



Ross Doan News

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Daily Schedule

Entry Bell 8:55 a.m.

Instructional Time

9:00-10:40 a.m.

Recess 10:40-11:10

Instructional Time

11:10-12:50 p.m.

Lunch 12:50-1:50 p.m.

Instructional Time

12:50 - 3:30

Kindergarten Schedule

Entry 9:00 a.m.

Morning Routines

Teaching/Learning Time

12:15 Outside Play

12:45 Lunch/Indoor Play

1:30 Teaching/Learning Time

3:30 Dismissal

Message from Principal Bernadette Smith



Dear Parents/Guardians,

School is already well under way. This past month has proved to be a busy and productive one. Due to Ministry of Education compliance directives, we have undergone a reorganization of our Kindergarten and Grade One classes. Our SK/1 class has been converted to a JK/SK classroom to accommodate our Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) students. Consequently, each of our 5 FDK classrooms has a reduced number of students.

Over the past year, we have built several structures within our school to provide learning enhancement opportunities for our students. These include:

- Lego Centre where students can create and explore with lego
- Maker Space where students can investigate different materials, build, and stretch their thinking
- A Break Room for students who require a space with few stimulus that provides for a calmer environment to regroup and "get back to the green zone"
- A Work Room for students to work individually or in small groups for particular activities

These are some of the efforts we are making to provide differentiated learning environments and experiences for our diverse student population.

We will continue to pursue our collective efforts and ideas in order to offer engaging and meaningful learning experiences for our students.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Smith

Unity

By Cleo V. Swarat

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher:
the tools she used were books and music and art;
One was a parent:
With a guiding hand and gentle loving heart.

And when at last their work was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had worked into the child
Could never be sold or bought!

And each agreed she would have failed
if she had worked alone,
For behind the parent stood the school,
and behind the teacher stood the home!



A note from Mrs. Smith:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to let you know that the Terry Fox Walk is being cancelled until further notice.

As you may know, job sanctions by education support staff members in the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and teachers, members of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO), are affecting the schools across the province, including at the York Region District School Board.

Although at this time these sanctions allow school operations to continue, they are affecting our ability to support and accommodate some activities and events.

Should the situation change, we will provide you an update as soon as possible.

Thank you for understanding and for your continued support of public education.

Bernadette Smith
Principal

Revised Ontario Health & Physical Education Curriculum

We are receiving many questions regarding the new H&PE curriculum.

We encourage you to review the information about the revised Ontario Health and Physical Education Curriculum that is available on our school board's website at www.yrdsb.ca/hpe



Supporting Learning @ Home

As partners in education, we want to share some valuable tips that will support learning to extend into the home. We at Ross Doan PS cater to the youngest children and want to ensure that foundational learning is established as they continue on with their educational journey.

Some things that you can do to support at home:

- speak with your child regularly regarding their learning, ask questions that will promote in-depth responses
- read regularly with your child
- make family experiences into educational ones including when at the grocery store (e.g. make a shopping list prior to shopping together, ask your child to count out the number of fruit to place in your cart, etc.)
- point out environmental print when taking a walk, riding a bike, or riding in the car together (e.g. stop signs, names of familiar stores, etc.)



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News from our School Learning Commons

Classes are currently visiting our School Learning Commons and participating in orientations sessions. Students will enjoy many opportunities to visit our School Learning Commons this year with their teacher as a class, in small groups, and for a variety of other learning experiences. More information will follow.

Ross Doan Public School
Online Library Catalogue

The Ross Doan P.S. [Online Library Catalogue](#) enables users at school or home to search the Ross Doan library collection for reading and research materials that can be found in our library.



[Kids InfoBits](#) is designed for research by students in Kindergarten through Grade 6. It has a graphic interface, and subject-based search for finding full-text magazine, newspaper and reference information on current events, arts, science, health, people, government, history, sports and more.

If you have questions or concerns about online resources, or are having difficulty gaining access, please contact our school's teacher-librarian, Mrs. Sarra.

Lunch Time Programs - Schedule

These programs are offered for a fee. Please see information that was sent home for registration.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Program	Mad Science <i>Info Assembly on Oct 2</i>	Ten Ten Sports	Kids Great Minds Computer Animation	Creative Club Lego
Dates	Oct 19-Dec 7	Oct 6-Nov 24	Oct 7-Nov 25	Oct 1-Oct 29
Times/Grades	12:00-12:45 JK/SK 12:50-12:50 Grades 1 to 3	1:15-1:50 Grades 1 to 3	12:00-12:45 JK/SK 12:50-1:50 Grades 1 to 3	12:00-12:45 JK/SK 12:50-1:50 Grades 1 to 3
Location	Rm 152	Gym	Library	Library

School Council Update October 2015

Happy Fall...

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."

— *L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables*

Thanksgiving greetings to everyone from School Council.

We hope you enjoy the crisp air, fall smells and time with your family.



Council Elections

The First Council Meeting was held on Thursday, September 17. During the meeting your School Council was elected and dates for this year's meetings were selected. A list of the council and meeting dates can be found in the boxes to the right.

Volunteers needed for lunch programs!

Pizza and hot dog lunches run thanks to parent volunteers. Council is currently looking for interested volunteers to help run these programs. The time commitment is 30 minutes. If you are interested, please contact:

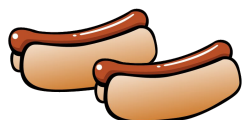
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Fereshteh Khanazeh (fh_vatanabadi@yahoo.com)

2015-16 Council representatives

Bernadette Smith - Principal
Catherine Robertson - Chair
Karen Gaston - Vice-chair
Stepahnie Roll - Fundraising
Fereshteh Khanazeh - Fundraising
Jen Giffen - Secretary
Shweta Mointas - Treasurer
Jennifer Li - Parent Rep
Malihe Roghani - Parent Rep
Angela Spadafora - Parent Rep
Jean Zhu - Parent Rep
Stephanie Signer - Teacher Rep

Upcoming **Pizza** lunches:

Fri. Oct. 2 Fri. Oct. 16 Fri. Oct. 30



Upcoming **Hot Dog** lunches:

Fri. Oct. 9 Fri. Oct. 23

FUNDRAISING

School Council is in the midst of preparing a year of fundraising initiatives to help raise money for school programs for your children. If you have any ideas or have any goods or services you are able to donate for events like the end of year carnival, basket raffles, etc. please contact the school. All help is greatly appreciated by the whole school community.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Join us at our monthly meetings.

- Thu. Oct. 15
- Tue. Nov. 3
- No December meeting
- Tue. Jan. 12
- Tue. Feb. 2
- No March meeting
- Tue. Apr. 5
- Tue. May 10
- June meeting date TBD

All meetings are in the
Ross Doan Public School
Library

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

FREE Babysitting is available



October



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2 2:00 Fire Drill  Pizza Day! 
5 Picture Day 	6	7	8	9 Hot Dog Day 
12 	13	14	15 6:30 School Council Mtg 	16 Pizza Day! 
19 Election Day (RDPS is a Polling Station) 	20	21	22	23 Hot Dog Day 
26	27	28	29	30 Pizza Day! 



Please dress your child appropriately for the weather.