

SUNNYLEA JUNIOR SCHOOL



KEY DATES – SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2025-2026

Sunnylea Update - Sept. 5, 2025

Highlights

We have had a great start to the 2025/26 school year! This week, students have enjoyed working together in their new classrooms and building a safe and caring community in which to learn. Some are making new friends and others are happy to re-unite with former classmates. We look forward to a great year together!

Below is some information and reminders to help get us off on the right foot.

Entry and Exit

If your child is in the Sunnylea daycare in the kindergarten program, please use exit 2 each morning. If you arrive after 8:30 and the students are outside, please join them outside and check-in with daycare staff for attendance.

If your child is in the school-age program, please enter through the front door and drop them off in the Gym. If it is after 8:30 a.m., please join the group outside.

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 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.

Timetable

Teachers will receive students at 8:52. There will be a teacher on duty starting at 8:37 to supervise students near the centre 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.

Kindergarten Schedule

Entry	8:52, class starts at 8:55
Lunch	11:40 - 12:52., class starts at 12:55
Dismissal	3:25

Grade 1-5 Schedule

Entry	8:52. Class starts at 8:55
Recess	10:05 - 10:20
Lunch	11:40 - 12:38
Recess	2:00 - 2:15
Dismissal	3:25

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.

Volunteers - Police Check/offense declaration

We are happy to welcome parent volunteers. Any volunteer must have completed a police record check and have it registered with the school. The police record checks are now done online. Please see below for the link. Parent volunteers must report to the office upon arrival, sign in and collect a volunteer badge.

Weblink : <https://www.tps.ca/services/police-record-checks/>

TDSB Code: 202309TPSOND7EFC

If you already have your police record check completed and need to do your yearly offence declaration, please see Mrs. Battersby in the office or during the evening of Meet the Teacher on September 18th.

Parent Volunteer Drivers - *Changes for 2025/26*****

As you know, many schools rely on parent volunteer drivers to help out for tournaments and various sporting events when there aren't enough students to fill a bus. Please note that updates have been made in the TDSB Excursion Procedure, to support the requirement of \$2 million liability insurance for drivers. This represents an increase from the previous \$1 million limit. Beginning in September, schools must retain a copy of the Ontario insurance slip from each driver. This must state the volunteer's name, make of vehicle, and the effective date for the period of vehicle use. Volunteers, which include staff, parents and guardians, must also provide a copy of the insurance policy declaration page that identifies the \$2 million limit.

Allergies/health information/epipens

Please be sure to update all medical information in the start of the year forms that are being sent by the TDSB. If your child (Grades 1-5) has a life-threatening allergy

and requires an epipen, please provide a small fanny-pak to allow your child to keep their epi-pen with them at all times. In the event of an emergency, it is important that we are able to access the injector immediately. Small ones that fit easily under jackets can be found on Amazon: [kids fanny pack](#) Kindergarten students can keep their epi-pen in their classroom in a spot designated by the teacher and ECE. We have a number of students at Sunnylea with a variety of nut allergies as well as other food allergies. Please remind your child that we NEVER share food with others. Please do not send food that contains peanuts or other tree nuts.

Start-up forms

Please be sure to return all of the forms sent home with your child this week as well as the electronic forms that the TDSB is in the process of sending to all families.

1 to 1 devices - Grade 5's

The Student Device Program is on pause for the 2025-2026 school year as per the budget passed at the June 18 Board meeting. No devices will be allocated to Grade 5 this year. IT Services will continue to support Grades 6-12 students participating in the program and will continue to process requests for students new to TDSB or those who did not have a device assigned to them previously in Grades 6-12. Grade 4 and 5 students at Sunnylea will have a chromebook to use while at school but they will not be taking them home at night as with the 1 to 1 device program.

IEP's

If your child has an IEP, you will receive your IEP consultation letter today. Please be sure to return the consultation letter to your child's homeroom teacher asap. Our Special Education Resource teacher is Christina Alviani
(Christina.Alviani@tdsb.on.ca)

Sunnylea JS School Council ("Parent Council")

Our first School Council meeting of this school year is Wednesday 17th at 6:30pm at the school! It is the last meeting of the 2024/25 Council before we elect a new one in October. We are currently looking for parents/caregivers to fill Executive positions (Co Chair, Treasurers) as well as a Fundraising Lead as the wonderful parents who have held these positions for a few years begin transitioning out.

These elections/appointments will also take place at the meeting in October. All parents are welcome to attend! If you are interested in joining us on Council the September meeting is a good one to check out to see what it is all about. Interested parents/caregivers for the 2025/26 School Council must complete a self nomination form to participate as a voting member on the School Council. The forms will be available in the office as well as at Curriculum Night/Meet the

Teacher and here: [ABC School Council Parent Election Nomination Form](#) Please bring the completed form to the council meeting in October. Date TBD.

For more information on Sunnylea's School Council [see here](#). You will see the results of our fundraising etc efforts mentioned throughout the year in the newsletters and at events at the school.

It is a quiet week next week but we will continue to get settled into our class routines and learn about each other as a school community.

September Character Trait - Respect

Monday, September 8 Day 5	
Tuesday, September 9 Day 1	
Thursday, September 10 Day 2	
Thursday, September 11 Day 3	
Friday, September 12 Day 4	

UPCOMING DATES:

Sept. 17 - SAC Meeting 6:30 p.m., Lunch Lady begins

Sept. 18 - Curriculum Night

Sept. 22 - 25 - Jungle Sport in the Gym

Sept. 26 - P.A. Day, Pizza Orders Due

Sept. 29 - Sunnylea Terry Fox Assembly @ 2:15 followed by the Terry Fox Walk/Run

September 30 - Orange Shirt Day

October 1 - PHOTO DAY 😊

Oct. 3 - Pizza Lunch

