed funds for cancer research. To date both schools have raised \$6, 504.78. Through our participation in the Terry Fox School Run, we hope to



encourage leadership in our students and create positive agents of change in our wonderful school community. Any amount of donation is greatly appreciated. All monies raised will be forwarded to The Terry Fox Foundation. We are very excited to be a part of this year's Terry Fox Run. We hope you will join us as our school community bands together in the fight against cancer. Thank you in advance for your support!

Orange Shirt day is September 28

As our new school year begins and everyone is getting settled back into the familiar rhythm of school life, we are reminded that for some children, going to school didn't mean being engaged in activities and hanging out with friends. Each year at the end of September, we recognize Orange T-Shirt Day, a day that recognizes the experiences of residential school survivors, and remembers those who did not survive the system. This year, we will be recognizing Orange T-Shirt Day on Friday September 28th. Wearing orange on this day, recognizes the spirit of self-expression, something that was stripped away from those who were forced to attend residential schools. By wearing orange, we are also committing to continue an important conversation about the lasting impacts of residential schools on our First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities in Canada. It also provides a starting point for discussions, lessons and activities in our school around anti-bullying, anti-racism, power and privilege, and positive spaces.





October 5 PA day and October 8 Thanksgiving Holiday

Parents are reminded that **Friday, October 5 is a Professional Activity Day** and **Monday, October 8 is Thanksgiving**. There will be no school on these days.

School Photo Day

Picture day for Ryerson and DVMA is Monday to check for emails and the backpacks for coming days.



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Grade 8 Choices for Nine - Transition to High School

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to the Choices for Nine evening at 6 pm on Wednesday October 17 in the library. Ms. Bruner, our guidance teacher, will provide important information for families to help ensure our students have a smooth transition into high school Ms. Bruner's website can be <http://bit.ly/Guidance-Bruner>

Parent Workshop by Toronto Public Health

Ryerson/ DVMA in partnership with Toronto Public Health are happy to be holding a workshop for parents on how to help your children do well in life. Please join us in the library on **Wednesday October 24th** at 6 pm. Please see the attachment for more details.



Grade 7 Immunization Clinic

Grade 7 families are reminded that Toronto Public Health will be having their immunization clinic on **Thursday, October 25th**. Forms and information packages have been sent home with all Grade 7 students. Please be sure to

complete and return these important forms. Grade 7 students who do not receive immunizations at the clinic will need to be immunized by their family doctor.