

PRINCIPAL: Z. VALERIO  
VICE-PRINCIPAL: T. FITZNER

### IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 9- First day of school

Sept. 29- Terry Fox Walk (AM)

Sept. 30th- Orange Shirt Day/  
Performance by QMack & D.O. Gibson

Oct. 5- World Teacher's Day

Oct. 6- Outdoor Drumming Circle

Oct. 11- Thanksgiving/  
No School

Oct. 14- Virtual Curriculum Night

Oct. 28- Pumpkin Decorating Contest/School Council Meeting virtually @ 5pm



### Schoolyard Supervision

The schoolyard is supervised from 9:00am-9:10am a.m., during the lunch break and recess times only. **Students are not to arrive at school before supervised times** and are encouraged to go home immediately after school dis-



# Topcliff Public School

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## Principal's Message

On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to extend a very warm **welcome to all new and returning families to Topcliff's school community.**

The beginning of a new school year always brings excitement, new goals and great possibilities for success and achievement. This year we expect no less! We will continue to work together

with our school community towards creating a caring and safe learning environment that is focused on high achievement for **all** students.

While we face unusual circumstances this school year, we are all committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

I will communicate regularly via email regarding school updates and information. All visits to the school are limited. If you need to contact the office or a teacher please call for assistance. Most meetings will be by phone or virtual. Please ensure that the school office has a current email address for you.

Please visit us on Twitter: @TDSB\_Topcliff for regular class photos.

-Z. Valerio

### Safe Arrival Program

When your child is absent from school, please call the school before 8:30am. at 416-395-2940 and leave a message with your child's name, classroom and reason for absence. This voice message system is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.



Ms. Morgan's kindergarten students enjoying  
Topcliff's outdoor classroom!



## School Bell Times

Please notice the start and dismissal times for the school day.

Morning Entry 9:10 a.m.

Afternoon Entry 1:05 p.m.

Dismissal 3:45 p.m.

Please drop off students in the school yard.

Parents are not to be inside the school building. Supervision is not available until 9:00a.m.



## Lunch Time Routines



In order to maintain social distancing throughout the day, we have divided the Grade 1-5 classes into 2 cohorts.

**Cohort 1** classes are: Ms. Bhamra, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Grewal, Mme. Koutou, Mme. Cheaka

**Cohort 2** classes are: Mr. James, Mr. Tengho, Ms. McLennon, Ms. Bent, Ms. Egan

### Recess Times:

Cohort 1: 10:20-10:30 am and 2:15-2:25pm

Cohort 2: 10:30-10:40am and 2:25-2:35pm

### Lunch Times:

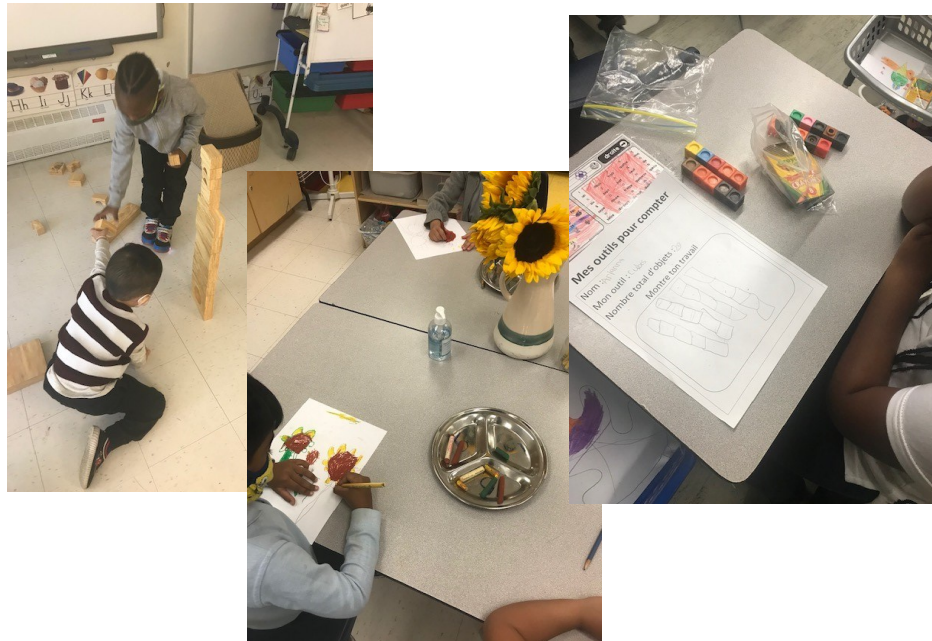
Cohort 1: 12:05-12:35pm inside eating and 12:35-1:05pm outside playing

Cohort 2: 12:05-12:35pm outside playing and 12:35-1:05pm inside eating

All students remaining at school during the lunch recess will receive 30 minutes of outdoor play (even during the winter) and 30 minutes to eat lunch. Students will be eating lunch in their classrooms this year.

Due to COVID 19- food deliveries via UberEats/Skp the Dishes, and lunch drop-offs by parents are not permitted. All students need to bring a **packed litterless lunch** with them in the mornings.

**IMPORTANT: To ensure STUDENT SAFETY, no student will be allowed to go to the mall to buy lunch this year. No exceptions!! Parents will have to sign out their child and take them out for lunch themselves.**





## Daily Health Screening

Before coming to school each day, all students and staff must conduct an active health screening self-assessment, considering the following questions:

Do you have any of the following symptoms (new or worsening):

- Fever
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Decrease or loss of taste or smell
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the past 14 days?
- Have you been in close contact with someone who is sick or has confirmed COVID-19 in the past 14 days without wearing the appropriate PPE?
- Does anyone in the household have one or more symptoms and/or waiting for test results?

If you answered **yes** to any of these questions, please stay home; self-isolate right away; and get tested. Contact your health provider. For more information about testing, please visit [www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/](http://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/).

**NEW:** In partnership with SickKids, we do have Saliva Rapid Test kits available for students, household members, staff who have 1 or more symptoms. Contact main office for a kit.

## Junior Students Participate in Student Vote Canada Program on Election Day



The junior grades learned about the Canadian government election system and participated in an authentic voting experience placing their votes on September 20th. Student voices matter.

Use one of these TDSB Health Screening Tools:



## Student

### Transportation:

Parents can sign up for the Bus Portal to access information specific to your child's transportation, including route number, stop location, times and bus company contact details.

If you have additional questions about student transportation for the 2021-22 school year, please call the transportation office temporary start-up number at 647-790-3829 or email [transportation@torontoschoolbus.org](mailto:transportation@torontoschoolbus.org).



**Superintendent of Education:** Helen Fisher

**Trustee of Education:** Christopher Mammoliti

**School Council Chair:** vacant

**Community Support Worker:** Patrick Boland

**Social Worker:** Susan Sabnani