



École Regent Park School

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September 8, 2020

Dear Families,

Your child's 2020-21 registration package is enclosed. Please review the documents carefully and return all necessary forms before **Friday, September 11th**. Your prompt responses will ensure continuity in your child's programming and will enable the school to maintain accurate records.

It is also our pleasure to welcome everyone to a new school year at École Regent Park. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new students, in addition to our grade 5 students and their families and wish them much success at École Regent Park. We would also look to extend a warm welcome to M. Sean Adams (Music-Band), M. Patrick Duma (grade 7) Mme Janna Thompson (grade 5-resource), Mme Olivia Roch (grade 5), Mme Dominique Arbez (grade 5), Mme Chrissie Ambrose (grade 8), Mme Cherie Brakel (grade 8) and Zach Braga (EA) who are all joining the ÉRP staff this year. We hope that the summer was enjoyable with a variety of experiences and adventures around Manitoba. The return to school is an opportunity to share, reconnect and welcome new members into our ÉRP family.

As we look ahead to the next 10 months of our journey together, we can anticipate many great learning opportunities. Our staff members have been busy attending to many specific provincial guidelines and details including setting up their classrooms, meeting families and planning for their students to return safely. Our first important event will be our **Virtual Open House- on Tuesday, September 15th**. At this time, parents will be introduced to our staff and view all the exciting renovations and plans around our school.

Typically, our schools have been places of structure and stability in our lives. In the coming months, change, flexibility and adaptability will be required and may end up being one of the greatest learning opportunities for our children. We look forward to being there along side families every step of the way to ensure the school year is a successful one for our students.

Mme Lucia Grande-Principal

M. Chris Coppinger-Vice-Principal



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ÉRP Parent Advisor Council (PAC) Meeting
Save the Date
Monday, September 15th (details to follow)

Lunch Time in Our Building

We remind all families that students at École Regent Park are required to remain on school property during the lunch hour recess unless they have a signed note that day to go home for lunch. In addition, there will be no microwaves nor canteen available during the lunch hour until further notice. A reminder to please have your child bring in a full water bottle with name clearly labelled.

School Parking Lot

We ask families not to use the staff parking lot as a drop off-pick up area. Our grade 5 and 6 students cross the entrance in the morning to get to the field. The entering and exiting of vehicles can make it dangerous for our students. Grade 5 and 6 students are asked to please drop off and or pick up students on Victoria Ave or decide on a pickup location on neighboring streets. Parents of Grade 7 and 8 students should use Ravelston Ave. W. alongside the school. Thank you for your cooperation in making our school grounds safe. Note that the parking lot across the street from the main entrance is private property. We would also like to inform you that Moroz St is a no parking/stopping zone from 7 a.m. to 5:30 pm.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Personal electronic devices and cell phones must be kept out of sight and turned off during instructional time and during the lunch hour unless directed by staff. Unauthorised use of these devices may disrupt the instructional program and distracts from the learning environment. In addition, students are required to come to the office if they wish to contact families. It is also encouraged that parents-guardians contact the school directly if they decide to have their children picked up early. Having every child accounted for at all times is a serious safety concern for the school. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.



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Electronic Newsletter

We are pleased to offer online email subscription to our School Newsletter at <http://retsd.mb.ca/school/erp/Pages/default.aspx>. This will allow parents to receive information promptly. It will eliminate the risk of the letter being lost or forgotten in a child's desk, bag or locker. The money the school saves on paper can be directed to other projects benefiting our students. The link can also be accessed via the QR code below. Scroll down the home page to find the sign-up button. Or you can use the QR code below:



Industrial Arts

Students from ERP in grades 6, 7 and 8, attend Applied Arts one morning a cycle. ERP does not have the facilities to house all these specialty courses. Students attend at Arthur Day and Bernie Wolfe schools, with a few courses being offered here at ERP.

In order to attend classes at another school, students requiring busing. With the big changes that are occurring, we are pleased to still be able to offer these experiences for students in a safe and controlled manner.

Students will attend their Applied Arts within their class groupings. They will be transported by school bus within their cohort or class groupings. As with regular schooling, students are required to wear a mask on the bus, and while attending a different school.

Due to the movement of people restrictions, students may not be able to experience the same variety of courses. Typically, we like to provide students with a variety of experiences throughout their 3 years at ERP, hoping to rotate them through all the Applied Arts content areas. This year will most likely affect the rotation of courses, and the students will likely see a similar course that they experienced in the past. Teachers for all courses do provide a grade specific curriculum, and so the course will not be the same.

With restrictions on student movement, it will not be possible to change course sections.



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Physical Education

Physical Education classes will officially start the week of September 14th, 2020. During the first week, the P.E. classes will take place in the classroom in order to share information about the program planned for the first few months of school and have the students participate in relationship building activities.

Physical Education Class:

Phys.ed will be a bit different this year. ÉRP recognizes the importance of this subject for the physical and mental well-being of our students. Our present situation can change quickly, however, at this time the Physical Education classes will be held outdoors for the first few months.

Outdoor classes

Students should come to school prepared to be outside for 35-45 minutes at a time. This may include sunblock, a hat, runners, rain jacket, etc. We will have class indoors only if necessary due to weather.

Spacing + masks

Activities will be modified and selected to allow for spacing. Most of the time when we are outdoors, we will be spaced more than 2m apart, which means students will have the option to remove masks. Any time we are closer than 2m or indoors, students and teachers will be masked.

Clothing

Students will not change clothing for Phys. Ed. this year. We ask that on Phys. Ed. days, students dress for school in movement-appropriate clothing. They may leave **appropriate footwear** at school if desired (grade 5 and 6) or in their backpacks (grade 7 and 8).

Equipment

Students will be using minimal equipment in class. Any equipment they do use will be solely used within their school cohort. Before this equipment is used by students in another cohort, it will be both cleaned and set aside for at least 3 days to ensure it is safe to use.



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Interscholastic Sports (Cross Country Running, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Athletics, Clubs before or after school, Leadership):

Unfortunately, at this time, all activities/clubs that promotes the regrouping of students **are postponed**. This is currently being reviewed at the high school level within the school division and will allow us to see what could be done at the middle school level.

This is an outline of the large changes made to ensure Phys. Ed. is done safely this year. If you are interested in discussing specific details, or have questions/concerns, please don't hesitate to contact;

Mme Pierce (grade 5 + 6)
epierce@retsd.mb.ca

M. Chabot (grade 7+ 8)
pchabot@retsd.mb.ca

Music Education

Welcome back to those in grades 6-8 and a special welcome to those who are in grade 5 or are new to our school. We are very excited to meet and see you this year and make music with your children.

We will be exploring playing in smaller ensembles to ensure safety of all students. All students will have the opportunity to work with Mme. Nowostawski and M. Adams.

- **Grade 5 students** will not need an instrument right away. As much as we can, we will be leading the grade 5 students in our band exploration program and instruments will be provided from September to December. Further details regarding instruments post-December will be provided later.
- **Grade 6-8 students** will require an instrument for the entire school year. We intend to have students play their instruments a mixture of in class small groupings and home beginning the week of **September 14**. More details to follow including safety precautions.
- **Instrument Rentals:** Students who play saxophone, horn, euphonium, bari sax, or tuba will once again be able to rent instruments from the school. More information will be sent out during the second week of school. Students who play flute, oboe, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, and trombone are responsible for renting their own instruments.



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- **Jazz Band:** Unfortunately, there will be no jazz bands this year due to no activities before or after school being allowed. We hope to cover some jazz concepts within class time.
- Both band rooms will be sanitized after every class.
- **Lunch hour:** Students will be welcome to spend time in the band rooms during lunch hour on a rotating basis (cohorts).

New! There are a few new aspects to our program this year:

- **M. Sean Adams** is joining us this year. M. Adams will be teaching two grade 5 classes, two grade 6 classes, and half of the grade 7 and 8 classes. M. Adams comes to us from St. John's Ravenscourt and his primary instrument is percussion. Bienvenue M. Adams!
- **New Band Rooms:** Our band room has undergone a major renovation and has been split into two rooms as well as a storage area. We look forward to using these spaces with our students.

Although this year will look different, please know that we are always here for your kids. If there is anything that we can do to support your kids, whether it is musically or otherwise, please let us know!

Mme. Vanessa Nowostawski

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M. Sean Adams

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Library

We are excited to have a new Library for our students. Each cohort will have the opportunity to spend time in the new space over the lunch hour. Students will only be able to browse for books using our Online browser called **DESTINY**. Each class will learn how to place a hold on the books of their choice. Our library technician, Mme Krylov, will then find the books and deliver them to home room classes. Once books are returned, they will need to "sit" for at least 3 days before they are able to go back onto the shelves and into circulation. Reading is such an important part of education and we will continue to provide this opportunity for our students with keeping safety measures in place.



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Ecole Regent Park FUNDRAISER 2020

This year we are once again selling PC Gift cards for our fall school fundraiser. The cards are available in \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations and can be used at No Frills, Real Canadian Superstore, and Extra Foods.

Our goal to do one fundraiser per year will be possible if each family averages sales of \$500 or more.

All orders must be paid in full by cash or cheque (made out to Ecole Regent Park School) and returned to the school by
October 14th, 2020

Your support makes so many things possible for our school.

In past years we have added to classroom libraries, funded new gym equipment, aided with activity costs (transportation and subsidizing programs), band clinicians, art activities, greening for the school with outside tables, benches and gardens, water bottle fill stations, and so much more!

Please join us at our next virtual PAC meeting September 21st @ 6:30pm

Ecole Regent Park and Parent Advisory Committee



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Important Dates 2020-2021

Tentative Calendar *Subject to Change due to Covid-19 Restrictions and Guidelines in the Fall*

Sept. 4	Tuesday	Grade 5 orientation (9:00 am-10:00 am)
Sept. 8	Tues	First day of class
Sept. 14	Mon	Picture day
Sept. 15	Tues	Virtual Open House
Sept. 25	Fri	Terry Fox
Sept. 28	Mon	Orange Shirt Day
Oct. 12	Mon	Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
Oct. 23	Fri	Provincial in-service MTS Day (no classes)
Nov. 9	Mon	Photo Retakes
Nov. 10	Tues	Remembrance Day Presentation in Class
Nov. 11	Wed	Remembrance Day (no classes)
Nov. 16	Mon	PD Day at ERP (No classes)
Nov. 17	Tues	First term reports published on Parent Portal
Nov. 18	Wed	Hold & Secure Practice #1
Nov. 19	Thurs	Student-led conferences 5:00 to 8:00 pm (TBD)
Nov. 20	Fri	Student-led conferences am. (no classes all day) - PD for Staff pm.
Nov. 23	Mon	Term 2 begins
Dec. 3	Thurs	Winter Band Concert 7:00 pm CPET (TBD)
Dec. 7&9	Mon & Wed	Grade 5 parent instrument selection evenings (TBD)
Dec. 18	Fri	Last day of school before Winter Break
Jan. 4	Mon	First day of school after Winter Break (Day 1)
Feb. 8	Mon	Divisional in-service (no classes)
Feb. 15	Mon	Louis Riel Day (no classes)
Feb 19	Fri	Grade 7 ski trip
Feb. 22	Mon	Information session for parents of grade 4 students 6:00 pm
March 4	Thurs	Last day of term 2
March 19	Fri	Coordinated Day (no classes)
March 22	Mon	Second term reports published on Parent Portal
Mar 24	Wed	ERP Learning Expo – Celebration of Learning (pm) (TBD)
March 29 – Apr 2		Spring break
April 5-30		KC Adams “Artist in the School” Residency – School Wide
April 5	Mon	First day of school (Day 6)



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April 23	Fri	Coordinated Day (no classes)
May 3	Mon	Music Monday – visit from Grade 4 students
May 18	Tue	Track and field day (grades 5-8)
May 24	Mon	Victoria Day (no classes)
May 25	Tues	Grade 8 Exit Interviews
May 26	Wed	Spring Band Concert at CPET (grades 6-8) 7:00pm (TBD)
June 4	Fri	Administration Day at ERP (no classes)
June 21	Mon	Info night for Grade 8 camping/cycling trip (TBD)
June 24/25	Thurs/Fri	Grade 8 camping/cycling trip (TBD)
June 25	Fri	Year end field trip for grades 5 - 7 (grade 8s not attending bike/camp trip) (TBD)
June 28	Mon	Grades 5 and 6 Year-End Assemblies (TBD)
June 29	Tues	Grade 7 Year- End Assembly and Grade 8 Farewell Assembly (TBD)
June 30	Wed	Last day of school