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**Ramer Wood Public School**

# June Newsletter 2020

June 26, 2020

Dear Ramer Wood Families,

In schools across Ontario, June is a time for reflection and celebration of all the work that has occurred since last September. While this year brought with it a lot of uncertainty, Ramer Wood Staff and students persevered through some of the most difficult times, with the Pandemic. Without the collective energy of everyone involved at Ramer Wood Public School, we could not have made the shift from classroom to the learning and care plan online and at home. Thank you parents, guardians, and community for your support!

Our school improvement plan work will continue where we left off in the fall: Indigenous Education and Equity, culturally Responsive Teaching Practices, Comprehensive Math programs and Outdoor Education & Mental Health and Well-Being.

We celebrated our outstanding Grade Eights at Graduation on June 22th during the students Google Classroom Meet. Staff speeches, awards presentation and a Year Book slide show were part of the program. We would like to thank the Grade Eight Graduating class for all of their work and leadership throughout their time here at Ramer Wood. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours! We know they will make us proud!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Grade Eight Graduates!

Please view YRDSB's Elementary Graduation video:

<https://youtu.be/Ccaqv3qbGpo>

When school resumes in the fall, we hope to honour our Graduates with a fall Graduation ceremony/celebration. Thank you to School Council for ordering composites for each Graduate. It will be a great keepsake and a lasting reminder of the students who were together the 2019 – 2020 school year.

Our gratitude goes to our caring and capable school office team; our Elementary Office Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Pancharovski and Secretary, Ms. Tirogiannis. To our Caretakers Ms. Courtney and Mr. Lee who have done so much to create a clean and safe environment in which to work and to learn. We would also like to thank our School Assistant (lunch time) team who are at school every lunch hour to supervise our students. You are all such valued individuals.

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# June Newsletter 2020 message con't...

There will be some staff changes come September. We welcome the return of Ms. Milroy Ms. Cohen and Ms. Wu. We bid farewell and thank you to Ms. Hur, Ms. Brown and Ms. Tirogiannis who have accepted positions at other YRDSB schools. We also thank Ms. Tubesam, Ms. Rosen, Ms. Ghadirian, Mrs. Vincent, Ms. Mark, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Bansal who filled in for us while teachers and DECE were on leaves. We would also like to welcome Ms. Grewal and Ms. Zafirovski to our Ramer Wood Family. We wish the best to each staff member.

It has been my honour to have been a part of this school and will miss the daily interactions with students, staff, families and the community. Thank you for the support, kindness and working relationship which I have received from School Council. While proud of the accomplishments we have undertaken for our Kindergarten to Grade 8 students, please join me in welcoming Mr. Flynn who is looking forward to working with all staff, students and the community starting this September. All staff thank you for your daily support and efforts.

Best wishes for a safe and restful summer.

It has been my privilege to be part of such a great school!

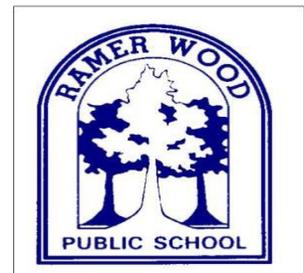
Partners in Education,

***Carol Pink***

Principal

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# Important Information: 2020 –2021

## School Year Calendar: 2020—2021

First Day of Classes: Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Last Day of Classes: June 26, 2021

### School Holidays - No School

Labour Day	Monday, September 7, 2020
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2020
Christmas Vacation	Monday, December 21, 2020 to Friday, January 1, 2021
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2021
Mid-Winter Break	Monday, March 15, 2021 to Friday, March 19, 2021
Good Friday	Friday, April 2, 2021
Easter Monday	Monday, April 5, 2021
Victoria Day	Monday, May 24, 2021



### In- School Day Organization

8:30 a.m.: Teachers on Duty

**8:45 a.m.: Entry**

8:45 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.: Instructional Time

10:20 a.m. Morning Announcements

**10:25 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.: Recess**

10:55 a.m. - 12:35 p.m.: Instructional Time

**12:35 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.: Lunch**

1:35 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.: Instructional Time

### First Day of School: Tuesday, September 8, 2020

YRDSB will provide families with updated communication on school start up and closure information, once available. Please look for emails from our Board later in August to keep you update with current information.

## Learning and Caring at Home Survey

Your voice is important to YRDSB and we are asking for you to share your thoughts through a quick, [online survey](#).

We are hoping to learn your thoughts and ideas in real-time about the [Learning and Caring Plan](#), until the end of this school year and to inform decision making for our return in September.

You can participate anonymously and your responses will be confidential. As always, your participation is voluntary

Your responses will help our Board assess and inform best practices related to our programs and services.

### June 19, 2020 - Minister of Education announces school reopening plans for the 2020-21 school year

Today, the [Minister of Education announced](#) that Ontario schools will reopen for the 2020-2021 school year, using one of three scenarios, which will depend on advice from public health and other health experts closer to September.

The Minister also announced that the return to school will be voluntary and up to families. For those who choose not to send their child(ren) to school, school boards will continue to offer distance learning.

According to the Ministry of Education, this requirement will be in place for as long as public health circumstances require adapted delivery of education.

School boards have been asked to plan for the following scenarios:

- **Normal school day routine with enhanced public health protocols** - Students going to school every day, in classes that reflect standard class size regulations.
- **Modified school day routine** - Based on public health advice, an adapted delivery model to allow for physical distancing and cohorts of students. Under this model, a limit of 15 students would be maintained in a typical classroom at one time and adopt timetabling that would allow for students to remain in contact only with their classmates and a single teacher for as much of the school day as possible. This model would require alternate day or alternate week delivery to a segment of the class at one time.

- **At-home learning** - Should the school closure be extended, or some parents choose not to send their child back to school, school boards need to be prepared to offer remote education. Distance learning is expected to be delivered online to the greatest extent possible, including the establishment of minimum expectations for students to have direct contact with their teacher at the same time on a regular basis, also known as synchronous learning.

- **Plans must adhere to health and safety guidelines:**

They could include alternate day or alternate week attendance, staggered bell times and recess, and different transportation arrangements, among a variety of other considerations to ensure the health and safety of students and staff.

To learn more about the Ministry of Education's approach to reopening schools for the 2020-21 school year, visit their [website](#).

There you will find information on:

[voluntary school attendance](#)  
[school organization and timetabling](#)  
[ensuring academic success](#)  
[online capacity and technology readiness](#)  
[health and safety](#)  
[communications to families](#)  
[student transportation](#)  
[collaboration with employee representatives](#)  
[governance and administration](#)  
[timelines and other considerations](#)

Message from our Director,

We know that students, staff and families are eager to learn more specific details about what the new school year will look like. There are many complex considerations that must be carefully reviewed to help ensure a safe return for all. Please be assured that as we plan for your return, health and safety will be a key priority.

We expect plans to be finalized over the summer and will share details with you as soon as possible. We are aware that our balanced calendar schools, scheduled to open in August, need this information sooner.

Please stay connected over the summer. We will share information with staff, students and families by email, post updates on the board's website and school websites, and share information on the board's Twitter and Instagram accounts.

Thank you for your ongoing support, patience and understanding through this challenging year.

Sincerely,

Louise Sirisko



**Enjoy your HOLIDAYS!!!!**