



September Newsletter



From the Principal's Desk

RYERSON HEIGHTS : SEPTEMBER 2021
"TODAY'S BELIEVERS ARE TOMORROW'S LEADERS"

Welcome back !

After being away for a long time we are very excited to be back at Ryerson Heights.

Our return to school this year will see a more "normal" school experience as many of the things we couldn't do last year will gradually start to return.

There are still a number of health and safety protocols we will need to follow.

◆ Staff, students and any visitors must complete daily Covid-19 screening before

coming to school.

◆ Please follow the guidance on the screening tool regarding attending school

◆ The parking lot will be closed at arrival and dismissal time

◆ All staff and students are required to wear masks while indoors and outdoors if distancing can't be maintained

◆ A continued focus on hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette will be in place

◆ Only parents of Kindergarten parents are allowed on the yard at arrival and dismissal times.

Typically there are a lot of things that come home the first few days of school. We are going to try and minimize these items as much as possible.

To get started please...

1. Familiarize students with our new routines.

2. Make sure your contact information is up to

date including a valid email address and check it for updates often.

3. Make sure your emergency contacts are available for picking up students during the day.

Unfortunately we will be unable to host "Meet the Teacher Night" again this year. Staff will be reach out to families in other ways. Please also feel free to reach out to your child's teacher.

Important September Dates

First Day of School	7th
Orange Shirt Day	30th
Terry Fox Walk/Run	October 1

Reminders

- 8:35 Morning Bell
- 10:23—11:03 Morning Break
- 12:39—1:19 Afternoon Break
- 2:55 Dismissal

Grand Erie Launches New Multi-Year Plan

Grand Erie is launching its new multi year plan this fall.

Our new vision is three simple but powerful words. Learn. Lead. Inspire.

Those words affirm our commitment to learning at every level of the organization. And at our school.

A vision is an aspirational thing, but this plan not only highlights possibilities for tomorrow, it promotes a

new way of thinking now and encourages all learners to lead and inspire. The words are chosen with purpose. They are active, optimistic and help build a culture of leaders.

This vision becomes the foundation of our new collective mission. The strategic plan is organized under the overarching headings of **Learn, Lead, Inspire**. It is not only a board vision, but our philosophy, with a focus on our three priorities, learning, well-being, and belonging.

Together we build a culture of learning, well-being and belonging to inspire each learner.



Nutrition Breaks & Allergy Reminders

All Grand Erie Elementary Schools are on a **Balanced School Day**. This means that your child will have two nutrition breaks during the day. Students in grades 6-8 may go home or out for lunch with pre-arranged parent approval. Please remind younger students to save food for both breaks.

Special food days will gradually make a return to school this year.

Please note that there are several students at Ryerson Heights with anaphylactic allergies to: peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, latex, kiwi, guava fruit and mango. In some cases, just exposure to these items could trigger a life-threatening reaction.

We appreciate the cooperation of all families in keeping these items out of the school. We ask for your support by voluntarily avoiding...

Nuts and sesame in any form (including nut butters, nut oils or any items baked with nut prod-

ucts), latex products, kiwi, guava fruit or mango. Nut substitutes like WowButter or other nut substitutes should also not be sent to



School Council and Volunteering

School Council is one of many ways to get involved at Ryerson Heights. Council meets regularly during the year and helps organize school events and activities, does fundraising and advocates for our school and students.

School Council will look a little differently this year but our School Council will still play an

important role in our school.

Please look for more information in the near future.

For now, volunteering at Ryerson is on hold.

Accessibility training is also required for all volunteers. This can be found and completed through the Board's website under com-

munity, volunteers and A.D.O.A. Training.

Information will come home later in September regarding this year's school council elections.

Ryerson Heights 2021-22 Staff

Office Staff

Mr. Ouellette - Principal

Ms. Stratton - Vice-Principal

Mrs. Snow - Secretary

Mrs. Sibbick—Secretary

Kindergarten Teams

Mrs. Haliburton & Ms. Dredge

Ms. Richardson & Ms. Smiley

Ms. Volchoff & Mrs. Himburg

Ms. Purdy & Mrs. Wardell-Parasiuk

Ms. Borges & Mrs. Gonzalez

Ms. Rosewell & Ms. Anderson

Grade 1

Mrs. Manzo

Mrs. Horne

Mrs. Stallmann

Ms. Vohra

Grade 2

Mrs. Harris

Mrs. Elsohemy

Mrs. Matheson

Ms. Brohman

Grade 3

Mrs. Payne

Mrs. De Grandis

Mrs. Briggs

Mrs. Agius

Grade 4

Mrs. Ogle

Mr. Mayock

Ms. Looyenga

Grade 5

Mr. Corrigan

Mrs. Harder

Ms. Andrews

Grade 6

Mrs. Marsh

Mrs. Rivers

Mrs. Maas

Grade 7

Mr. Woodley

Mr. Vandervlist

Ms. Mancini

Grade 8

Mr. Cohoon

Ms. Kroes

Mrs. Penrice

Learning Resource

Ms. Mansley

Mrs. Koniuch

French

Mme Hill

M Barnes

Mme Larocque

Primary Prep

Mrs. Hatton

Mrs. Stillman

Mr. Stickle

Ms. Hall

Ms. Mehlenbacher

Educational Assistants

Ms. Globensky

Mrs. Roswell

Mrs. Martin

Mrs. Sousa

Mrs. Potter

Mrs. Whittaker

Mrs. O'Connell

Ms. Taylor

Room 104

Mrs. Kohli

Custodians

Mr. Amey

Mr. Mangifesta

Mr. Logan

MEET OUR

Staff



2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

BRANT | BRANTFORD | HALDIMAND ELEMENTARY

REVISED EDITION

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January						3	4	5	1	2	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3			
February						6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28	29	30	31
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H School Holiday **P** Professional Activity Day **B** Board Designated Holiday

The 2021-22 School Year Calendar provided a total of 187 Instructional and 7 Professional Development Days. The first day of school for all students will be September 7, 2021.

Sept. 2, 2021: Health and Safety Protocols/Anti-Racism Training
Oct. 8, 2021: Curriculum and Student Achievement Focus on Mathematics
Nov. 12, 2021: Curriculum and Assessment - Parent Interviews
Jan. 17, 2022: Curriculum and Assessment - Report Cards
April 22, 2022: Transformative Pedagogy for Deeper Learning
June 6, 2022: Curriculum and Assessment - Report Cards
June 30, 2022: Staff Professional Development

SUCCESS for Every Student