



Dear Runnymede Families,

It has been delightful seeing everyone again and welcoming **our new and returning students and families** to Runnymede PS.. Students are settling into their learning environments and routines. We are looking forward to collaborating with families and having another great year at Runnymede Jr and Sr PS.! During our first week we held Welcome Assemblies 2022-2-23 for Primary, Junior and Senior Divisions. The Kinder Welcome assemblies will take place next week.

Lunch Procedures

All students in Kindergarten stay at school for lunch - if there are any changes to this procedure, we ask that you communicate to your child's teacher. As shared with Grades 1-8, we ask parents/guardians/caregivers to carefully read and to fill out the [Lunch Permission Form Gr. 1-5](#), [Lunch Permission Form Gr. 6-8](#) and **return to school on Monday, September 12, 2022.**

Reorganization

We are keeping a close eye on our actual numbers. Each year, public school boards, including the TDSB, undergo a reorganization of classes in the opening weeks of school to balance classes and staffing based on the actual number of students that are in a class versus the projected number of students.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Measures and Practices

Earlier this month, the Ministry of Education released its guidance for the new school year. They have stated that schools will begin the year in the same way that we ended last year, with only the most necessary COVID-19 measures in place. We continue to take our health and safety direction from the Ministry and Toronto Public Health and it is important to note that this is the current information and can change based on a change of guidance.

Screening – Students and staff should continue to do a daily self-assessment before entering school or Board buildings and stay home if they are sick. We are awaiting an updated screening tool from the Ministry and will share as soon as it is available.

Masks – Runnymede continues to be a mask-friendly environment inclusive of all staff and students. While the Ministry of Education and public health officials are not mandating the use of masks, Toronto Public Health strongly recommends wearing a well-fitting, high quality mask, especially in indoor public settings. We will continue to provide medical masks for staff and students who request them

Testing – Rapid Antigen Test kits will continue to be available to both staff and students and are to be provided upon request. Please note that SickKids will no longer be accepting any saliva PCR test kits from TDSB staff or students.

Ventilation – HEPA filters are operating in each of our occupied classrooms and learning spaces.

Enhanced Cleaning - Caretaking staff will continue to perform routine cleaning of general facilities throughout the day and enhanced cleaning of high touch surfaces such as light switches, handrails, door handles, etc.

A Message from the Trustee

Please [use this link](#) to read a message from our **Ward 7 Trustee**, Robin Pilkey.

A Message from School Council

Have you been to St. Pius X church on Bloor recently? If you have noticed the lineup of people growing every week, that's because there is a surge in the number of families relying on Food Banks; the issue is the donations are far short of what is needed. They are desperate for donations. Many clients are newly arriving Ukrainian families. Here's what you can do immediately to help:

