





Day & Date	Day	What's Happening
<b>Mon. September 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		Labour Day – no school today
<b>Tues. September 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	1	Welcome Back ☺ Student forms go home.
<b>Wed. September 4<sup>th</sup></b>	2	
<b>Thurs. September 5<sup>th</sup></b>	3	Breakfast Program Starts! 
<b>Fri. September 6<sup>th</sup></b>	4	Please return student forms. 

Please continue to check our school website for updates: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/fairwood.ps>



It is our pleasure to extend a warm welcome to both new and returning families to the Fairwood community. We are looking forward to hearing about your summer adventures and to seeing all of you at our school's Open House and BBQ on Thursday evening, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

This year, students and parents can look forward to working with talented, caring staff, who are dedicated to providing the highest quality education for the children who attend our school. We believe in working as partners with parents and the community to provide a positive environment where everyone feels safe and welcomed. Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on establishing safe and respectful classroom and school routines. Ms. Glass is currently on an extended leave and we welcome Mr. Liverance as a supporting administrator for the next six weeks. Mr. Liverance has many years of experience as an administrator in our schools and I am looking forward to working together.

We encourage you to keep in touch with staff regularly so that we can work together to support your child. There are many special events that have been planned for our students and you will hear about them as the year unfolds through the weekly newsletter which will be emailed to each parent/guardian enrolled with our EDSBY program and posted to the school website every Friday. The newsletter will include student and parent information and special events that have happened throughout the school. We encourage you to read the newsletters so that you can keep up with what's happening around our FANTASTIC school.

We are excited for the opportunity to be part of your child's education and look forward to a great year of learning together!

Jill Maar  
Principal

Cheryl Glass  
Vice-Principal

Respect ~ Responsibility ~ Honesty ~ Empathy ~ Fairness ~ Initiative ~ Perse



Optimism



**First Day of School – Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

For students in Kindergarten:

8:15 a.m.	<b>Senior Kindergarten students</b> will meet their teachers inside the fenced kindergarten yard.
10:30 a.m.	<b>Junior Kindergarten students</b> arrive, enter through the front doors of the school and proceed to the office where someone will deliver your child to their classroom.
12:00 p.m.	<b>Junior Kindergarten students</b> are picked up at the gate of the fenced kindergarten yard.
2:50	<b>Senior Kindergarten students</b> are dismissed according to parental arrangements.

For students in grades 1-8: We ask that your child arrive to meet their teacher on the back pavement prior to the 8:15 a.m. entry bell. Please use the grade level signs attached to chairs to navigate to the appropriate class.

For students in Community Classes: We ask that these students together with support staff proceed directly to their classes.



**School Assistants at Fairwood Public School 2019-2020**

Thank you to our current lunch assistants. We depend on you to keep our lunch hours safe and enjoyable for our students. We need to hire six (6) permanent School Assistants at Fairwood for the fall.

We understand the challenge of individuals wishing to commit to a position for one hour in the middle of the day, however, in order to safely supervise our students at lunch, we require six (6) full time school assistants. If we are unable to find the appropriate number of school assistants, we will need to adjust where the children eat (for example in the gym instead of in their classroom) and possibly the timing of when lunch occurs (a split lunch).

PLEASE consider helping out our students and contacting Mrs. Best at 905-476-5447 if you are available. This paid position is \$14.00 per hour/5 hours per week

**September Forms**

On the first day of school, your child will bring home an important package of forms that include the following information:

- Medical information – students with previous medical forms will receive them in their envelope. Please complete and return to the school ASAP. If you are in need of medical forms, please office directly and they will be sent home.
- Student agenda information - \$2.00
- School Start-Up Permissions form
- Safe Schools Information
- Appropriate Use of Technology
- School Council Nomination Form
- Student Information Card – please print any changes onto the form and return/if there are no changes, please return to the school as well.

Please complete/update these forms, sign permissions, and return to the school by Friday, September 6th.



**School Timetable**

Fairwood Public School Timetable	
Entry	8:05
Instruction	8:20 -10:00
Recess	10:00-10-30
Instruction	10:30 -12:10
Lunch	12:10-1:10
Instruction	1:10- 2:50
Dismissal	2:50



**Safe Arrival Program**

Every morning we contact the parents of students who are absent from school and for whom we have had no prior notification. If we are unable to reach a parent/guardian, we are required to inform the police. If you know that your child is going to be absent for a medical appointment etc., please let the school office know through EDSBY, written note or phone call **THE DAY BEFORE**. This considerably reduces the number of calls to parents that we have to make. If your child becomes ill overnight, please use EDSBY to inform the office or leave a message on the answering machine which is turned on at the end of each day.

**School Security and Visitors in the School**

The school doors are locked during the school day. Please ring the bell for entrance and check in at the office when you enter the school. The doors will be open before school to allow staff and students to enter, and after school to allow families to enter the day care. If you are volunteering or attending a special event in the school, please sign in at the office and wear a visitor sticker. If you would like to see a staff member, check into the office and the staff member will be called to the office to meet you.

**Peanut and Nut Aware**

In our school, there are students and staff with potentially life-threatening forms of allergic reactions called Anaphylaxis. If by accident, the allergic child is to come into contact with even a small quantity of peanut or nut products, their residues, or even the scent of nuts, the child may develop hives, swelling and demonstrate difficulty in breathing. If the reaction is not stopped, the symptoms may become more severe leading to a drop in blood pressure, unconsciousness and or death. Immediate action must be taken by use of adrenaline injection (Epi-pen). All affected individuals in our school with this condition carry an Epi-pen at all times and staff are trained in their use and administration.



**Medication**

Either on a regular basis or at times throughout the year, some students may need to take medication at school. Parents must complete a permission form and have it approved by the Principal before medication can be taken or stored in the school. All medication is kept locked, in the office and students are supervised as they take any medication. Students are not permitted at any time to bring any medication to school and keep it in their classroom, lunch bags, backpacks or lockers.

**Edsby Communication**

Key points to Edsby Account Activation:

- Parents and Guardians new to EDSBY and those who have a child newly attending our school will receive an email from EDSBY inviting them to register/connect. Subject line will be: "Invitation from Edsby to connect". Please click the "*click here to accept*" link in the email and follow the on-screen directions





- If you already have created an account there is no need to create another account. Any additional children can be linked to your existing account.
- If you do not receive this, please check your Spam/Junk folder. If it is not in your Spam/Junk folder, send an email with your correct email address to [fairwood.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:fairwood.ps@yrdsb.ca) and we will check and update your email and send the invitation again (this will take at least 24 hours not including weekends).
- TIP: The registration process has been more successful on laptops than it has on phones so please take this into consideration when registering.
- Once you have successfully registered you should receive a confirmation email with the subject line “Welcome to Edsby”.

Video instructions are available at: <http://bit.ly/EdsbyParentAccount>

We are sending out this communication in advance to ensure that you have an active EDSBY account.

If you experience any difficulties, please contact the school office.

### **Home Tips for Helping Students to be Ready to Learn**

- A consistent and appropriate bed time
- Limiting screen time (tv, phone, ipad) as well as removing screen time one hour before bed
- Arriving at school on time
- Healthy snacks and meals
- Reading and playing games with siblings and adults
- Talking about the school day (What was the best part of your day? What is something you were proud about?, What is a struggle that you had? How did you solve a problem?)
- Talking with teachers about your child’s progress

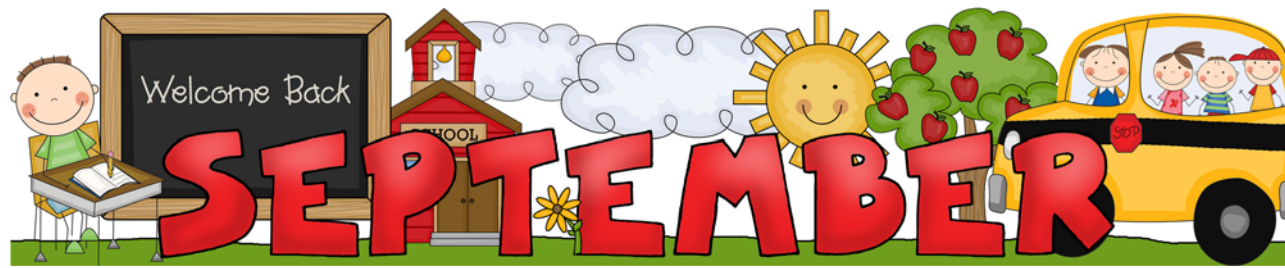
With appreciation,













Jill Maar  
Principal

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Vice Principal

Pat Best  
Admin Assistant

Diane Carlson  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2 LABOUR DAY	3 Day 1  <b>WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL</b>	4 Day 2	5 Day 3 Breakfast Program Starts! 	6 Day 4 Student Forms Returned to School 	7	
8	9 Day 5 	10 Day 1  Day Of Ashura School Book Fair	11 Day 2	12 Day 3  <b>Open House</b> 5:00 - 7:15 pm	13 Day 4  Terry Fox Assembly @ 11:00	14	
15	16 Day 5	17 Day 1 Milk, Hot Dog and Pizza Forms Due 	18 Day 2	19 Day 3  <b>WE DAY</b> Celebration	20 Day 4	21	
22	23 PA Day No School	24 Day 5 Safety Week Milk Program Begins	25 Day 1 Terry Fox Run (PM) 	26 Day 2 Hot Dog Lunch 	27 Day 3 Character Assembly – Respect @ 11:00	28	
29 	30 Day 4 Orange Shirt Day 