



Ross Doan News

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Daily Schedule

Entry Bell 8:55 a.m.

Instructional Time

9:00-3:30 p.m.

Recess 10:40-11:10

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

Message from the Principal



Dear Parents/Guardians;

To all families, returning and new to our school community, WELCOME! It is the start of the school year and we are all excited and anticipating wonderful things in the year ahead. As the new Principal of Ross Doan I am excited to be working with you, the students, and all our staff and community partners.

We are pleased to welcome back our skilled staff and extend our team to include: **Cindy Soares** (Grade 1), **Suzanne Young** (FDK Prep Teacher) , **Amanda Bishop** (Educational Assistant), **Amanda Pinheiro** (Early Childhood Educator).

The beginning of a school year is an exciting time and one that involves significant preparation. We appreciate the endless days that our caretaking team spent, while still assisting our Family Day Daycare and YRDSB Building Blocks For Kindergarten (BBFK) partners, to ensure that our school is in tip top shape for opening day. Over the summer, we had several important projects completed such as sectional repaving in our bus loop, the extension of our kindergarten play area fence, and the installation of solid posts in the parking lot to increase safety.

A big thank you to our staff who have created inviting classrooms and spent summer time gathering materials to plan and enrich their programs for students. The classrooms are vibrant and the staff is prepared for another exciting and inspiring school year. One of the first things that was obvious to me as I visited the school is that we are fortunate to have a dedicated and exemplary team of teachers and support staff for our children.

Our current population is just over 300 students. Though a small school in comparison to other schools in York Region, we are a unique because we specialize in the academic, social, and emotional development of very young students which helps sets their growth in further years.

We, the staff at Ross Doan Public School, would like to thank you for your partnership and for entrusting us with your precious children. Please do stay connected through one or all of the following: ross.doan.ps@yrdsb.ca and Twitter: @RossDoan.
Leon Barton

Greetings from Trustee Carol Chan:



As we start another school year, we are very pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families. I hope you all enjoyed the hot summer months and are looking forward to the start of school. There is a lot to look forward to in the months ahead and many ways for families to engage with their child's learning. There is a strong connection between parent and family engagement and student achievement and well-being, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get involved.

In the coming year, trustees will continue to focus on the priorities that we set out in our [Multi-Year Plan](#): student achievement and well-being; the delivery of effective and sustainable educational programs; and the responsible stewardship of Board resources.

We know that partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving these goals. However you choose to get involved, know that you are making a difference to your child's learning.

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





School Organization

Teaching Staff:

JK/SK A	Mrs. Argintaru	DECE Ms. Kojakaro
JK/SK B	Mrs. Lowe	DECE Mrs. Grigorescu
JK/SK C	Mrs. Pearl	DECE Ms. Hatulan
JK/SK D	Mrs. Tothill	DECE Ms. Pinheiro
Gr 1 A	Ms. Goldberg	
Gr 1 B	Mrs. Khaira	
Gr 1 C	Ms. Soares	
Gr 1 /2	Mrs. Wengle	
Gr 2	Mrs. Rayner	
Gr 2/3	Mrs. McKenzie	
Gr 3 A	Mrs. Saldov	
Gr 3 B	Ms. Signer	
Community Class	Mrs. Greenberg	

SERT (Gr K-1)/RR	Mrs. LaMarche
SERT (Gr 2-4) /SSCA	Ms. Jones
Library/Prep	Mrs. Sarra
ESL (English teacher)	Mrs. Sebben
Prep	Mrs. McDougall
Prep	Mrs. Snyder
Prep	Ms. Young
Reading Recovery	Ms. Procter

Educational Support Staff:

Educational Assistant	Ms. Hampton
Educational Assistant	Ms. Altomare
Educational Assistant	Mrs. Beaupre
Educational Assistant	Mrs. King
CYW	Ms. Bishop

Caretakers:

Lead Caretaker	Mr. Cicero
Caretaker	Mr. Bellmore
Caretaker	Mr. Lee

Some General Reminders...

- Use appropriate entry/exit doors for entry/dismissal times.
- Please do not block entry/exit doors during entry & dismissal times to allow children to enter & exit safely.
- Think safety first...in the school, in the parking lot, at the playground.
- Please update Student Registration Verification forms that your child is bringing home and send back to school if there are any changes. (will be sent home on Monday)
- Please complete and send back forms found in the *School Start Up Package* that was sent home on Tuesday.

Safety First: Parking Lot & Bus Loop



The parking lot is for staff and those who have meetings in the school.



Please use the **Kiss N Ride** to drop off children in the morning. Drive around the parking lot to the right and stop at the Kiss N Ride area located at the pavement to the left of the parking lot entrance. Release your child to the staff on duty and proceed out of the parking lot.



Our bus loop is to be used by school vehicles *only*.



There are **No Parking** signs located along the bus loop. Cars that are parked in this area will be tagged or towed. Officers regularly visit our school to enforce the law.

Thank you for your respect and courtesy.

STUDENT SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

We will be sending home the Student Registration Verification forms. We ask you to please review, revise and return to the school as soon as possible.



As part of our student Safe Arrival program, please ensure to let the office know if your child will be absent from school or leaving early. We have a sign in/out book on our front counter for parents to sign their children in/ out when they pick up or drop off throughout the day.

Also don't forget about our **24 hour absence recording line** that can be reached at **905-884-4022** and then **press #2** You may inform us of any appointments or vacations that have been planned in advance.

ALLERGY-SAFE SCHOOL



Ross Doan Public School is a Healthy School which responds to the health and well-being of all our students. In keeping with best practices around the Board and issues of student health and safety, we are vigilant and insist that all food in the school meets "nut-free" guidelines. This includes all food sold/provided by staff, School Council, and others.

Please note the following as you are packing foods for your child to be eaten at school.

1. No nuts or nut products at any time in any classroom
2. No foods containing other known allergens in homeroom classes where anaphylactic students attend (ie. No shellfish in a room where a child is allergic to shellfish, etc.)
3. For religious, health, and dietary reasons, **FOOD SHOULD NOT BE PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS.** If you wish to send in treats, please opt for non-food items.
4. Food will only be part of celebrations for unique and "special" classroom events, organized by a staff member
5. **WE CANNOT ALLOW HOME-BAKED OR HOME-PREPARED FOODS TO BE SHARED IN THE CLASSROOM**

Freedom of Information (Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act-MFOIPOP)

Throughout the school year, your child's identity and other information may be shared beyond the classroom and the school. Special fundraising events may attract media attention. Recordings and displays for events such as Arts Nights, seasonal celebrations, etc. are some examples. **Please notify the school in writing if you wish to restrict the use of your child's personal information (e.g. display of work in the hall, newsletters, photos, interviews by press etc.).**



Medications

Some of our students have life-threatening food allergies. If some of these students smell or come into contact with certain foods, they may go into "anaphylactic shock" - a potentially life-threatening condition. Medication must be administered by injection within minutes to those individuals in order to keep them safe.

To ensure the health and safety of all of our students, parents or guardians are asked to **notify the school administration if their son or daughter has ANY medical condition or carries medication (i.e. inhaler, EpiPen, etc.)** Please obtain the necessary forms from the office or your child's teacher and ensure that you provide the school with all necessary medication as well as a photo of your child. Thank you!

Safety Week: September 26 to 30

At Ross Doan, our students will engage in classroom discussions, highlighting the safety related themes including safety in the classroom and community. Safety needs to be on our minds all year round, but as the school year begins, it's especially important that students be reminded that staying safe requires awareness and planning.

Fire Drill

We will conduct our first Fire Drill during Safety Week so ensure that all members of Ross Doan school are aware of procedures including emergency exit doors during a fire situation. As per board policy, we will conduct 6 fire drills during the school year.

Lockdown Procedure

In addition to learning about safety issues, all school staff and students will participate in a "Lockdown" drill, intended to practice school responses to emergency situations. The purpose of the Lockdown response is to minimize risk to students and staff to the presence of an armed or dangerous intruder or other similar violent threats within the school. Please discuss with your children to support us in preparing them for this experience.

Bus Evacuation

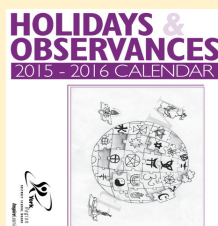
Our school will be participating in our annual bus safety and evacuation program on October 14, 2016.

The students will review the rules of the bus and learn about the safety features on the bus. They will also take part in an emergency evacuation through the rear door of the school bus.



HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

We recognize and appreciate the diversity within our community. Please let your child's homeroom teacher know if your child requires any accommodation. For instance, if your child is fasting we have designated a fasting classroom during lunch time.



BIRTHDAY TREATS

Due to Ministry Health Regulations, edible birthday/special occasions treats from here no longer be allowed at Ross Doan Public School.

Please do not send any treats with your child to share with his/her class.

Special pencils or erasers are a great alternative for student to share.

Thank you.



News from your Library/Learning Commons

Mrs. J.Sarra would like to welcome back the students and parents of Ross Doan Public School after the wonderful summer holiday. Book exchange will start on the week of September 19. Bar coded book bags will be distributed to all students next week. Please ensure that library books are transported to and from school in these bags to minimize damage to the books.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Please let the front office know if you are available to volunteer in the library....your time would be very much appreciated by all!

Lunch Hour Extra Curricular Paid Programs at Ross Doan Public School

The following clubs are scheduled to start programs late September/early October at Ross Doan P.S during the lunch hour:

Creative Club Inc.

(Lego club, Thursdays in the library, JK/SK, Gr. 1, 2, 3)

Ten Ten Sports

(Sports Program, Mondays in the gym, Gr. 1, 2, 3)

Music (Ukelele) b

(by Little Jammers Fridays in the library)

Others To Be Announced

In the next few days, your child will be bringing home the sign up forms for each one of these clubs...please have a look! Some registration will be online only so please ensure you sign up.

The Zones of Regulation

Over the past few years, Ross Doan PS embraced the Zones of Regulation program for students, staff, and our community. Developed by Leah Kuypers, the Zones program is designed to help you to be aware of your feelings and learn how to control them in different situations and contexts. There are four Zones that represent different emotions, Blue, Green, Yellow, and Red. Everyone experiences all of the Zones, and they are all expected at one time or another. Through presentations and different classroom activities, students and teachers have learned about each Zone. We have learned that the Green Zone is the optimal Zone for learning, because in this Zone students feel calm, focused, and ready to work. We have also been investigating different tools and strategies that we can use to get back to or remain in the Green Zone. We are looking forward to continuing our learning and exploring of this excellent program!



Tech Talk

To support your child's learning at home, below are some websites you may find useful:

READING	MATH
starfall.com	ixl.ca
teachingkidsnews.com	studyjams.scholastic.com
wegivebooks.org	prodigygame.com
tumblebooklibrary.com (username: rossdoan password: books)	sheppardsoftware.com



School Council September 2016

Welcome Back!

School Council would like to wish everyone a warm welcome to the new school year.

As always, our council needs community members who would like to have a voice and, in the case of elected representatives, a vote in the school council. Being on council is a great way to know and assist the school, teachers, principal, and other parents.

Council meets 8 times a year (about once a month) for 1.5-2 hours in the school library.

Council nomination forms will be sent home the first week of school.

All Ross Doan P.S. Community Members are invited to:

***The first school council meeting of the
2016-17 school year will be on
Thursday, September 15 at 6:30pm
in the school library.***

FREE Babysitting will be available

If you are interested in being a voting member of school council or wish to nominate someone to be a voting member, please complete and return School Council Nomination Form by Monday, September 12. A copy of the form can be found in the School Start Up Package that was sent home on Tuesday.


***Council elections will be conducted at this meeting.
Please consider sitting on council as a voting
member or a member at large.***





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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5. Labour Day	6. First Day of School 	7.	8.	9.
12.	13.	14.	15.	16. 11:15 Welcome Back Assembly for students only
19.	20. Terry Fox Kickoff Assembly	21.	22. Curriculum Night rescheduled to October 5	23.
26. P.A. Day	27.	28. Lockdown drill	29.	30.
	Safety Week			