



Parkdale Elementary School

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Dear families,

We are excited to welcome students back to classes – in person and through remote learning – to the 2021-22 school year.

We appreciate that families may have a lot of questions as they prepare to send their children back to classes and are committed to sharing updates as we receive new information. We also invite families to keep up with communications from HWDSB by [subscribing to email updates](#). Here at Parkdale school, there will be Friday updates sent with information specific to our school.

A friendly reminder that the first day of school will be **Wednesday, September 8th, 2021**.

We understand that this falls on the last day of Rosh Hashanah, and will be working directly with families who require accommodation for this day. Please reach out to the school if you have any questions.

We know that safety is on the minds of every family sending their child/ren back to school. We are taking many actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our classes while giving our students meaningful experiences which focus on both their physical and emotional well-being. Here are some important points for families to remember as students prepare for the start of the school year. Please visit our website for our school site plan.

- **Attestation**

- Parents and caregivers, and students over 18 years of age, are asked to complete [one-time attestation](#) to declare that you will participate in active daily screening. The attestation can be completed in the [Parent Portal](#).

- **Daily COVID-19 Screening**

- For at least the first two weeks of school, students will submit a daily screening on paper. If the student does not have verification, they will remain in class, with a mask and distanced as much as possible from others. Parents will be contacted to verify screening.

- **Mask Requirements**

- Masks are mandated for all students, including kindergarten students. Reasonable exceptions on the requirement to wear masks will apply. No medical notes are required. Please complete the form in the Parent Portal if an exemption is needed.



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- **Visitors and Volunteers**

- Access to the school will be very limited for parents and caregivers. There will be a temporary pause on welcoming volunteers in our school as staff await more information from the Ministry of Education about how the Immunization Disclosure Policy impacts them.

- **Ventilation**

- Families may access ventilation information by following:
<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/school-renewal/ventilation/>

- **Transportation**

- Parents of qualifying students will be able to confirm their transportation arrangements on the [HWSTS Transportation Portal](#). If your qualifying student **won't** be using school bus services and would like to opt-out of transportation, please follow this [opt-out](#) link to complete the Decline Transportation Form.

- **Device Return**

- Students who still have a device from last year are asked to bring it to their educator on the first day of school, Wednesday, September 8. Please label the device with your child's name.

- **Remote Transition**

- Families requesting a **transition** between remote and in-person learning this September can do so by completing the form in the Parent Portal between September 3rd and 10th. Students will begin the school year in their original selection and will transition in early October.

- **First Days of Kindergarten**

- All children **new** to kindergarten and/or the school will be invited for a short visit with a caregiver on Wednesday, September 8th, 2021. We will contact families to arrange visit times and share details. The first full day of kindergarten classes will be Thursday, September 9th, 2021.

Learn more about COVID-19 precautions at HWDSB at www.hwdsb.on.ca/covid19.

We will continue to send updates as we receive added information and thank you for being proactive in following communications from HWDSB.

Please reach out at any time with any question or concern. We wish you a wonderful long weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. Kurtz
Principal