



# R.A. Riddell Kindergarten Registration September 2018



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## Welcome to R.A. Riddell School!



### Registration Information

We are not able to accept Out of Catchment students.



Attached you will find information as well as a registration form. The registration form is a two sided form to be completed by a parent/guardian. When the form is returned to the school, you **MUST** provide the following:



- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Address (mortgage, lease, or utility bill)
- Immunization (records must be submitted to Public Health Department)



To help answer any other questions you may have about Kindergarten and to acquaint you with the Kindergarten Program, parents are invited to bring their child to our Welcome to Kindergarten Session:



## Welcome to Kindergarten Family Information Night



Thursday, May 17th  
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Please RSVP to 905-387-3350 by Friday, May 11th





**R.A. Riddell School**

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Hamilton, ON

Website: [www.hwdsb.on.ca/rariddell](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/rariddell)

Twitter: @Riddell\_HWDSB



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Caregiver(s):

Riddell School offers a full day every day Kindergarten program. We have over 55 dedicated staff at R.A. Riddell School – principal, vice-principal, teachers, educational assistants, early childhood educators, office administrators and caretakers who work with our students to help make their school days enjoyable and successful. At Riddell our motto is **“Respect, Achievement, Responsibility”**.

### **Kindergarten**

During the school day, children are involved in many different kinds of activities designed to help young learners explore, discover and grow. They will have opportunities to initiate learning and play, as well as take part in more structured play-based learning under the guidance of a teacher and early childhood educator. The teacher and early childhood educators are guided by a curriculum document based on the existing kindergarten program, research and other early learning curricula.



### **Play-based Learning**

Through play-based learning and small group instruction, children develop a strong foundation for learning in all areas, including language and math, engage in healthy physical activities and the arts, and develop socially and emotionally through interaction with their peers and the educators who guide them.

Through informal meetings, parent conferences and/or written reports parents will receive regular updates that include comments on their child’s learning. The reports also include suggestions for parents to support their child’s learning.



### **Transportation**

Kindergarten students who live over 1 km from the school are eligible for bussing. If your child qualifies to be bussed to school, you will be notified directly by our **Transportation Department** by mid-August with information for pick up and drop off times and bus stop location. All students who ride the school bus will be provided with a bus tag indicating their bus number and bus stop. We have students trained as bus monitors who will assist your child on and off the bus. The First Rider Program is usually held during the 3rd week of August on a weekend to help children and parents know what to expect. You can contact the Transportation Department in July or early August for details.



If you have any questions about transportation, please contact the Transportation Department at 905-523-2318.



## School Bell Times

Entry - 8:50 am      Dismissal - 3:10 pm

## Drop-off and Pick-up

Please use Kindergarten entrance. To develop independence, caregivers are asked to say good-bye to their child at the gate and have their child line up and enter with their class. At dismissal, caregivers are to enter the playground area through the gate and wait outside the kindergarten entrance for their child's teachers to dismiss their child.

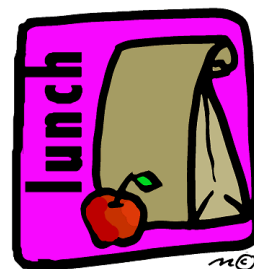
## Absences

All lates and absences should be called in to the school office prior to the start of the school day. Please call the school at 905-387-3350 and state your child's name, their class and the reason for absence.

## Nutrition Breaks/Snacks

We will be on a Balanced Day model. This means there will be two times for students to eat snacks/lunch during the school day. Please send in healthy foods; no pop, candies or chocolates. Please don't send any glass containers to school. As there will be two times to eat you may wish to separate your child's lunch/snack into two containers.

Allergies: We have nut allergies at our school. Please do not send any PEANUT or nut products to school.



## Backpacks

It is important for your child to have a large backpack so they are able to carry their shoes, lunchbox, library books etc. Label their name on the inside. Label their snack/lunch bags also.

## Change of Clothes

Accidents do happen. Please put underwear, socks and elastic waist pants in a Ziploc bag with their name on it. Your child will keep this in the bottom of their backpack.

## Parent Volunteers



Any parents who wish to go on class trips or volunteer in the school MUST have a police check. Our school offers a wide variety of extra-curricular activities throughout the year. We are always looking for additional volunteers to assist with various events, including educational excursions and school teams. If you are interested in volunteering, you must complete a Vulnerable Sector Screening. Check the links to the sites below and see Mr. McLean for an application package.

Online vulnerable Sector Screening Application

<http://www.policesolutions.ca/checks/services/hamilton/index.php>

HWDSB Volunteer Information (Explains the Board Process).

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/get-involved/volunteers-in-schools/>

## Shoes

If your child can't tie shoelaces independently, please consider buying Velcro shoes. We will be having physical education daily so running shoes are essential for your child's safety. In the winter your child may leave a pair of running shoes at school so that he/she will not have to transport them all winter long.



## Label Everything

Please label everything (clothing, shoes, backpack, lunchbox, mittens, hats etc.) When items are labelled we are able to ensure they are returned to the student they belong to. We have a Mabel's Labels fundraiser running at Riddell. The proceeds go towards our Kindergarten Home Reading program. Go to [www.mabelslabels.com/support-a-fundraiser](http://www.mabelslabels.com/support-a-fundraiser).

## Birthdays

Feel free to send a healthy treat for your child to share with the class on their birthday. Please ensure it is easily divisible and PEANUT FREE. Cakes and cupcakes do not fit our new nutritional policy.

### Preparing for September

1. Read with your child.
2. Talk about school and about your child's teachers' names (you will receive this information in July).
3. If your child is ready, and you are beginning to write with them, please ensure you teach your child to print their name correctly (All lower case letters, except the first).
4. Allow your child to experiment with crayons, scissors, glue etc.
5. Practice packing and unpacking their lunchbox and backpack.
6. Practice dressing independently.
7. Practice your child's morning routine, including walking to the school.
8. Help your child develop independence when using the toilet and washing their hands.



9. Bus Travel: if your child will be taking the bus, introduce them to the stop and try to attend the First Rider Program that is offered in the August. You can contact the Transportation Department at 905-523-2318 for details.

**IMPORTANT:** It's easy to keep informed on what is happening at R.A. Riddell School. Please subscribe to our website at <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/rariddell/subscribe/>  
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