



Ryerson School

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Dear Parents and Guardians;

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Andrea Loepp and I am very excited to be partnering with Shannon Shields as the administration team at Ryerson School. We hope you had a wonderful summer enjoying opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and be a bit more social. Staff are excited to get the new school year started with the students.

September is such an exciting time for all of us. It is a time to reconnect as a community, create shared understandings and demonstrate our collective commitment for student learning and growth. This year is an especially important year for us as we are committed to the renaming of the school as approved by the Board of Trustees last spring. There will be an opportunity for all students, staff and community members to participate in a survey with respect to the name change. Stay tuned!

Please note that families coming to the office, may now use the Ryerson Ave. entrance as we have a new doorbell.

Student Package

The enclosed student package contains information that is necessary for your child's well-being, safety and learning.

Included Information:

- September Activity Calendar
- Strong Beginnings information
- Walking School Bus
- 6-Day Calendar

Documentation that needs to be completed and returned to the school includes:

- Lunch Program information
- Breakfast Program information
- Media Release form
- Technology Acceptable Use Agreement form

You will find the following online for your information.

- Threat Assessment Fair Notice information
- Standard of Behaviour information
- Student Insurance Package

Please note the upcoming dates and mark them on your calendar. There is additional information regarding the programs in the Student Package.

- Walking School Bus – starts Monday, September 20.

- Strong Beginnings – Friday, September 24 and Monday, September 27 (Registration information will be coming home later this week.)
- Healthy Snack Program- Starts Monday September 20
- Meet the Teacher Team Meetings- Week of September 20 more information to come

Home-School Communication

We value home and school communication. As most people use email as their primary means of communication, parents should expect their emails will be answered within 48 hours. It is difficult for teachers to check/respond to emails during the day as they are busy teaching. Phone calls are preferred for sensitive and/or lengthy communications. All emergencies should be reported to the school office during the school day. If you need to meet with a teacher, please schedule an appointment with the teacher ahead of time. 8:35 a.m. and 3:20 p.m. are very busy times for your child's teacher, and are not optimal for impromptu discussions.

COVID Updates

As always, this is a very dynamic process with directives being followed by Manitoba Public Health orders and the Pembina Trails School Division. As of this writing we are aware of the following protocols for the new school year:

- Students will be in cohorts for contact tracing purposes and to maintain smaller contact groups.
- Cohorts are as follows and will utilize the following doors:

K - AM	19	Cohort B1		K door
1/2 R	19	Cohort B2		Gr. 1-2R door with lineups south of entrance
1/2 W	19	Cohort B2		
1/2 M	20	Cohort B2		Ryerson Ave. door with lineups north of entrance
3/4 M.S.	19	Cohort B4		
3/4 W	20	Cohort B4		3/4 door by daycare
3/4 F	20	Cohort B5		
3/4 O	20	Cohort B5		Parking lot entrance with lineups south of parking lot
5/6 A	26	Cohort B6		
5/6 E	26	Cohort B6		
5/6 R	24	Cohort B6		Grade 5/6 door on south of school

- All students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 are expected to wear a mask, however we will provide mask breaks and the children are not expected to wear them outside
- Please screen your child and ensure that they are well enough to come to school. If we need to send a child home, they need to be picked up within 30 minutes, so it would be a good practice if parents determined a support person in the event that you are working and cannot come yourself
- We will continue to practice the fundamentals of handwashing and physical distancing to the greatest extent possible
- Please send your child with a water bottle as the fountains remain closed.
- We will be able to have field trip opportunities this year following our safety practices.

School News

We will send an e-news entitled "Ryerson Updates" every Friday. It is in email format for easy reading on devices and computers. I will be sending out my first one by September 10th. If you do not receive one, please contact the school as that means that we have an incorrect email address for you. It is important that we have correct email addresses since it is a frequently used method of communication between home and school.

Our website will have updates of exciting stories, contact information for teachers, and an up-to-date calendar of events. Please visit it often at www.pembinatrails.ca/schools/ryerson. You can also follow us on Twitter at @ryelementary as well.

This year, one of our goals is to create the conditions for all of our students to shine. We believe that all children have strengths and it is our responsibility to help them flourish. "Ryerson Shines" (#RyersonShines) will be a motto that we will use this year to highlight all of the incredible achievements of our students, staff and school community. We plan to have a new motto after the school has been renamed and rebranded, however we still plan to shine!

Your questions and comments are always welcome. We hope you and your family get have a fabulous start this September. The Ryerson staff are looking forward to a fantastic school year.

Sincerely,

Andrea Loepp
Principal

Shannon Shields
Vice Principal