



# Sunnylea Update #1 - September, 2023

## Principal Message

I hope you all had a wonderful and safe summer. The teachers and I are excited to welcome students back to school and welcome our new students and families. We hope to continue to provide an environment for your children that ensures that they feel a strong sense of belonging. I will be sending our newsletters on a regular basis, at minimum monthly, but likely more frequently as information needs to be sent out. Mrs. Battersby emails them out, and I try to keep you informed of all the important information happening at the school. This one is longer than usual!

I also try to keep the school website up to date: [Sunnylea Junior School \(tdsb.on.ca\)](https://www.sunnylea-junior-school.tdsb.on.ca). In particular, the calendar section is handy for parents. I post major school events on it.

I look forward to reconnecting with you and your children next week.

Jackie

## Ready for School Checklist

- The first day is TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - arrive by 8:45 to meet your teacher.
- Email your child's teacher to introduce yourself and your child. Make sure that they have current email addresses for your family. **See note below under class placements.**
- Screen your child every day before school, and keep them home if they are ill.
- Lunch and recess snacks that your child can open easily on their own. Ideally, recess snacks are separated from the lunch, so your child can find them quickly.
- Filled water bottle, labelled with your child's name
- Bathroom break before departure for school
- Clothing ready for any weather - we plan to be outside learning as much as possible - even our older kids would benefit from an additional set of clothes left at school - extra bag for soiled clothes
- Label your child's coats, sweaters and jackets. We send a shocking amount of clothing to charity from our Lost and Found.
- Watch for "permission click" forms to complete. These are online forms for athletics, medical, neighbourhood walks, media release etc.

## Entry and Exit:

- Daycare Students Arriving Before 8:30 or being picked up after 3:25:
  - If your child is in preschool, or the toddler program, please drop off and pick up your child at Exit 5 (Humbervale entrance).



- For the safety of all children, preschool and toddler parents are encouraged not to drop off during school entry times (8:45 to 8:55) (10:05 to 10:20) (2:00 to 2:15) (12:00 to 12:05) (3:25 to 3:30).
- If your child is in either kindergarten room, please enter **and exit** through Exit 2 (Glenroy entrance).
- If your child is in room 10 (Mr. Evans' room) or the gym please pick up and drop off your child through the front door. Please enter **and exit** from the front door to drop your child in their program, rather than walking through the hallways.
- If your child is in room 6 (Ms. Akinyode's room) please enter **and exit** through Exit 5 (Humbervale entrance).
- If you have multiple children to drop off, please exit through the appropriate door rather than walking through the hallways.**
- Non-Daycare Students
  - Outside of students in Mrs. Mohan and Mrs. Walker-Penyk's classes, all students will enter through the end doors closest to their class:
    - Maclean, Camilleri, Evans, Elango - through Exit 2 (Glenroy entrance).
    - Breau, Baatjes, Akinyode, Copeland, Fordyce - through Exit 5 (Humbervale entrance).
  - Children will be released directly to a parent. If you want your child to be dismissed and walk home alone, please inform your teacher in writing.
- Please make sure that you let your child's teacher know if there are any changes to the pick up routine. We will not send children home with other adults without confirmation from you.
- Parents are to stay along the edge of the paved area to allow for a safe entry. Please do not walk in amongst the class lineups.**

### Lunch/Recess Routine:

If you are planning to bring your child home for lunch, please collect them from their classroom's external door if they are in kindergarten, **or the front door for the grades 1 to 5 classes**. We ask that if you take your child home for lunch that you do not come on to the school yard when you drop them off.

If your child is staying for lunch, kindergarten children will be combined into two classrooms, while grades 1 to 5 eat in the gym. This is a big change for our grade 1s, so please monitor your child's lunch to see if they are eating. If not, please connect with your child's teacher so we can work together to remedy the situation. Our lunch attendants monitor as best they can, but the ratios in the gym are about 100 to 1 (student to adult).

### Early Pickups:

If you need to pick up your child early from school for an appointment, please email the teacher and [indrani.battersby@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:indrani.battersby@tdsb.on.ca) to let them both know. Please plan to pick up during a natural transition time, such as the start of recesses or lunch. The best times are at the start of lunch at



11:40, or at recess, either at 10:05 or 2:00. If you come outside of these times, you'll likely have to wait for us to collect your child.

## Volunteering

We are happy to welcome parent volunteers. Any volunteer must have completed a police check and have it registered with the school. Parent volunteers must report to the office upon arrival, sign in and collect a volunteer badge.

## Class Placements

Class lists are being finalized today. They will be posted on the door at the front of the school by tomorrow at the end of the day. *Note that we may have to reorganize classes, as our primary classes are all at capacity. This typically happens by the end of September. There is a strong potential that students will be moved during September.*

Please email your child's teacher to introduce yourself and provide email addresses for future communication. Please put your child's full name as the subject line, and include any pertinent information like; pick up and drop off routines, if they are going home for lunch, siblings, or medical alerts. Please include all parent emails. Our homeroom teaching staff are as follows:

Edrey Walker-Penyk (kindergarten): [ME.Walker-Penyk@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:ME.Walker-Penyk@tdsb.on.ca)

Suma Mohan (kindergarten) [Suma.mohan@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Suma.mohan@tdsb.on.ca)

Maathuri Elango (kindergarten) [maathuri.elango@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:maathuri.elango@tdsb.on.ca)

Catherine Maclean (grade 1) [Catherine.Hritzun-Maclean@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Catherine.Hritzun-Maclean@tdsb.on.ca)

Shannon Evans (grade 1-2) [shannon.evans@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:shannon.evans@tdsb.on.ca)

Gloria Camilleri (grade 2) [gloria.camilleri@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:gloria.camilleri@tdsb.on.ca)

Greg Copeland (grade 2-3) [robert.copeland@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:robert.copeland@tdsb.on.ca)

Valerie Fordyce (grade 3-4) [valerie.fordyce@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:valerie.fordyce@tdsb.on.ca)

Heather Breau (grade 4) [heather.breau@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:heather.breau@tdsb.on.ca)

Elizabeth Akinyode (grade 5) [elizabeth.akinyode@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:elizabeth.akinyode@tdsb.on.ca)

Samantha Baatjes (grade 5) [samantha.baatjes@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:samantha.baatjes@tdsb.on.ca)

## Agendas

Grades 1 to 5 students will start using agendas at the start of the year. It will be only handled by your child, to help them keep organized. If you have any notes or information to share with your child's teacher, please email them directly.

## Timetable

Teachers will receive students at 8:52. There will be a teacher on duty starting at 8:37 to supervise students near the center of the school yard. There will be two staff members on duty at the end of the school day - from 3:25 to 3:40 - one at the primary end of the school and the other at the junior end.



**Schedule for Kindergarten**

Entry	8:52, classes start at 8:55
Lunch	11:40 to 12:52, classes start at 12:55
<b>Exit</b>	<b>3:25</b>

**Schedule for Grades 1 to 5**

Entry (at external classroom doors)	8:52, classes start at 8:55
Recess	10:05-10:20
Lunch	11:40 - 12:38, classes start at 12:40
Recess	2:00 - 2:15
<b>Exit</b>	<b>3:25</b>

**Parking**

A reminder that the parking lot is for staff use only, except for the few spots at the end, near Grenview. We thank you for allowing our staff to park at their workplace, and not have to wait for parents to leave spots. Some of our staff are hourly employees and they do arrive close to the start of the workday. Please ensure that your daycare providers/nannies/grandparents etc know the parking regulations at the school.

**IEPs**

If your child has an IEP, please email [jessica.lowes@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:jessica.lowes@tdsb.on.ca) for her to develop an email list. Ms. Lowes is our special education teacher. Please put your child’s name in the subject line, include their homeroom teacher’s name, grade and your contact information. You will receive your IEP consultation letter on September 15th, by email. If you’d like a hard copy, please email [jessica.lowes@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:jessica.lowes@tdsb.on.ca). A hard copy is to be returned to the homeroom teacher.

**Parent Council** Our parent council dates this year are as follows.

**September 27, October 11, November 8, January 10, February 7, April 10, May 8, June 12**

Note that there will be a combination of Zoom and in-person meetings. All parents are welcome to attend, however you are only able to vote if you are a member. Please see attached self-nomination form. Please complete and return to your child’s teacher by September 12. Voting will take place on meet the teacher night, September 14th.

**Daycare**

Daycare currently has space in their FDK and School Age programs. Please contact Katie Jackson, 416 233 6509 if you would like further information.



## Orange Shirt Day

Teachers will be discussing Orange Shirt Day/Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30th) throughout the next few weeks. Of course, conversations about First Nations will be ongoing throughout the school year. You are encouraged to send your child to school **on the 29th** in an orange shirt.



## Start of Year Important Dates:

September 14 - Meet the Teacher - 5:30 to 6:30 - details to follow

September 19 - School assembly - All Choices Matter - with Dwayne Morgan

September 22 - Terry Fox Run - <https://schools.terryfox.ca/SunnyleaPSEtobicoke> to donate.

Event starts after morning recess (around 10:30). Please connect with your child's teacher if you want to join our walk.

September 27 - Parent Council Meeting at 6:30 - in person

September 29 - Orange Shirt Day

October 3 - Photo Day

October 6 - PA day

## Pizza Lunch is back!!

Sunnylea Parent Council is excited to offer Pizza Lunch again!

For the 2023/2024 school year there will be 17 Pizza lunch days .

We will be offering Cheese pizza from **Panago** and you can place an order for 1, 2 or 3 slices per child.

Our first pizza lunch day will be **Friday October 13th**.

The following pizza days will all be held on **Friday's**

<b>October 13th, 27th</b>	<b>January 26th</b>	<b>April 5th, 26th</b>
<b>November 10th, 24th</b>	<b>February 9th, 23rd</b>	<b>May 3rd, 17th, 31</b>
<b>December 1st , 15th</b>	<b>March 8th, 22nd</b>	<b>June 14th</b>

Consistent with years prior there are unfortunately no refunds for missed dates as this is an important fundraiser for the school.

**The cost of pizza for the year (17 lunches) is**

<b>1 slice - \$85</b>	<b>2 slices - \$115</b>	<b>3 slices - \$142</b>
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We aim to ensure that pizza lunch is inclusive of all interested children. We are happy to offer gluten-free and dairy-free options **(2 slices per lunch for \$142)**.

*\* If the cost of pizza lunch is prohibitive, please contact Ms Stafford in full confidence, and we will do our best to ensure your child is included\**

A School Cash Online request will be sent to your email on **Tuesday September 5th** - please look out for it. **\*\*Please ensure you place a separate order per child\*\***



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If you have not signed up for Cash Online, please do so here:]  
<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>.

In addition we kindly ask you to ensure you order enough slices, please send your child with a water bottle/drink and extra snacks to complete their lunch. In the past few years we have seen many children that had ordered one slice but wished they had two or more (especially in the younger grades) and slices are slightly smaller this year. Orders **CANNOT** be changed.

**Final order date is: September 27nd 2023**

Questions? Feel free to reach out to Jenni ([Miss.boraks@gmail.com](mailto:Miss.boraks@gmail.com)) or Leisha ([leishavanderkooy@gmail.com](mailto:leishavanderkooy@gmail.com))

*All funds raised help enhance learning Sunnylea. Many thanks again for your support!*

## Pizza Lunch Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help with pizza lunch. Two volunteers are required per class for each lunch. Volunteers must have police checks on record with the school (please talk to Ms.Battersby in the office if you need one). The time commitment is approximately 30 minutes (11:30 - Noon).

Main responsibilities are setting up, handing out pizza, and reminding kids to clean up. We ask one volunteer to take the plates home to wash and then return them. Please choose your dates wisely as it is your responsibility to find someone to cover if you can't make it. We ask that you please sign up for a maximum of 2 dates per child and then check back in a week to pick up more.

Please **be sure to choose the correct teacher tab at the bottom of the sheet** and use this link [📄 \\* Sunnylea Pizza Volunteer Sign Up Sheet 23/24](#) to sign up.

Please email Jenni at [Miss.boraks@gmail.com](mailto:Miss.boraks@gmail.com) or Leisha at [leishavanderkooy@gmail.com](mailto:leishavanderkooy@gmail.com) with questions. Pizza lunch is a great success because of our wonderful parent community. Thanks in advance for helping out!

## Class Parent

Traditionally, teachers ask one designated 'class parent' to communicate information to the parent group, or help organize events such as crafts or activities for Halloween, Valentine's Day, etc. Please email your child's teacher if you are interested in being the Class Parent. The Class Parent will be asked to create a Google Document to allow interested parents to add their contact information and therefore be included in this email chain. All parents will continue to receive school information from the office and classroom information from the teacher.

## Cross Country

I'm happy to announce that Sunnylea will be participating in Cross Country this year. This is open to all grades 1 to 5 students. Practices will be held before school on Monday, Wednesday



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and Fridays starting the second week of school. If your child is interested in participating, look for the EMA form emailed to you on Tuesday, to give permission for your child to participate in practices. We do not yet have the dates of the events.

## **Police Checks**

There are some upcoming changes to the police check process. We are waiting for updates and will inform you as soon as we hear more.

## **Offence Declaration:**

If you have not done your offence declaration for 23-24, please see Mrs. Battersby on the evening of the Meet the Teacher (September 14).

## **Permission Click Forms**

Please look for an email with a link to your permission click forms from the TDSB directly. Typically this comes early in the school year. Do one for all children. Media release, walking excursions, medical, athletics, physical education form are all included in this. Note that the media release section has two parts - part one is for events inside the school - such as end-of-term slideshows, while part two is for OUTSIDE of the school organization.

## **Lunchroom attendant**

We are in need of lunchroom attendants. If you are interested in working as a supply lunchroom attendant for 1 and a quarter hours on a call-in basis, please connect with the school office.

## **Hot lunch**

Parent council is reviewing vendors and will make recommendations for a paid weekly hot lunch program to start later this fall. Typically, we aim for Wednesdays.

## **Piano**

If you are interested in a free piano from the school, please contact the office.