

# WEST ROUGE WEEKLY

Week of September 4 - 8, 2023

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## Information & Announcements

### Welcome Back West Rouge from Ms. Ponka 😊

Thank you for the warm welcome! I know that my introduction was without warning (even to me) so I am grateful for your patience as I find my way and become familiar with your school community and most importantly, your children. The support of this staff, outgoing Principal Mr. Murphy and Principal Ms. Trialonis has been invaluable. I hope I can be a helpful transition leader until the return of Principal Ms. Trialonis.

**School Hours:** 8:45am – 3:15pm – Entry bell rings at 8:40am, lunch 11:30am – 12:30pm and dismissal at 3:15pm

**Student Placements:** A big part of the anticipation and excitement of the new school year is meeting the new teacher and finding out who is in our classroom. With expectations can come some disappointments. I have had the opportunity to investigate the process of class organization at West Rouge and I can tell you that the team here has taken considerable time and care to consider all our students in creating balanced and supportive cohorts for all children. This is challenging in all schools but particularly in small schools with stable populations. Year after year I am reminded that disappointments often come with many unexpected gifts, surprises, and rewards. It is going to be a great school year here at West Rouge.

### **Student Safety:**

- Please be sure to let your child's teacher know about student allergies and medications
- Please follow the signs in our parking lot if you must drive your child to school
- Please be sure to follow the Safe Arrivals protocol and call the office at 416-696-6635 if your child is going to be absent
- Please let your child's teacher know if you are picking your child up for lunch
- Please see the office for a TDSB Police Reference Check if you would like to volunteer at our school

## Week at a glance....

<b>Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup></b> DAY 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Labour Day</li><li>• No School</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup></b> DAY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School</li><li>• Teachers will be outside, and pylons will be indicating where students can meet up with their classroom</li><li>• Regular School Hours</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup></b> DAY 2	
<b>Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup></b> DAY 3	
<b>Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup></b> DAY 4	

### SAVE THE DATE...LOOKING AHEAD

September 20<sup>th</sup>      School Council (Elections)

September 27<sup>th</sup>      Curriculum Night

September 26<sup>th</sup>      School Photo Day 😊

September 29<sup>th</sup>      Pizza Lunch

**REMINDER:** Due to various food allergies, food sharing is not recommended at school. Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

## **Character Matters!**

**Spirit badge for September based on the Seven Sacred Teachings:**

# **COURAGE**



### **September is – Month**

September 30<sup>th</sup> is Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

TDSB recognizes the legacy of Canada's residential school system and continues to learn the many truths of these institutions.

We honour First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children and communities impacted by this system.

Further information will be provided in the coming weeks.

# GREAT THINGS HAPPENING @ WEST ROUGE!



On August 30<sup>th</sup>, the parents of West Rouge Jr. P.S. had a final farewell for Mr. Murphy at the school.

Mr. Murphy's contributions to West Rouge Jr. P.S. went above and beyond. He is a true leader and will be missed here at West Rouge.

We Thank Mr. Murphy for his leadership and dedication and wish him much success at his new school!

