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## From the Office

## Final Newsletter June 2019

Dear Families:

As the school year comes to an end, I would like to express my appreciation to all the staff, students and families who were such a vital part of making Ramer Wood school year a success! Congratulations to our Graduating Grade 8 students, on their accomplishments and successes. Ramer Wood staff are proud of the responsibilities they have assumed from Kindergarten to Grade 8, in reaching their goal this year. We take this opportunity to wish them well as they continue on their journey through education and life.

It was a pleasure working with all of the families this year, watching children grow and develop intellectually, emotionally, culturally, environmentally and socially.

The Ramer Wood Community has always been supportive and has worked together with the school to provide exemplary educational experiences for students. The students have benefited from the work of our School Council and parent volunteers as they have also focused on student achievement and well-being.

With the end of the school year comes change. We wish the following staff well as they move to other schools in York Region: Mr. Quan, Ms. Rand-Jones, Ms. D'Alessandro, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Polsoni, Ms. Cao and Ms. Tubesam.

The school office will open on Monday, August 26 @ 8:00 a.m. Also, if you or someone you know needs to register their child(ren) for September 2019, you may go to the YRDSB EAST Office.

Ramer Wood staff encourage each student to read, enjoy your time with family and friends, and stay healthy and active during summer vacation.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Yours in Education,

Mrs. C. Pink  
Principal

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**Labour Day**

**Monday, September 2, 2019**

**School Starts**

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

**P.A. Day/No School**

**Monday, September 23, 2019**

**School Office Reopens:** August 26, 2019

**Office Hours:** 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

# Important Information: 2019–2020

## School Year Calendar: 2019 - 2020

First Day of Classes: Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Last Day of Classes: Thursday, June 25, 2020

### School Holidays - No School

Labour Day	Monday, September 2, 2019
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2019
Christmas Vacation	Monday, December 23, 2019 to Friday, January 3, 2020
Family Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
Mid-Winter Break	Monday, March 16, 2020 to Friday, March 20, 2020
Good Friday	Friday, April 10, 2020
Easter Monday	Monday, April 13, 2020
Victoria Day	Monday, May 18, 2020

### Professional Activity & Training Days - No School

1. Monday, September 23, 2019
2. Monday, October 21, 2019
3. Friday, November 15, 2019
4. Friday, January 17, 2020
5. Friday, January 31, 2020
6. Monday, June 1, 2020
7. Thursday, June 25, 2020 early dismissal at 11:45 a.m.
8. Friday, June 26, 2020



## 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

### 3:15 p.m.: Dismissal

## First Day of School: Tuesday, September 3, 2019

On the first day of school, teachers will be outside in the school yard to greet the students from grades 1-8 with grade signs organized in chronological order. Junior Kindergarten time will be 1:35 p.m. until 3:15 p.m. and the Senior Kindergarten students, the full-day will meet their teachers outside at the Kindergarten entrance at the gated area. Teachers will be able to share your child's class placement and direct you to the required areas. Students will meet their new teacher and enter the school as a class. The staff at Ramer Wood look forward to seeing you on September 3rd!

## Summertime Math!

Summer is a time for rest and relaxation, but that doesn't mean you can't have fun with math. There are numerous ways to embed math into everyday summer activities. Here is a list to get you started:

- Monitoring temperature
- Outdoor scavenger hunts
- Gardening
- Cooking
- Grocery shopping
- Budgeting for a Trip
- Packing suitcases/Trunk
- Scheduling
- Mapping



### Additional School Supplies of Interest (optional)

We know that students and parents often shop for school supplies prior to the first day of school. This ritual sparks excitement and signals the return to the routine of the classroom. To help you spend your dollars wisely, we have composed the following list of **suggested items**. Used with care, many of these items will last for years to come. Please remember, that as a school, we provide all supplies required to deliver our curriculum.

This list is optional, for those of you who may wish to buy additional supplies.

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| * duotangs, assorted colours         | * pocket folder                         |
| * two inch binder                    | * index/subject dividers                |
| * stick-on notes (3 x 5 and 3 x 3)   | * pencil crayons                        |
| * crayons                            | * markers                               |
| * pencil box/case                    | * pens (blue, black and red)            |
| * pencils (sharpened)                | * 30 cm ruler                           |
| * scissors                           | * glue sticks                           |
| * highlighters (pink, yellow, green) | * calculator                            |
| * geometry set (Grades 4 – 8)        | * pencil sharpener                      |
| * white erasers                      | * loose leaf lined paper (Grades 4 – 8) |

### Ramer Wood P.S. School Council

On behalf of the staff, students and Ramer Wood community, we would like to express a heartfelt thanks to the School Council for their hard work and dedication throughout the 2018-2019 school year. Their strong commitment to supporting and improving student achievement, to building a safe and supportive learning environment and to engaging our community is greatly appreciated.

In September, the School Council for 2019-2020 will be formed. Information outlining how to become a member of the council will be in the *School Start Up Package* your child(ren) will bring home on the first day of school. Please consider joining the Ramer Wood P.S. School Council.

## STAFF CHANGES 2019—2020

As always, when one year winds down, we have staff who move on to new experiences or staff who will be on leave next year: Mr. Quan, Ms. Rand-Jones, Ms. D'Alessandro, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Polsoni, Ms. Cao and Ms. Tubesam. Thank you for all you have done for the Ramer Wood Community - your contributions to the school will live on, and you will be missed.

We welcome the following new teachers to our staff the 2019-2020 school year: Ms. Brown, Ms. Gauss and Mr. Tsutsumi.



## SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Prior to our departure at the end of the week we will be doing additional work towards September's organization. Although it will provide us with a framework it will certainly not be our final structure. Registrations that we will be accepting over the summer will inevitably change the organization, requiring us to make more changes. Of course this will continue throughout the month of September as more families move into our community.

In **September**, we will be required to meet the requirements for primary class size as set out by the Ministry of Education. This may necessitate a reorganization of our classes. This has become common practice across the province and in our community. We recognize the disruptive nature of this process but we must comply with Ministry expectations. In these situations our children will take their lead by the example that we set for them. If, as adults, we approach these changes positively, so too will our children. Please prepare yourselves for the fact that we must comply with Ministry of Education's requirements and that it may necessitate the shuffling of our class organization in order to do so.



**Enjoy your HOLIDAYS!!!!**