



**Dear Runnymede Families,**

We have had another successful **full** week of school at Runnymede PS. It is truly a delight to see our students adjusting to the routines (some new and some quite familiar) of the instructional day with smiles and enthusiasm. During the Kinder welcome assemblies this week, our youngest learners started the week off for us with great exuberance and engagement in discussing the many ways we can be safe, successful and respectful of self and others in our learning and thriving. The future is bright!

We wish you an excellent weekend ahead and look forward to welcoming you on September 21st to our Meet the Teacher evening.

In partnership,  
Runnymede PS Team

**IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 21</b>	<b>RUNNYMEDE PS CURRICULUM NIGHT</b> 📅 Curriculum Night 2022 Open House Evening at Runn...
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 21</b>	<b>1ST CROSS COUNTRY PRACTICE 8:00 A.M.</b>
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER, 23</b>	<b>TERRY FOX RUN (DETAILS BELOW)</b>
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24</b>	<b>RUNNYMEDE FALL YARD DAY (Details below)</b>
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30</b>	<b>NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION - ORANGE SHIRT DAY</b>

**FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS (EMA)**

The Excursion Management Application (EMA) allows school staff to plan and manage excursions at the TDSB. This process will be used for athletics, in-person, and virtual excursions, which allow educators to expand learning opportunities. Helpful links for Parents/Guardians are posted below. This year we will be gradually introducing a fully online format for securing permissions/releases for school excursions, athletics and events.

[EMA Parent Reference Guide](#)

[Parent Account Creation Guide](#)

📅 EMA Parent/Guardian Permission for Excursion Form Reference Guide

📅 Excursion Management Application (EMA) Parent/Guardian FAQs

**Start of the Year Forms Now Online**

The parent/guardian/caregiver listed as your child's primary or secondary contact with an email address on file with the school should already have received an email. The email came from the TDSB Online Form (noreply@tdsb.on.ca) and takes you to a secure site to complete and submit your child's forms. You will need to complete this for each child. The forms available online include the following:

- Consent Form Package
- Permission to participate in off-site walking excursions
- Student media release consent
- Permission to leave school in severe weather conditions
- Use of parent/guardian email address
- Medical Information Form
- Acknowledgement and Declaration of Digital Learning Tool Consent
- Code of Conduct and Code of Online Conduct

Completing the form online streamlines the process for parents/guardians and also helps save resources in schools. While you're not required to complete forms online, we encourage parents/guardians to take advantage of this opportunity.

If you did not receive the email, please contact the school office to make sure your email address on file is accurate and active. Once the email is entered into our student system, the parent/guardian will receive the email the following school day. Depending on personal email account settings, check Junk or Spam folders as the email may have been filed there.

## **SOCCER TRYOUTS - INFO AND TIMES**

### **Junior Soccer Teams (Gr.4-6, male/female) Tryout Times**

#### **Print Parent Permission Form**

[LINK FOR PERMISSION FORM - CLICK HERE](#)

Tuesday, Sep.20, 7:45am - 8:30am

Thursday, Sep.22, 7:45am - 8:30am

Tuesday, Sep.27, 7:45am - 8:30am

### **Senior Male Soccer Teams (Gr.7-8) Tryout Times**

Electronic Parent Permission Form in the Excursions Management Application (EMA)

Monday, Sep.19, 3:15pm - 4:00pm

Thursday, Sep.22, 3:15pm - 4:00pm

Monday, Sep.26, 3:15pm - 4:00pm

## **CROSS COUNTRY TRYOUT AND PARTICIPATION GRADES 1 TO 8**

Runnymede Cross Country is starting next week for grade 1 to 8. Please print and fill out the form linked below and send it back to school with your child. There will be extra permission forms available outside the Senior Gym. Your child must bring back a permission form in order to attend practice. Our practices will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8am.

Our first practice is this **Wednesday, September 21 at 8am.** There is a **\$10 charge** to cover the cost of transportation to Centennial Park for our competition. [Runnymede Cross Country Permission Form](#)

We're looking forward to seeing everyone this Wednesday!

## **URGENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

This week, letters went out to all Parents/Guardians of students flagged as "**Medical Peril**" example: **Anaphylaxis or Asthma**. If your child has an urgent medical condition and you did NOT receive a letter, please contact the office (416-393-9055) and we will send you the required forms and update our system accordingly. Thank you.

## **TERRY FOX RUN - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022**

The Terry Fox Run will be held on **Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022**. Walk around the block or on the track, based on your comfort level.

### **START TIMES:**

**Primary & Kindergarten (JK,SK,1, 2, 3) - 9:20**

**Junior (Gr. 4, 5) - 10:00 a.m.**

**Senior (6,7,8) - 10:55 a.m.**

Parent volunteers would be appreciated to stand around the periphery of our school to supervise the run. Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested. Remember, we will run/walk rain or shine, so remind your children to dress appropriately for the weather. The only exception will be for thunderstorms and lightning.

**LINK TO DONATE** <https://schools.terryfox.ca/9198>

## Fall Yard Day Event - September 24



On Saturday, September 24th from 9am-12pm, our School Council Green Committee is hosting our Fall Yard Day event in the Adventure yard. We have lots of activities for families, including a nature craft and scavenger hunt, and will be working together to prepare the Nature Garden (the gorgeous hillside garden behind our school) for outdoor learning this school year. More details to come!

The Green Committee is also working to launch the fall **Green Teacher Program**. Students in grades 2, 4 & 6 will be participating in a curriculum-based, hands-on exploration of the hillside garden with our green teacher. Students will investigate the garden to identify basic needs for local animals, explore food chains and webs, and learn about the importance of biodiversity to ecosystems.

We've also been busy making sure that all classrooms have new recess equipment for the start of term, including basketballs, soccer balls and footballs. If you have any questions, please reach out to [runnymedeyard@gmail.com](mailto:runnymedeyard@gmail.com)

## TDSB 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.

## RED CROSS COURSES FOR STUDENTS

- Online Babysitting Flyer (1).pdf
- Online Stay Safe Flyer.pdf

## 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.

## Covid Safety Update

Toronto Public Health has shared an [updated Screening Tool](#) to be used each morning before coming to school. Please reach out to the office if you have any questions.

## 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](#)

## END OF DAY Dismissal Procedures:

Parents are to pick up students from the classroom lines in **the designated pick up area only**. The school and teachers have communicated these locations and procedures to each class. Please reach out to your child's teacher for more specific information. Teachers need time to make visual contact with each child's parent/caregiver before dismissing for the day. We thank you for your patience and cooperation as we try to keep our school community safe. The **play structure is open after dismissal is over** for safety. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring a safe dismissal transition every day.

## Save the Date!

Meet the Teacher Open House at Runnymede PS will take place on **Wednesday, September 21st starting at 5pm**.

- Curriculum Night 2022 Open House Evening at Runnymede PS.pdf

Sessions	Time	Hosts
Session 1	5-5:25 pm	<i>Kindergarten Educators in classrooms</i>
Runnymede PS 2022-2023 Welcome in Senior Gym with School Council	5:30-5:45 pm	<i>Admin-Office Team and School Council</i>
Session 2	5:50-6:10 pm	<i>Homeroom Teachers Grades 1-8 in classrooms</i>
Session 3	6:15 – 6:35 pm	<i>Homeroom Teachers Gr. 1-8 / Rotary Teachers in classrooms</i>
Session 4	6:40-7pm	<i>Rotary Teachers in classrooms or a designated location</i>

**Turtle Protectors High Park (Mishiikenh Gizhaasowin)** [turtleprotectorshighpark.wordpress.com](http://turtleprotectorshighpark.wordpress.com)

invite Runnymede PS families and friends to attend our First Annual [Turtle Protectors Celebration](#) on Sunday, September 25, 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the High Park Nature Centre (647) 491-4057 .

**IMPORTANT! EMAIL CHANGE? PHONE NUMBER CHANGE? ADDRESS CHANGE?**

Please inform the school office of any contact information changes by calling **416-393-9055**

**HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!  
Runnymede Public School**