



Reesor Register

Principal's Message

Welcome back to a new school year. The start of the year always seems to bring with it excitement and anticipation. We hope that everyone has had a good start back to the year and that you have a successful and enjoyable school year.

School Reorganization

Every year, in order to comply with the Ministry class size reduction strategy, we may have to move small groups of students from many different classes. This process is done with emphasis put on academic needs, boy/girl ratios and social needs of students.

We realize that change can be difficult for students once they have made a connection with a teacher and routines have been established. Our staff will work closely with one another and the students to minimize the impact that reorganization will have on their routines. We continue to appreciate your support in this process and know that we can count on your parenting expertise to assist your child with adapting quickly and positively to the new structure.

If your child will be affected by these changes, the office will inform you on Sept. 22. Please understand that we work to minimize disruption, however sometimes these changes are necessary and mandatory.

Staff List

Kindergarten:
Ms Sullivan & Ms Chong
Ms Riddle & Ms Gong
Ms Yiu
Grade 1 FI
Mme Mechroub, Mme Rivard,
Mme Sileshi

Grades 1/2

Ms Long
Mr. Zinner

Grade 2, 2/3

Ms Fiorindi, Ms Elworthy

Grade 3/4, 4/5

Ms Neely, Mr. Boldt

Grade 5/6, 6, 7

Ms Tam, Ms Gregory, Ms Karsh, Ms Huang

Grade 7/8, 8

Ms Leung, Ms Petrov

SERTS

Ms Beveridge (K-4)
Ms Vits(5-8)Mme Ashton(FI)

Physical & Health Education

Ms. T-Barrese

Music

Ms Polonsky

French

Mme Ashton, Mme Buchanan

Library

Ms Brousseau

EA & CYW

Ms Culbert, Ms Mraud

Office Staff

Ms McLeod, Ms MacLaughlin

Caretakers

Mr. Degeer, Mr. Thomson, Mr Harris

Parking Lot

Thank you to everyone who has helped keep our parking lot traffic safe and minimal! Thank you if you are riding and walking to school, as well as parking off site. This greatly helps us in the morning to keep students safe and allow buses to make the turn around in the parking lot.

Please continue to park only in designated spaces!

Morning Drop off

Please help us in the morning to get the day started quickly and smoothly.

Pets are welcome to come onto the tarmac when you drop off your children, however please avoid letting other children play with them and ensure they stay on leash.

Please give a kiss and a hug before they're in line. Lining up and saying farewell when the class is going in makes it congested and slows our entry. Parents must not enter the building with their child(ren).

You are always welcome to make an appointment to speak with teachers. Notes can be shared in agendas or folders. Please do not have long student discussions with teachers in the morning before school during their duty/supervision time.

If you need to bring items to your child, please bring them to the office where we can call them down to get them at a convenient time (e.g., recess)

Reesor Park PS 905-294-6558

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School Council

First Meeting 7:30pm

- Thurs Sept 14

First meeting is council elections.

Upcoming Dates

First Day Sept 5

School photos Sept 14

School Council Sept 21

PA Day Sept 25

Meet the teacher Night Sept 28

Book Fair Sept 26-29

Immunization Oct 26

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Vice-Principal: Katherine Gousis
Superintendent: Peter Tse

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To update your profile, please send an email to reesor.park.ps@yrdsb.ca with your name as well as your child's name

Other school information and updates will be updated through Twitter, on our website.

Our Stories

Do you have a story to share from the summer? Did your kids do something you'd love to share with our community? We would like to highlight their accomplishments through our newsletters throughout the year! Send details and photos to Mr. Ko.

This Summer, Ava and Aria S. were inspired to make a difference for the community! They hosted a lemonade sale to support Markham Stouffville Hospital! They shared their story and the funds to the Foundation Office! Way to go Ava and Aria!



Meet the Teacher Night

Thursday, September 28 is set as Meet the Teacher Night. This is an opportunity to come and visit the school and meet your child(ren)'s teacher(s)! ** Please note that this is **not an interview time to discuss your child's progress.** We always welcome you to call or email if you have questions or concerns you would like to discuss!*

We invite you to join us from 5:30p.m.—7:00 p.m. to allow you to drop in and visit. There are no set presentations or agenda. Teachers will be in their classrooms to meet and greet.

Book Fair!

Our Scholastic book fair will run Tues-Fri (Sept 26-29).

Tuesday—Preview day (no sales)

Wed-Fri open for sales at lunch Grades 4-8

Primary—TBD (invited during the day)

Open during Curriculum Night for parents and guests from 5:30-7pm

Proceeds support our school library and literacy programs.

Our Kids Need You!

Our first council meeting is scheduled for Thursday Sept 21, 7:30 p.m. Please consider volunteering to join our school council. Studies have shown that parental engagement in school is key to student success!

Volunteers are needed for:

- Council Executive positions: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary
- Standing committees: Fundraising, Playscape, Healthy Schools, Fire and Safety

All parents are welcome to participate in meetings, however, if you wish to be a voting member (Parent Representative), council asks that you commit to attending all meetings. There are 7 meetings scheduled throughout the year: September, October, November, January, February, April, and June. All dates will be set at our first meeting next week. Meetings will be Thursday evenings..

The Chair/Co-Chair responsibilities are outlined below. (Taken from School Council's Guide For Members, <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/council/council02.pdf>)

The Chair/Co-Chairs of the council are elected by the Council members and must be a parent or parents who are not employed by the school board. The Chair/Co-Chairs are voting members who, in addition to performing the same duties as other council members, might: arrange for meetings; prepare agendas; chair council meetings; ensure that minutes of council meetings are recorded and maintained; facilitate the resolution of conflict; participate as ex-officio members of all committees established by the school council; communicate with the school principal on behalf of the council. Note: A School Council's operating bylaws may outline other specific duties for the chair/co-chairs, as well as for other officers of the council, such as a secretary or treasurer.

Parent Representatives are voting members who: participate on any committees established by the School Council; contribute to the discussions of the School Council; solicit the views of other parents and members of the community to share with the School Council; observe the Council's Code of ethics and established bylaws.

See you Thursday!

RPPS School Council

Kid's Kitchen—Tuesdays & Fridays (menu & ordering available at www.kidskitchen.ca)

Pizza Lunch—Mondays—start date TBD—watch for your flyers coming home soon

Message from our Trustee

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning students and families. This is an exciting time of year and I hope you are starting this new school year as trustees are - with optimism and a commitment to working together to continue advancing student achievement and well-being.

An important part of that commitment is working together with staff members, families and communities to ensure our schools provide an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive. This takes on increasing importance given recent local and global events. We take pride in the diversity of our communities and will continue striving to uphold the values of equity and inclusivity in our system.

Trustees have had a busy summer, welcoming our new Human Rights Commissioner and beginning the process for selecting a new Director of Education as we continue to move forward implementing the Minister's Directions.

An important part of the director selection process includes collecting input from students, staff, families and community members - input that will be used to shape the job description, interview questions and more. I encourage everyone to share their thoughts through the survey available in September. We will continue to keep you updated as this work progresses.

Our schools are stronger when we work in collaboration with families and communities. Partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving the goals we have for our students, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get engaged with the school and your child's learning this year.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.



SAFE ARRIVAL AT REESOR PARK PS



The Reesor Park *Safe Arrival* system allows parents to report their child's absence/late arrival quickly and conveniently in one of three ways:

1. Automated interactive telephone system: 1-855-203-2994.
2. Website: yorkrdsb.schoolconnects.com parents with email addresses have received an invitation to log into the Parent Portal to activate their account. (if you need another invitation sent again please contact the office)
3. App:  SchoolConnects Parents who have authenticated their accounts and have either an iOS or Android device can download this app.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Once an account is established, parents may use Option #2 or Option #3.
- If you are reporting an absence/late AFTER 8:25 am, your only option is to call the school directly at
905-294-6558 & press "0".
- **New students to Reesor Park PS:** parents will have to phone the school directly until they receive an email invitation to log into the Parent Portal and activate their account. You may expect this email by the beginning of October.
- Both systems are available 24 hrs/7 days a week. Future absences may be reported at any time.
- Additionally, our Safe Arrival program has an *automatic telephone notification to parents/guardians who have not reported their child's absence.*
- This system will contact parents at multiple contact numbers until one of the designated contacts is reached. If our system is unable to reach a designated contact after 20 minutes, office staff will follow up.

If we are unable to reach parents, guardians or emergency contacts then we are required to contact the police.