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Newsletter**



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

September 10, 2020

Dear Families,

I hope that this note finds you safe and in good health.

I know many students and families are feeling anxious as we get closer to the start of school next week. This letter is to emphasize everything that we have been practicing as a community to stay safe and healthy from COVID-19. It is well known that this pandemic is constantly changing our precautions and understanding of what could happen to each one of us. I will outline the present measures put in place following our school board protocols, which are subject to change in the future. As always, I thank you for your cooperation, patience and understanding. The safety of our students, staff and community members is always our priority.

A note to our kindergarten parents: your child's teacher will be communicating through their letter the details regarding the re-entry plan specific to kindergarten students.

Please continue to check our website frequently for further updates.

In partnership,

Sanaa Soussan

**LINK TO KPRDSB COVID-19 Information Page (includes mental health resources)**

<http://kprdsb.ca/en/COVID-19.html>

**SCHOOL ORGANIZATION** (subject to change if our numbers change)

Due to our students who opted for online learning, our present school's organization is as follows:

- JK/SK - Room 108 - Bonnie Cook (Occasional for Courtney McMahon until April as of now) and ECE April Stone
- JK/SK – Room 109 – Sara Gallagher and ECE Shannon Kingdon (Occasional for Ashley Houlden until end of the year as of now)
- Grade 1 – Room 111 – Carrie Patrick
- Grade 1/2 – Room 114 – Surbhi Sharma
- Grade 2/3 – Room 110 – Nicole Bonnici
- Grade 3/4 – Room 113 – Katie Hossack
- Grade 4/5 – Room 106 – Heather Graham
- Grade 5/6 – Room 107 – Danielle Rizzi
- Grade 7 – Room 104 – Christiane (Christie) Walker
- Grade 7/8 – Room 105 – Rachel Johnston

## **SCHOOL HOURS**

8:55	Outdoor supervision begins
9:10 - 11:10	First Instructional Block
11:10 - 11:50	First Nutritional Break
11:50 - 1:30	Second Instructional Block
1:30 - 2:10	Second Nutritional Break
2:10 - 3:30	Third Instructional Block
3:30	Dismissal



## **Bus Route**



The bus Company has called or emailed families with pickup and stop locations. If you have not received either please call First Student Bus Company at 905-623-3811 and the bus route is #19 and they will assist you.

## **Crossing Guard**

A crossing Guard will be at the crossing area at the following times only:

8:55 am to 9:10 am      \*\*\*no lunch hour coverage

3:30 pm to 3:45 pm



## **KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS SAFE AND HEALTHY**

### **DAILY COVID-19 SCREENING FOR FAMILIES**

- It is very important that families complete a daily COVID self-assessment with their children prior to entering school.
- Your child should not attend school if:
  - You/your child or someone you are in close contact with have travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days
  - You/your child have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19
  - Your child has any of the following symptoms:
    - Fever
    - New or worse cough
    - Shortness of breath
    - Difficulty breathing
    - Sore throat

- Headaches
- Diarrhea
- Unexplained fatigue/ malaise/muscle aches
- Chills
- Runny nose/nasal congestion without known cause
- Nausea/vomiting
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- Difficulty walking
- Abdominal pain
- Decrease or loss of sense of smell or taste.

## **INCREASED CLEANING AND SANITIZING**

- All schools are implementing pandemic cleaning protocols to support healthy, safe school facilities. Pandemic Cleaning Mode includes the increased cleaning and disinfecting of all high touch surfaces in schools - three times per day.
- High touch surfaces include: washrooms (e.g. toilet fixtures, faucets), eating areas (e.g. tables, sinks, countertops), doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, touch screens, push buttons, handrails, computers, photocopiers, and other equipment.
- In addition, we are taking the following steps:
  - Using electrostatic disinfectant sprayers
  - Increasing the number of custodians to ensure high priority cleaning takes place; and
  - Maintaining open, ongoing communication with public health officials
- At the end of each school day, an afternoon shift of custodial workers will come in to thoroughly clean schools, to ensure a safe environment for students the next day.

## **HAND HYGIENE**

Hand hygiene will be an important part of school routines. We will have touchless sanitizers in key areas throughout all schools and every classroom will have hand sanitizer available for students. Signage at sinks and sanitizing stations will remind students about proper cleaning techniques. Time will be provided for handwashing and/or hand sanitizing throughout the school day. Thank you for continuously reviewing hand washing practices with your children.

Students and staff should perform hand hygiene:

- On arrival at school
- Before eating or drinking
- After using the washroom
- After playing outdoors
- When their hands are physically dirty
- When they cough or sneeze

## **MASK PROTOCOL** (a more detailed and updated protocol from the board will follow soon)

- Grades 4 to 8 will be required to wear non-medical or cloth masks indoors in school, including in hallways and during classes.
- Kindergarten to Grade 3 will be encouraged but not required to wear masks in indoor spaces.
- Students may wear their own non-medical masks.
- Please provide your child with safe storage for their mask. We suggest a fanny pack or a purse that can attach to waistline. No lanyards please as they can be a choking hazard.
- Please continue speaking to your child about the importance to physical distancing and wearing their mask, as well as avoiding touching their face.
- Physical/social distancing and masks are now part of our code of conduct and we expect all our students to follow it
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child wearing a mask, please contact me at [sanaa\\_soussan@kprdsb.ca](mailto:sanaa_soussan@kprdsb.ca).

## **CLASSROOMS**

- Students will be reminded regularly of hand hygiene and distancing protocols, and this will be supported by signage in classrooms and throughout the school. Desks will be spread out and spaced away from other desks as much as possible.
- All teachers and education support workers will be provided appropriate PPE (personal protective equipment).
- Tape will be used to help students remain appropriately distanced from the teacher's desk.
- Walking directions will be provided with visuals in the classroom to help students remain at a distance from each other.
- Classes will be held outdoors as much as possible, especially physical education.

## **HALLWAYS/DOORS**

- We have put signage all throughout our hallways/floors to indicate for students and staff the flow of circulation as well as visual reminders for handwashing, masks and physical distancing protocols.
- The circulation flow and physical distancing will be monitored at all transition times.
- Doors used by students to access the yard are identified with entrance only and exit only signs and will be propped open when students are entering and exiting the building as a class.

## **THE SCHOOL YARD**

- Outdoor spaces will be utilized according to a staggered schedule to limit the number of students in the areas, allowing for better ability to physically distance
- Primary grades, including grade 3/4, will continue to have their recess at a different time than the junior/intermediate grades.
- We have painted a line in the middle of the yard to indicate where different cohorts will have their recess – During the primary recess, grades 1 and 1/2 will be on the east side and grades 2/3 and 3/4 on the west side. During the Jr/Int recess, grades 4/5 and 5/6 will be on the east side and grades 7 and 7/8 on the west side.
- Kindergarten will be in the pen area during their recess.
- Teachers will be using outdoor spaces as much as possible for students' learning.
- Families are not permitted at on the school yard due to COVID-19 restrictions.

## **DROP OFF AND PICK UP DURING SCHOOL DAY**

- If you need to drop off your child later in the day or pick them up earlier, please call our secretary Mrs. Brown at 905-436-0715 and follow the appropriate self-screening protocol. Visitors must wear a mask, sanitize their hands upon entry into the building, sign in outside the office, and practice physical distancing.
- Please try to inform us as early as possible so we can get your child ready for you.
- As well, a note to the teacher is always appreciated.

## **LEARNING MATERIALS/INDOOR SHOES**

- Students will not be sharing any materials. We are providing each student with their personal bin and supplies.
- We will not be using hooks in our hallways at this time.
- We will not be asking students for indoor shoes at this time. Please send your children in covered toes shoes as teachers are planning to take them outside for physical education and body breaks every day.

## **LUNCH**

- We have a boomerang lunch, which means that all items in the lunch box will return home including garbage and recycling. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are no longer able to assist your child in opening their containers. Please send containers/items that your child can open independently. We cannot not heat up food for your child either.
- If you are allowing your child to walk home during lunch, please be aware that there is no crossing guard during lunch time.

## **LABELLING YOUR CHILD'S ITEMS**

- Please label all their belongings including their backpack, lunch boxes, water bottles, masks...etc.
- We recommend labelling for all students of any grade.

## **TOYS/PLAY ITEMS FROM HOME**

No toys or play items from home are allowed at school. Please ensure that your child does not bring any.

## **STUDENTS ENTRY/RECESSES/DISMISSAL Grades 1-8**

- **ENTRY**
  - Students are to enter the school yard between 8:55 and 9:10 from the east side gate only.
  - To keep our school safe and healthy, parents/families are not allowed on the yard.
  - If you need to comfort your child before they enter the yard, please do so in the alleyway.
  - Rest assured that we will be there for your child to comfort them with encouraging and assuring words, and that we will attend to their needs.
  - Students will line up immediately upon entering the yard in their identified areas, physically distanced.
  - Students will enter the school building one class at a time distanced, sanitize their hands at the door and proceed to their classroom directly.
  - Families are encouraged to walk to school. We are trying to keep our kiss and ride area clear and minimize contact. Our parking spaces are limited, and therefore you may wish to park nearby in the neighborhood then walk your children to school.
- **RECESSES**
  - Students will be wearing their masks until they are about to step outside (please provide a safe storage for their mask while outdoors).
  - Students will be entering and exiting the building staggered one class at a time through propped open doors.
  - Specific grades will be assigned a specific area of the yard (please refer to the school yard section above).
  - Students will be sanitizing their hands upon entering the building every time.
- **DISMISSAL**
  - We are asking families to be at the pickup designated areas by 3:25.
  - Families of students in grades 1-3, including grade 3/4 are to wait in the alleyway by the east side gate.
  - Families of students in grades 4-8 are to wait behind the north end fence by the baseball field.

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT BECOMES ILL OR SHOWS SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19?**

- If a student become ill while at school, including if they show cold like symptoms parents/families will be contacted immediately for pick up.
- The student will be separated from others in a private and respectful way and will be monitored in a separate room in the office area by staff until the parent/family member arrives.
- All siblings in the school, or in another KPR school, will also be separated and monitored.
- School staff will use a thermal thermometer to assist in detecting fever in students who are feeling ill.
- If your child has a medical condition that we need to be aware of, please email me at [sanaa\\_soussan@kprdsb.ca](mailto:sanaa_soussan@kprdsb.ca).