



## Week #3 Glad Park PS E-Bulletin: September 14 - 18th



**Attached:** YRDSB Return to School Plan, How to put on a face mask, Proper Handwashing, How to speak to your child about COVID 19

Good afternoon Grizzlies!

This past week we were excited to have students in our Community Class begin the Return To School Transition Program. It was awesome to see their excitement and smiling faces as they returned to school. As well, our staff have started to prepare classrooms and school spaces to safely welcome our students back to school.

We will continue to connect with our families via the weekly e-bulletin until such time that all families have access to EDSBY. We anticipate that access to EDSBY will be available once all students have started school. Please make sure you have access to EDSBY: <https://yrdsb.edsby.com/>. Once we begin school, if you do not have access please email [glad.park.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:glad.park.ps@yrdsb.ca) and our office will respond with instructions.

To our families who are enrolled in Online Learning you will continue to receive updates from Glad Park. Please stay connected with us!

As we continue to plan for returning to school, we endeavour to ensure that our students and staff return to a safe and supportive learning environment. As a school we have confidence that with a focus on safety and well being that we will have a successful start to the school year.

As you have questions about the return to school please refer to the YRDSB link for **Frequently Asked Questions** (see below). If you have a question specific to Glad Park please email [glad.park.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:glad.park.ps@yrdsb.ca)

We receive ongoing updates from YRDSB and we will continue to keep you informed. Should you have any questions the most up to date information is available through our board website; [School Reopening](#)

FOCUS WEEK August 31 - 4	FOCUS WEEK September 8th - 11th
<p><a href="#">Return to School Plan</a></p> <p><b>Supported Entry Plan</b></p> <p>Sept. 10, 11, 14, 15, 16 - Cohorts A and B will be shared with families by Wed. Sept. 2 via email. We will plan for siblings to be in the school on the same day.</p> <p><b>Professional Learning &amp; Training for Reopening for all staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Health &amp; Safety Training</li> <li>○ Student &amp; Staff Mental Health &amp; Well-being</li> <li>○ Compliance Training (Completed yearly)</li> <li>○ Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression &amp; Anti-Bullying</li> <li>○ New Math Curriculum</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>School Council Meeting</b> for 2019-2020 School Council Members @ 6 pm</li> <li>● <b>No locker use</b> - students will bring a backpack which will be kept on their chair in their</li> </ul>	<p><b>First day routines</b> will be shared for Thursday September 10</p> <p><b>Supported Entry Plan:</b></p> <p><b>Grades 1 - 8 and Community Class</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thurs. Sept. 10 - Cohort A</li> <li>● Fri. Sept. 11 - Cohort B</li> <li>● Mon. Sept. 14 - Cohort A</li> <li>● Tues. Sept. 15 - Cohort B</li> <li>● Wed. Sept. 16 - full classes</li> </ul> <p><b>Kindergarten</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thurs. Sept. 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior Kindergarten ONLY</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Fri. Sept. 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior Kindergarten ONLY</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Mon. Sept. 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior Kindergarten</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p>classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Cubby hooks</b> will be assigned for students in kindergarten - grade 5 adhering to physical distancing protocols</li> <li>● Communicate school procedures with families</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ JK Cohort A ONLY</li> <li>● Tues. Sept. 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior Kindergarten</li> <li>○ JK Cohort B ONLY</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Wed. Sept. 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior Kindergarten</li> <li>○ JK Cohort A ONLY</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Thurs. Sept. 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senior Kindergarten</li> <li>○ JK Cohort B ONLY</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Fri. Sept. 18 - JK and SK full class</li> </ul>
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## *Stay connected!*

Glad Park email: [glad.park.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:glad.park.ps@yrdsb.ca)

Glad Park website : <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/gladpark.ps/Pages/default.aspx>

School Council: [glad.park.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:glad.park.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca)

EDSBY: <https://yrdsb.edsby.com/>

### Glad Park Frequently Asked Questions:

[YRDSB Frequently Asked Questions](#) may help with questions. We will continue to answer questions specific to Glad Park in our weekly email.

**Which entry door will my child use?** Prior to the start of school we will share a map with designated entry doors for each class.

**Will students use lockers?** Lockers will not be used. Students will bring all of their belongings in a backpack. This will be kept on the back of their classroom chair.

**Why is the board or the school not making masks mandatory for all students, as has been done elsewhere??** Masks and social distancing have been shown to be the most effective measures in minimizing spread of the virus (along with staying home when sick) however with regular class sizes social distancing may not be attainable all day- masks, therefore, should be mandatory.

### **YRDSB FAQ response: How are you ensuring the health and safety of students at school?**

We continue to work closely with public health authorities and follow their direction and advice. We are putting a number of health and safety measures in place in our schools to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and well-being of our students, staff members and families. This includes:

- **Face coverings (PPE)** - Parents/guardians will be expected to provide their child with a personal face covering (non-medical mask) to wear at school to reduce the spread of their own respiratory droplets to protect others. In Grades 4 to 12, students will wear non-medical or cloth masks while in school. In Kindergarten to Grade 3 non-medical or cloth masks are strongly encouraged for students. School staff will also be required to wear masks.

- **Self-assessment** - On a daily basis, parents/guardians of students under 18, students over 18 and staff members are responsible for reviewing and adhering to the [COVID-19 self-assessment instructions provided by York Region Public Health](#). Any student or staff experiencing COVID-19 symptoms is **required** to remain home.
- **Hand washing and sanitizing** - A hand sanitizing station will be placed in the front lobby of the school and in classrooms. Students and staff members will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer regularly, including when they enter the classroom, before and after lunch and recess, after using the washroom or touching shared objects or common touch spots.
- **Cleaning and disinfection** - Additional cleaning measures will be put in place in schools, including twice-daily cleaning and disinfection of high touch surfaces, in line with public health guidelines.
- **Movement around the school** - Directional signs and stickers will be installed throughout the schools to minimize close contact between students.
- **Visitors** - Until further notice, visitor(s) are not to enter the school during hours of operation unless identified through a prearranged exception. If you need to attend the school, please contact the principal to make arrangements. Accommodations will be made in emergency situations. Any permitted visitors must comply with safety protocols.

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## COVID-19 Mental Health Resources for Students and Families

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/Repository/NewsEvents/Pages/BoardNews/Coronavirus-Mental-Health.aspx>

Child friendly apps to help with anxiety: <https://www.anxiety.org/gift-apps-children-anxiety>

Stress management: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Students/MySkills/Pages/Stress-Management.aspx>

### Crisis Mental Health Supports for Students:

[310-COPE](#): 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7

[KidsHelpPhone](#): 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7

[York Hills Help Phone Line](#): 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30-4:00 p.m. for children and youth (0-18 years) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters.

If you have concerns regarding possible suicidal ideation for students, please refer to the Board's [Student Suicide Intervention Response Guidelines for the Period of COVID-19 School Closures](#).

### Culturally Relevant Mental Health Supports:

[Black Youth Helpline](#): 1-833-294-8650

[Taibu Community Health Centre](#): 416-644-3536

[Tropicana Community Services](#): 416-439-9009