



# Ross Doan News

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## DAILY SCHEDULE

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

## *Message from the Principal*

The Winter Break is here!! There has been a great deal of excitement in the halls and classrooms of our school leading up to this seasonal break. The kindergartens had their special holiday events and made presents for their loved ones, our grade 1-3's learned about various cultural holidays, and several of our classes performed in a wonderful and timely Winter Concert that focused on the themes of giving and appreciation. Many initiatives this month such as our food, clothing and milk drives (to support those less fortunate) helped support these themes and show how thoughtful and inclusive our school community is.

As we head into our holidays, it is important to remember January is a great time to reflect on our goals, and celebrate our successes over the past year; as well as to set new goals for 2017. This is a good time to remind your child(ren) about their strengths and where they were successful. It is also a good time to remind them about a couple of areas that need improving and encourage them to set goals.

On behalf of the school staff and our school council, we wish you a wonderful and safe holiday season and a New Year filled with joy and good health.

Mr. Barton

happy  
holidays!



## ROSS DOAN NEWS -JANUARY 2017

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Ross Doan P.s!



**When:** January 23 to January 27

**Where:** The library

**Why:** To purchase great books for learning and pleasure while supporting our school library!

**Hours of Operation:** Monday: 9:30am to 3:30pm

Tuesday: 9:30am to 4pm

Wednesday: 9:30am to 6pm

Thursday: 9:30am to 3:30pm

Friday: 9:30am to 10:30am



**Methods of Payment:** Cash, Cheque, Debit, Credit

We look forward to seeing all parents and students at the Scholastic Book Fair in January!

2017 Parent Paid Lunch Hour Programs at Ross Doan P.S  
Forms are available at the front office. Spots may be limited.

Program	Dates	Room
Ten Ten Art Grades 1 to 3	Mondays Jan 16 to March 20	Room 160
Ten Ten Sports Grades 1 to 3	Tuesdays Jan 17 to March 7	Gym
Mad Science Grades 1 to 3	Wednesdays Jan 25 to March 22	Room 150 and 160
Lego Robotics TBD	Thursdays TBD	library
Glee Club Grades 1 to 3	Fridays January 27 to March 31	Gym



Thank you to those that contributed to our Winter Drive and brought in hats and mittens to those less fortunate. I know they will appreciated at this time of year.





Let's discuss:

1. The roles and responsibilities of Trustee
2. Review of Board Foci
3. Current main themes of education
  - Students Achievement and Wellbeing
  - Modern Learning
  - Mental Health
  - Math



4. Collect Parents' feedback and Questions



Remarks: Refreshments and Babysitting will be available

### ~TECH TIME~

During December, some of the students at Ross Doan participated in the Hour of Code within their classrooms. Along with over 190 million other students in 180 countries, we helped to write billions of lines of code and raise awareness about the importance of computer and digital literacy. Students can continue the learning at home with the following links:

#### Code Studio

(a free online coding course for students in JK- Grade 8)

[studio.code.org/](http://studio.code.org/)

#### Coding with Minecraft

[code.org/mc](http://code.org/mc)

#### Coding with TVOKids

[tvokids.com/games/seedball](http://tvokids.com/games/seedball)  
[tvokids.com/games/artbotaction](http://tvokids.com/games/artbotaction)  
[tvokids.com/games/findingstuffout](http://tvokids.com/games/findingstuffout)



### MATH CORNER



#### Be a Math Role Model!

Children learn by imitating the people around them. Imitating a parent's positive attitude about education helps children develop healthy academic skills.

-Talk out loud as you do everyday tasks. Talking out loud allows children to hear how you think and helps them develop important skills for "thinking things out" and solving problems.

-Do informal math together. On rainy days, family evenings and vacation time, play math games such as *Dino Math Tracks*, *Dominoes* or *Connect Four*. Show your child that math is fun!

Parents worry about the amount of time that children spend on the computer and the quality of online content, but many educational web-based games, such as *Mathfrog* and *Calculation Nation*, encourage mathematical skills



### INDOOR SOCCER



The Grade Threes wrapped up their lunch time intramural indoor soccer this month with some very exciting games between Manchester United, Arsenal, Chelsea and Liverpool. Thank-you to all that came out to participate!

Mrs. Young



### FOOD DRIVE



A huge thank you to all of the parents that donated food and items to our holiday food drive. Because of you, our food drive was a great success! We would also like to thank those parents who helped deliver the food to the Richmond Hill Food Bank. The food will be distributed to those in need this holiday season. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

### MESSAGE FROM YORK REGION PUBLIC HEALTH



If parents/guardians or students receive a letter from York Region Public Health requesting immunization information, here's what to do:

Update York Region Public Health on your child's immunization status in one of the following ways:

- Online at <https://immunization.york.ca>
- Fax documents to 905-895-6066 or 1-866-258-2026
- Mail immunization information to Immunization Services, Box 147, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
- Call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456

## STUDENT PUNCTUALITY

The value of being punctual and present is a very important life skill, which we are endeavoring to teach our children. As well, it is disruptive to the classroom when students arrive late or miss classes. With this in mind, we would like to let all parents know that: in the morning, a student who arrives after 9:00 am (or after Oh Canada has started if it has begun after 9:00 am) is considered LATE for school. In the afternoon, a student who arrives to school after 1:55 pm is considered late for school.

**When a student is late for school in the morning they must:**

- line up just outside the office until the secretary calls the student into the office
- sign in (or have their parent sign in) the student sign in book
- obtain a late slip from the office and then head down to class **without a parent**

**When a student is late after 1:50 pm they must come into the office to sign in and obtain a late slip**

**Please note the following:**

**8:45 am- Supervision for students outside begins**

**8:55 am- Entry bell rings-students begin coming inside. Once all students who were lined up outside at 8:55 walk in the school, the doors are closed and locked. Anyone arriving when the doors are closed must go around to the main front doors.**

**9:00 am- School begins**

## Too Sick to go Outside for Recess?

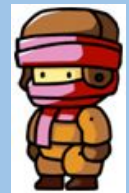


If you are too sick to go outside for recess, then you are too sick to attend school.

It is an expectation at Ross Doan that if your child attends school then they must go outside at the recess breaks. Supervision is not available in classrooms or the office during these times of the day. Exceptions are made for students with injuries that restrict mobility.

On severe weather days with extreme wind chill temperatures or a cold weather alert, we use judgment to shorten the length of time spent outdoors.

## Winter Weather



This is a reminder that all Students are required to go outside twice a day.

Please make sure your child comes to school dressed to go outdoors. Extra sweaters, hats, scarves, gloves, etc. are needed.

Please also ensure that your children have appropriate footwear: an outdoor pair of shoes or boots as well as an indoor pair of shoes for classroom and physical education use.

**Children go outside for all recesses.**

# School Council Update

## Happy Holidays!

*Happy Holidays and have a great winter break!*

Please look out for new and exciting initiatives to support our school council coming up in 2017. We are always looking for volunteers so please get in touch with us if you have any availability to help out for the last half of our year! With gratitude, we wish you a Joyful and Healthy Holiday and New Year.



Thank you to all those who supported our knitwits fundraiser.

***Over \$400 was raised to support school programs!***

We hope that the hats keep you warm as you enjoy this winter weather over the break.

### Clothing Labels

Tired of losing clothing?

Want winter hats, mittens, and coats to come home?!

We have set up a deal with both Mabel's Labels and Oliver's Labels - these companies make labels to put on clothing, lunch boxes, anything!

For **Mabel's labels**, go to - [mabelslabels.com](http://mabelslabels.com) then click search a fundraiser & look up our school (Ross Doan Public School - Richmond Hill).

For **Oliver's labels** go to - <http://www.oliverslabels.com/Rosssdoan>.

### 2016-17 Council Members

Ora Goldin-Chair  
Karen Gaston-Vice Chair  
Shweta Minas-Treasurer  
Jen Giffen-Secretary  
Senay Temiz-Fundraising Chair  
Angela Spadafora -Parent Repr  
Ana Bernstein-Parent Rep  
Tammy Mitchell-Miner-Parent Repr  
Tracy Mitchell-Neville-Parent Rep  
Stephanie Roll-Community Partner  
Leon Barton-Principal  
Stephanie Signer-Teacher Rep

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### Mark Your Calendars

Join us at our monthly meetings.

- Wednesday, January 11
- Tuesday, February 7
- Thursday, March 2
- Monday, April 3
- Wednesday, May 10
- Tuesday, June 13

All meetings are in the Ross Doan Public School Library - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**FREE Babysitting is available**

Upcoming **Pizza** lunches:

**Fri. Jan. 13 &**

**Fri. Jan. 27**



Look for more pizza lunches and \*new\* pasta lunches coming in 2017

**School Cash Online** benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option
- Reduces paper
- No need to send cash or cheques t
- Available in over 30 languages.
- Notification of Items to purchase
- Available for all your children even if they are at different schools! One stop shopping!



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
9. School Resumes	10.	11.  6:30 Parent Council Meeting	12.	13. Pizza Day 
16. Pasta Day	17. Author visits	18. Wellness Wednesday 	19.	20. P.A. Day (No School) Kindergarten Registration Begins
23. Pasta Day Scholastic Book Fair from Jan 23 to 27th.	24.	25.	26.	27. Pizza Day 
30. Pasta Day	31. <div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Fire Safety Presentations</div>			

A reminder to please remember to send in snacks for your child on pizza days.

\*Our school council will be offering pasta to our students beginning in the second week of January. More information about this program will be sent home in the first week of January.