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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 the Principal:

Happy New School Year! Welcome back to our families who have been part of the Ross Doan PS community and to those that are joining us this school year. We are a vibrant and diverse community that is inviting of all.

We hope that you have enjoyed the summer with friends and family and are now ready to enter into a new school year with renewed hope and enthusiasm. I would like to thank all our dedicated staff members and you, the members of our school community, for your continued support as we work together to ensure a healthy, safe, and engaging school environment for all our students.

We welcome new staff members joining our team at Ross Doan this year.

- Teresa Russano (Administrative Assistant)
- Bill Ballo (Lead Caretaker) Nayim Khan and Tara Heshka (Caretakers)
- Sonia Kojokaro (Designated Early Childhood Educators)
- Amanda Hampton & Lara Carbone (Educational Assistants)
- Suzanne Greenberg (Community Class Teacher)
- Soo Tohill (FDK Teacher)
- Glen Kaiser (Long Term Occasional Teacher for Karen Wride)

We would like to wish Jean Knight and Gail Blackman all the best as they embrace retirement and move onto a next phase in their journeys in life.

It is such a privilege to be the proud Principal of Ross Doan Public School. Though there are always challenges along the way, we are accomplishing much together. Looking now to the year ahead, I am optimistic about how we have structured our school for maximum support for all our students. You will soon be invited to a "Grand Opening" of our "Learning Commons" (AKA "library") which is being transformed into a place of wonder for our students. We will also be offering a variety of motivating opportunities for our students to enhance their schooling experiences including by building on our "What's Your Magic?" school wide theme. I encourage you to stay *plugged in* to what is happening in our school including by reading material that is sent home, regularly reviewing information on our [school website](#), following us on Twitter @RossDoan, joining us for events, dropping in on a School Council meeting, and keeping the lines of communication open with staff that is serving your child.

Most importantly, talk with child about what is happening at school. [Here](#) is a great article, shared by our Supervisory Officer Karen Friedman, on ways that you can extend conversations at home.

Lastly, on behalf of the staff at Ross Doan, I would like to thank you for entrusting your children in our care. We will make every effort to guide and support your children to reach their full potential and have a successful 2014/2015 school year.

Sincerely,
Bernadette Smith



Please remember that the first place to visit at school is the office. The only way that we can assure the safety of all students is with your full participation! A "Sign-In" binder is located in the office, and requires all visitors or volunteers to sign in when entering the building. Please sign in at the office and obtain a "visitor" badge so that you can quickly be identified by staff in the halls. Going directly to your child's classroom only causes crowding and confusion in the hallways. Make arrangements to meet your children at their specific entry/exit doors.

If you are at the school to pick up your child, we will call your child from the office and your child will meet you there.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and makes it easier for staff to identify anyone who should not be in the school.

Thank you!

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.).**



Safety Week: September 29 to October 3

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. This Lockdown drill replaces our former Code Red drills. 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 Oct. 7. 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.



JOIN ROSS DOAN PUBLIC SCHOOL’S ‘GREEN LIST’ FOR 2014-2015

If you are interested in receiving e-newsletters from our School and School Council please complete the information below and return to the office. (You can also register via our school website: www.rossdoan.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/ . Just follow the prompts after you click on subscribe to e-newsletters on the right hand link.)



First Name _____ Last Name _____

Child(ren’s) Name(s) _____

School Organization

JK/SK A	Mrs. Argintaru	DECE: Ms. Kojokaro
JK/SK B	Ms. Lowe	DECE: Ms. Faerberg
JK/SK C	Mrs. Pearl	DECE: Ms. Huang
JK/SK D	Ms. Tohill	DECE: Ms. Grigorescu
SK/Gr. 1	Ms. Procter	DECE: Ms. Hatulan
Gr. 1	Mrs. Pomerantz	
Gr. 1 /2 A	Ms. Wengle	
Gr. 1 /2 B	Ms. Wride / Mr. Kaiser (LTO)	
Gr. 2	Ms. Goldberg	
Gr. 2 /3	Mrs. Rayner	
Gr. 3 A	Ms. Caughey	
Gr. 3 B	Ms. McKenzie	
Gr. 3/ 4	Ms. Saldov	
Gr. 4 A	Ms. Leonard	
Gr. 4 B	Ms. Signer	
Community Class	Mrs. Greenberg (Teacher)	
	Mrs. Mackie (EA)	Mrs. Hartley (EA)
	Ms. McGrail (CYW)	

Support Teaching Staff

Library / Prep	Mrs. Khaira
Sert	Mrs. LaMarche
ELL	Mrs. Sebben
Reading Recovery	Mrs. Settle
Music	Mrs. McDougal
French	Mmde. Saiphoo
Prep	Mrs. Snyder
Prep/Gym	Mrs. Sarra

Support Staff:

Educational Assist.	Ms. Hampton
Child & Youth Worker	Ms. McGrail

Caretaking Staff:

Lead Caretaker	Mr. Ballo
Caretaker	Mr. Khan
Caretaker	Mrs. Heshka

MEET THE TEACHER/CURRICULUM NIGHT

Please set aside the evening of Wednesday, October 1st as we will be hosting our Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night from 5:30pm – 7:00pm



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 new Ministry Health Regulations, edible birthday/special occasions treats will 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 students to share.



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** or if it is an appointment that has been made in advance, please let us know in the office and we can make a note of it.



Lego Club



Start date: Tues September 23
Location: library
Time: 1:10 (during lunch recess)
SIGN UP ONLINE at:
www.creativeclubinc.com

Library News

Help Wanted!

If there are any parents that are interested in supporting our school "Library Learning Commons", please contact our Teacher Librarian - Jasdeep Khaira

School Council September 2014 Update

Welcome to the start of an exciting new school year at Ross Doan Public School.

Have you attended a School Council meeting yet? Here are 6 reasons why you should:

1. You can learn a lot about what is happening at Ross Doan and how it impacts your child's education.
2. You will meet other parents and teachers, and receive great updates from the Principal about school plans.
3. You can contribute ideas to help the school grow.
4. You don't have to be a council member to attend.
5. You can attend as many meetings as you want, depending on what works with your schedule.
6. Meetings are casual, fun, and very informative.

Give it a try. Come out to our first School Council meeting on **Tuesday, September 16th at 6:45 PM** in the Ross Doan Public School Library. Free babysitting is available. While you're learning new things about the school, your kids can have a free play date.

In 2013 – 2014, School Council Fundraising Initiatives Raised Money to Support:

- Art Performances
- iPad Learning Technology
- Reading Programs
- Play equipment
- School improvements

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

Thank you for your past contributions and your help!

Join us this year as we set new goals to support our students and our school programs.

Become a School Council Member



If you're interested in becoming a School Council member for the 2014-2015 school year, please complete the self-nomination form that will be coming home soon and return it to the school.

There are many positions to be filled and we look forward to seeing you!

For more information on council and positions responsibilities, please go to our council website at:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/rossdoan.ps/SchoolCouncil/Pages/default.aspx>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Join us at our **First Monthly Meeting!**

Tues., September 16th, 2014

Ross Doan Public School Library

6:45 PM - 8:30 PM

Free Babysitting is Available

Hot Lunch Programs for 2014 - 2015

Pizza Lunch:

Pizza Days will be returning in October. Order forms for the first term will be sent home by the end of September. Keep an eye out for the forms and please return them on time.

Hot Dog Lunch:

We will **NOT** be able to run this program at this time since we don't have the volunteers to run it. If you're interested in volunteering to help run the Hot Dog Lunch program, please email ross.doan.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca.

The Lunch Lady:

The Lunch Lady Program will continue again this year on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Details will follow.

Our school community needs your help!

We are looking for volunteers to help with many of our programs. Please join in, help out and participate when you can. Fundraisers and the hot lunch programs offer you an opportunity to volunteer and help out on your terms and on your schedule. Email ross.doan.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca for more information.