

## Week of September 5, 2022

Upcoming Dates	
Sept. 7	First Day of School
Sept. 23	PA Day
Sept. 28	School Council Meeting
Sept. 29	VDPS Terry Fox Run
Oct. 12	Curriculum Night

We look forward to welcoming all of our learners on Wednesday, September 7.

Class placement information will be shared by email on Tuesday, September 6. For your reference here is the [School Year Calendar](#)

### **SCHOOL HOURS**

Bell times: 9:10 a.m. and 3:40 p.m.

Supervision begins at 8:55 a.m. each day. Starting on Thursday, September 8 we will follow a soft entry procedure which means that students may enter the building and go straight to class starting at 8:55 a.m. There will be supervision in the Kindergarten classrooms and all hallways during this time, and at the Kiss and Ride from 8:55 a.m.- 9:10 a.m.

### **BUS TRANSPORTATION**

School bus transportation starts on the first day for all students **except** Year 1 Kindergarten (JK). Please go to the [School Bus City website](#) to confirm your bus stop. During the school day on Wednesday, we will provide a bus tag to all students who are eligible to ride the bus. If there is a change in your child's transportation needs, kindly email the office ([viola.desmond.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:viola.desmond.ps@yrdsb.ca)) so we can update our records.

**If your child still has a bus tag from last school year, please remove it from their backpack before the first day of school.**

## FIRST DAY PROCEDURES: ARRIVAL

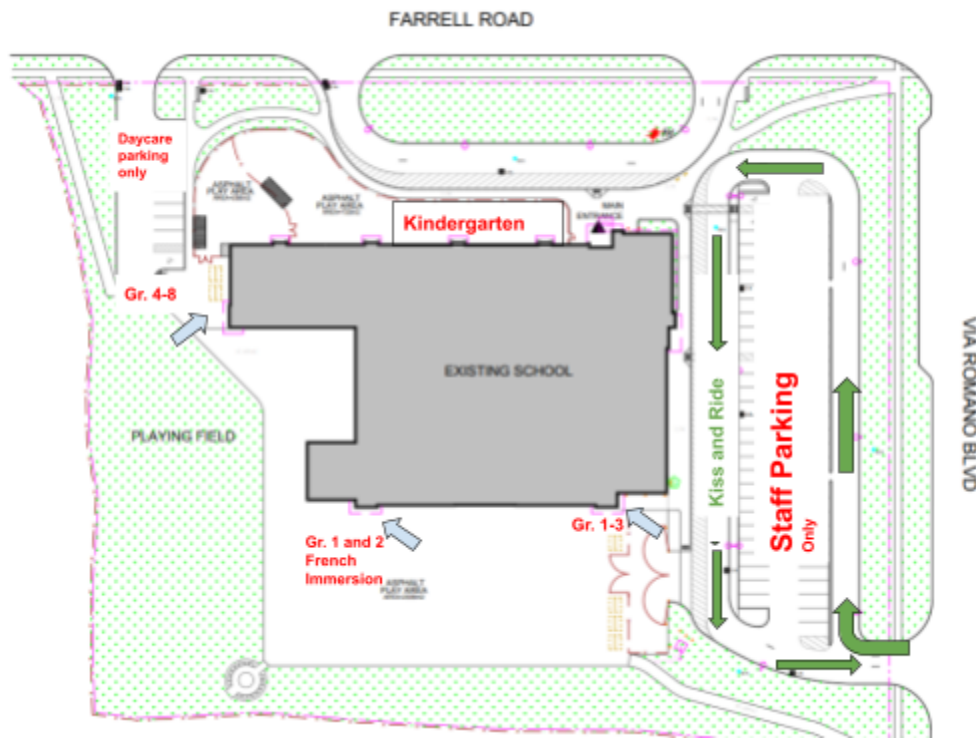
Kindergarten	<p><b>Year 1 (JK)</b> students attend in a <b>supported entry</b> model as outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 1</b> students attend on Wednesday, <b>September 7 from 11:20 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b> Please note, this does <b>not</b> include lunch time.</li> <li>Year 1 students attend for the full day, starting on Thursday, September 8</li> </ul> <p><b>Year 2 (SK)</b> students attend full day starting on <b>Wednesday, September 7</b></p> <p><b>All Kindergarten</b> students attend full day starting <b>Thursday, September 8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents bring their children to the Kindergarten play area gate located near the main entrance of the school.</li> <li>An educator will direct the child into their classroom where they will be greeted by their second educator.</li> <li>Parents are not permitted into the Kindergarten play area. Please do not congregate near the gate in order to allow all children to enter safely.</li> </ul>
Grades 1-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Students in Grades 1-5 will meet outside in the following areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>French Immersion</b> - will meet at the south west door near the basketball court</li> <li><b>Grade 1-3</b> (regular English program) - will meet at the south east door near the bike racks</li> <li><b>Grade 4-6</b> - will meet at the west doors near the child care</li> </ul> </li> <li>Teachers will be standing outside with large signs with their class code.</li> <li><b>French Immersion teachers will have yellow signs.</b></li> <li><b>English program teachers will have green signs.</b></li> <li>Students will line up in front of their teachers.</li> <li>Once a teacher has all of their students, the class will enter the school.</li> <li>Parents, please <i>do not</i> congregate on the tarmac or near the doors as this makes it difficult for teachers to take attendance. We want to make sure our lineups and entry is as safe as possible for students and staff.</li> </ul>
Grades 7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students in <b>Grades 7-8 do not</b> need to line up outside.</li> <li>Students may enter the building through the Kiss and Ride door or front door.</li> <li>Teachers will greet students in the hallways and direct them to their classrooms if students do not know where to go.</li> </ul>
Bus	<p>All students who arrive by bus will be directed to their doors/teacher by school staff.</p>

**\*Any student who arrives late must go to the main entrance and ring the bell. Office staff will let the student in and direct them to their classroom.**

## FIRST DAY PROCEDURES: DISMISSAL

<b>Kindergarten</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dismissal from the Kindergarten play area.</li> <li>Parents need to wait <b>outside</b> the play area and staff will bring the children out.</li> <li>Please be patient on the first few days as dismissal takes time in order to safely dismiss our youngest learners.</li> </ul>
<b>French Immersion Dismissal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students in Gr. 1 and Gr. 2 <b>French Immersion</b> will exit through the south west door near the basketball court</li> </ul>
<b>Grades 1-3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>exit through the south east door near the bike rack.</li> </ul>
<b>Grades 4-8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exit through the west door near the childcare.</li> </ul>
<b>Bus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students taking the bus will line up in the gym by their bus route sign.</li> <li>Staff will take attendance as students get on the bus.</li> <li>Please remove old bus tags before school on Wednesday.</li> </ul>

## Dismissal and Recess Doors

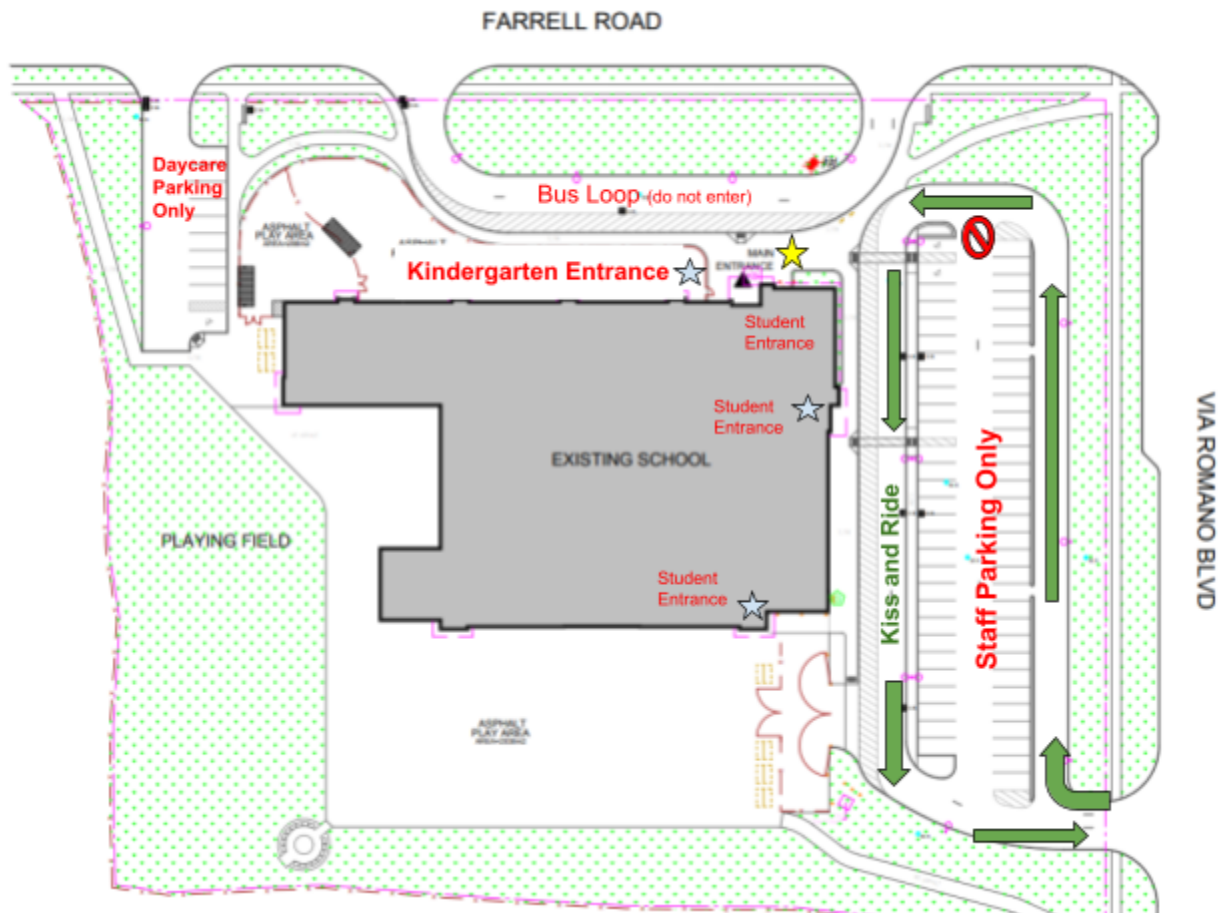


**On Thursday, September 8** we will follow our “soft entry” procedures that were previously established. Students enter the building starting at 8:55am and go directly to their classrooms. Staff will be supervising throughout the school.

Students may be dropped off at the Kiss and Ride, or may enter through the doors shown on the map below. Please **do not enter the bus loop**. Also please note directional signs for our Kiss and Ride.

When using the Kiss and Ride, **do not leave your vehicle**. If you wish to walk your child to their entrance door, please park on the road as the parking lot is reserved for staff parking.

## **Entrances for Soft Entry starting on Thursday, September 8**



## School Council

All parents/guardians are invited to participate in our School Council. If you are interested in running for an elected position, please complete the nomination form that will be shared in the YRDSB school forms email that will be sent out shortly.

The School Council elections will take place on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.

## Hot Lunch Programs

We will be resuming hot lunch programs this year starting with *Kid's Kitchen* on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please see the flyer below for more information.

Proud to be serving lunch every Tuesday & Friday at  
**VIOLA DESMOND P.S.**  
Starting Tuesday, September 13, 2022



**SAFETY**  
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INDIVIDUALLY  
LABELLED

Kids Kitchen is prepared and ready to assist with the safe implementation of your school's hot lunch program.

<b>Entrees</b> Macaroni & cheese Beef soft taco Bean soft taco Pancakes with turkey sausage Pasta with meat sauce (GF) Pasta with tomato sauce (GF) Buttery pasta Tuna salad sandwich on a Kaiser Chicken fingers with rice (GF) Beef burger (H) Chicken burger (H) Veggie burger	<b>Side Items</b> Chicken fingers (2 pcs) (GF) Baked potato with sour cream Garden salad with ranch dressing Steamed veggies Edamame (shelled) Cucumber slices Veggies & dip Pierogies (4 pcs) Garlic bread 2% or chocolate milk Chocolate soy milk Various fruit juices (100% juice) Bottled water	<b>Snacks &amp; Deserts</b> Fresh apple Fresh pear Fresh orange wedges Diced fruit Yogurt cup Chocolate chip cookie Kettle Popcorn Fresh fruit of the season Fudgy Brownie Banana or Carrot Muffin  <small>(GF) Gluten-friendly also available (H) Halal also available</small>  <small>Not all options are available in all locations, please check online to see your school's options.</small>	<b>DELIVERING GOOD, REAL FOOD TO KIDS AT SCHOOL</b>  Our commitment is to provide nutritious, delicious, "home-cooked" meals with simple ingredients that you'd find in your own kitchen.  <b>SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS?</b>  No problem! We're here for you. Speak with us on how we can accommodate your child.  <b>ORDER ONLINE</b> Visit <a href="http://www.kidskitchen.ca">www.kidskitchen.ca</a> to see your school's menu, specials and for fast, secure online ordering.
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**Sample Menu**

**MORE OPTIONS ONLINE**

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