



Ross Doan Public School



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our students are already engaged in many meaningful and relevant learning experiences. These include working through the First Twenty days of school which set up learning routines and expectations and launch students in literacy learning experiences know as the Daily 5. As part of an effective literacy program, the Daily 5 literacy activities provide opportunities for students to Read to Self, Work on Writing, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, and Word Work. To learn more about The Daily 5, visit: <http://www.thedailycafe.com/public/departement104.cfm>

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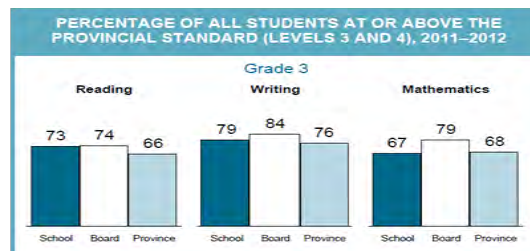
We have made some changes to our school organization which will maintain compliance to Ministry of Education standards. As of Monday, October 1st, the four combined classes will become straight classes. The following are the changes:

From	To
Grade1/ 2 – Mrs. Wengle	Grade1 – Mrs. Wengle
Grade 1 /2 – Mrs. LaMarche	Grade 2 – Mrs. LaMarche
Grade 2/ 3 – Mrs. Rayner	Grade 2 – Mrs. Rayner
Grade 2/ 3 – Mrs. McKenzie	Grade 3 – Mrs. McKenzie

We have now formed our 2012/2013 School Council. We look forward to our work together during this school year. We invite you to join us at our monthly meetings.

We are very proud of the performance and daily efforts of all our students. EQAO data represents one form of data that we use as a school to inform our instructional practices. Other assessment tools and strategies used by our teachers include PM Benchmarks (primary reading assessment), DRA (junior/intermediate Developmental Reading Assessment), anecdotal observations, rubrics, and many more.

Below is a snapshot of the results. For more information, please visit www.eqao.com



Daily Schedule

Entry Bell	8:55 a.m.
Instructional	9:00-10:40
Recess	10:40-11:10
Instructional	11:10-12:50
Lunch	12:50-1:50
Instructional	12:50 - 3:30
Dismissal	3:30 p.m.

Character Trait
Respect

School Goal
Lend a Helping Hand



We will continue to focus on the 3Rs (Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic) and all core subjects including science and the arts. However, we also continue to integrate the 4Cs (Critical Thinking, Curiosity, Collaboration, and Creativity). It is by embracing these 21st century core learning areas that our students will be better able to extend their thinking, articulate their understanding, and deepen their knowledge of concepts being presents.

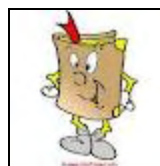
We look forward to seeing you at Meet The Teacher Night at 6:30 Wednesday evening. As we approach Thanksgiving, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your efforts as parents and the mentoring and guidance that you provide for your children.

Bernadette Smith, Principal



ROSS DOAN STAFF 2012-2013

JR/SR KINDERGARTEN	MRS. ARGINTARU
JR/SK KINDERGARTEN	MRS. PEARL
JR/SK KINDERGARTEN	MRS. SNYDER
JR/SK KINDERGARTEN	MS. PROCTER
GR1	MRS. KHAIRA
GR1	MRS. WRIDE
GR1	MRS. WENGLE
GR2	MS. SIGNER
GR2	MRS. LAMARCHE
GR2	MRS. RAYNER
GR3	MS. GOLDBERG
GR3	MS. SUN
GR3	MRS. MCKENZIE
GR4	MRS. KNIGHT
GR4	MS. SALDOV
COMMUNITY CLASS	MS. LEONARD
PREP	MRS. GREENBERG
PREP/GYM	MRS. SARRA
SSCA/SERT	MS. GIBEAU
ELL/MUSIC	MRS. MCDUGALL
FRENCH	MME. SAIPHOO
PREP	MRS. SEBBEN
LIBRARY	MRS. BLACKMAN
READING RECOVERY/ELL	MRS. POMERANTZ
READING RECOVERY	MRS. SETTLE
EDUCATIONAL ASST.	MRS. WOOCK
EDUCATIONAL ASST.	MRS. HARTLEY
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SECRETARY	MRS. KIPLNG
LEAD CARETAKER	MR. ARKWELL
CARETAKER	MR. LEHOUX
CARETAKER	MR. BRITNELL



A Message from the Ross Doan Public School Library

By now, all Ross Doan students have visited the library and have taken home library books. Each class has participated in library orientation where library rules and routines were reviewed, especially how to take special care of our library materials at school and at home. Junior kindergarten and newly arrived senior kindergarten students were invited to take out their first library books with their parents during our October "Meet the Teacher" event.

Our kindergarten, grade one and two students visit the library once weekly while our students in grades three and four are encouraged to visit our library independently as needed during our regular school-wide book exchange periods that take place Monday through Thursday. Students in kindergarten through grade two may borrow one book at a time, while our older students in grades three and four may borrow up to two books at a time for a period of two weeks. However, no books may be borrowed if any items are overdue.

I hope your child enjoys visiting the Ross Doan Library this year! If you have any questions regarding our library program, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Mrs. Gail Blackman
Teacher-Librarian**



Positive Climate For Learning

A positive climate for learning is equitable and inclusive; safe and supportive; respectful and caring. Building it is everyone's work. Throughout the year, our Positive Climate team will focus on many areas including Character Development; Eco Team and Healthy schools; Equity and Inclusivity; Parent, Family and Community involvement; and opportunities for student voice to be represented through leadership and involvement. A positive climate for learning supports student success by motivating students to be engaged as leaders and positive role models in a safe, comfortable and inspiring environment. Stay tuned for further updates on the work we all complete together!

(add the attached picture with the following caption...)

Officer Leonard and Gibby will be on hand to ensure a positive learning environment for all!



Literacy News

Every month the Literacy Team will be sharing with you a new Instructional Strategy to help your child understand what he/she reads. This month we are sharing the strategy of visualization.

Visualization

When is your child visualizing?

When your child draws on their knowledge and experiences to see pictures in their minds, they are engaging in visualization. They become part of the story; they see the colours, hear the sounds, feel the textures, taste the flavours, and smell the odors the writer describes. They are living the story as they read. The result is that the story is more enjoyed and their understanding is deeper.

Parents

What Can You Do?

- When reading to your child, pause to share your own perceptions and images evoked by the author's language.
- Ask your child to visualize the characters in the story and then include the setting and story events.
- Before writing, encourage your child to describe the images orally.

Visit the public library and read books with your child.

Here are some suggestions:

The Napping House by Audrey Wood

The Salamander Room
by Anne Mazer

The Zoo at Night by
Martha Robinson



Walking Wednesdays



October is International Walk to School Month and we are picking Wednesdays as our walking day at Ross Doan P.S. Find a friend, classmate or parent to walk or bike to school with. Not driving to school gives you healthy exercise, keeps the air we breathe cleaner and keeps traffic congestion away from schools.

Here are the dates for Walking Wednesdays:

Wednesday, October 10, 2012

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

Wednesday, October 31, 2012



Meet the Teacher on Wednesday , October 3rd @ 6:30pm

Our Milk Program starts on Tuesday Oct. 7th and Pizza on Friday, Oct. 19th.

Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 9th, TEN TEN sports begins at 1:10pm (lunch recess bell)

Join us on our Movie Night Oct. 17th and relax with some popcorn.




Practice your smiles! *Life Touch* will be in our school on Wednesday, October 24th for JK/SK Grades 1 and 2 and Thursday, October 25th for JK/SK and Grades 3 and 4 to take class and individual student pictures.

School Council Meeting Tuesday October 16th, 2012 @ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Library

Please remember to send a change of clothing with your child. October can be a very wet month and students have a way of finding the puddles.




RDPS is a Nut Free School!
No Peanuts, Tree-nuts, Nut by-products or Sesame products

<p>Sock Puppets (app)</p>		<p>Sock Puppets lets you create your own lip-synched videos. Add Puppets, props, scenery, and backgrounds and start creating. Hit the record button and the puppets automatically lip-synch to your voice. Friends can work together with multiple puppets and create hilarious conversations. Switch backgrounds to take your puppets to different places, move the puppets, props and scenery to animate them while recording.</p>
<p>Make Change (app)</p>		<p>Slide coins across a surface of your choice. Stack change below the line until you have the amount shown on the register display and check your answer. If your total isn't correct, you can try the same problem again. The app will also show you the best way to count change so that you use the least number of coins.</p>



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 MILK STARTS 	3 Meet the Teacher @6:30pm	4 Scientist in	5 School Gr. 4s →	6
SAFETY WEEK						
7 	8 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	9 TEN TEN SPORTS BUS EVACUATION	10 	11	12	13
14	15	16 TEN TEN SPORTS School Council Mtg @ 6:30	17  Movie Night 6:30pm	18	19 PIZZA 	20
21	22 P.A. DAY NO SCHOOL	23 TEN TEN SPORTS	PICTURE DAYS		26 EID-UL-ADHA Islam Holiday	27
28	29	30 TEN TEN SPORTS	31 Halloween 			

Ross Doan School Council Newsletter

October 2012

Your School 2012-2013 Council Representatives

Bernadette Smith - Principal
Stephanie Signer- Teacher Rep.
Yvonne Sun - Teacher Rep.
Ronnie Pearl - Teacher Rep.
Janice Rayner - Teacher Rep.
Tanya Dymont - Chair
Avi Yoffe - Vice Chair
Johanne Merritt - Treasurer
Shelley Beaudry - Secretary
Ginny Brod - Fundraising Chair
Karen Gaston- Parent Rep.
Calvin Ni- Parent Rep.
Smita (Tina) Patel- Parent Rep.
Ora Goldin- Parent Rep.
Mojgan Shojaei-Parent Rep
Norma Laughlin - Community Rep.

Upcoming Meeting "Tentative" Dates

Tuesday, October 16th, 2012
Monday, November 5th, 2012
Tuesday, January 8th, 2013
Monday, February 4th, 2013
Tuesday, April 9th, 2013
Monday, May 13th, 2013
Tuesday, June 11th, 2013
Join us from 6:30 - 8:30

Don't forget to read our monthly school newsletter as it will be full of information about events, happenings and other activities our school will be involved with.

Should you have any questions or concerns contacts us via email at ross.doan.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca or by calling us at (905) 884-4022 ext 702

Thank you for all those that joined us at our first council meeting in September. It was wonderful to have such an amazing turn out.

Please remember that meetings are for non-council members as well as council members. **It's not required to be a voting member** to attend a meeting. At the same time, you can attend one meeting or all meetings the choice is yours.

We look forward to seeing all of you again soon.

2012-2013 School Council Fundraising Initiatives

School Council members devote time towards planning and organizing many fundraising initiatives throughout the school year.

Last year we raised money to support school initiatives including: Art Performances, iPad Learning Technology, Reading Programs, Outdoor Play Equipment and Indoor Recess Fun.

All participation in school fundraising is "optional". This coming school year we hope to continue achieving our goals supporting our students enhanced learning.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with many of our programs, feel free to join, help and participate when you can.

This past meeting motions were passed to allocate funds:

School Performances

(where performances are put on for our students in the gym for everyone to enjoy in lieu of only fewer students being able to enjoy)

Technology:

Additional ipads to be purchased to allow each classroom to enjoy the benefits of new technology learning.

Thank you to all our volunteers. No matter how much time, every minute counts.

After all, without you none of these initiatives would be possible.

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FundScrip
powered by Fundstream Inc.

Buy GIFT CARDS/PRE-PAID CARDS through the Ross Doan School Council for everyday purchases, to give as gifts for birthdays or the holidays, or for your business needs.

The revolutionary FundScrip program allows us to turn your everyday spending into extraordinary results! Watch your child's backpack for more details on our Fundraising objective, the program, order forms and key dates!

More details to follow about upcoming "on line" card purchasing..

CARDS BY ME

Art for a day.... Memories to last a lifetime.

In October students will participate in creating one of a kind artistic masterpieces that can be turned into calendars and greeting cards. More details to follow.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAMS !!!

Pizza Lunch:

Pizza Days will be returning in October. Order forms for the 1st term will be sent home before the end of September.

Hot Dog Lunch:

Unfortunately, at this time we will **NOT** be able to run this program as we don't have the needed volunteers. We are currently looking for people that would be able to take run the Hot Dog Lunch program for the 2012-2013 school year.

The Lunch Lady:

The Lunch Lady Program will continue again this year on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Please remember that the online ordering must be done 3 days in advance. There is "non" minimum and so many "Board Approved" choices. Flyers will be sent home soon for details.



FROZEN TREAT DAYS - Rescheduled

New from your Ross Doan School Council !

Pick your favourite: Only \$ 2.00 per 96ml.cup

**Chocolate Vanilla / Strawberry Banana / Berrygrape Cotton Candy
96 ml Frozen Yogurt Cups packed in plastic cups.
Supporting our schools' Recycling Blue Box Program.**

More details will follow, Council has had to reschedule sales dates for this new yummy program