

# Roncalli Elementary School

Parent Newsletter

September 29, 2011



## School Hours

The timetable to be followed this year is as follows:

8:25am - Doors Open (Supervision Begins)  
8:40 am - warning bell  
8:45am - Morning Classes begin  
10:15am - 10:30am - Recess  
12:00pm - 12:45pm - Lunch  
12:45pm - Afternoon classes begin  
2:45pm - Dismissal

Parents are asked to kindly refrain from dropping off children prior to 8:25am. Supervision does not begin until this time. **Please note, we have had students entering the building prior to the bell. This also includes the Grade 1s who sometimes use the office entrance in the morning.**

As well, any student arriving late is asked to please check at the office before proceeding to class. Also, we ask that parents picking up children during the day for appointments etc. enter the building through the rear entrance and proceed to the office. We will have your child paged. You will be asked to sign in/sign out your child. Again, this is for security reasons. It is important that we be aware of all visitors at the school at any time.



## Allergies

We have a number of students in our school with severe life threatening anaphylactic allergies. We ask you to take careful consideration and not send your child to school with food products that contain peanuts/nuts and fish/shellfish. There is also a student in the school with a raw and cooked egg allergy. We understand that many prepared and processed food items contain egg products and it may be difficult to make snacks and lunches that do not contain egg products. We ask that you refrain from sending to school items as hard boiled eggs and egg salad sandwiches. We have provided a link on our website that contains some suggested snack items that do not contain egg products. However, do not feel that you are limited to sending only these products to school with your child. These are for your information. If you have any concerns or questions about this matter please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Tremblett or Mrs. Smith @ 576-4731.



## Recycling

Last year, we made some great strides in the recycling program. This year, we want to further increase both awareness and funds raised through our school recycling program. In order to attain this, we have decided that, like last year, we will continue each Friday to have a recycling drop off day at our school. **Each student participating in this program will be eligible to win prizes.**



## Parking

**Our lot has had the lines repainted!!!!!!! Please respect the designated parking areas.** While the lot is newly paved (last year), it can still be quite congested, so please be cautious!!!!!!!

As noted, our doors open at 8:25 am and dismissal is at 2:45pm. The parking lot is often congested and can be quite dangerous with so much traffic and excited students. As in the past, to ensure safety, the following procedures will be used:

1. In the afternoon, bus students will be dismissed first from the student entrance. Private vehicles must not block the bus lane or the fire lanes adjacent to the school.
2. After the bus students have boarded the bus, students who walk or who are picked up, will be dismissed and led down the exit on the far corner of the building or from the student entrance. Please discuss with your child the importance of walking in the parking lot because of moving vehicles.

It is our hope that everyone will cooperate with these procedures as we try to ensure the safety of all students. We will continue to monitor the parking lot and your suggestions and input are welcome. **Please drive slowly on our parking lot!!!!!!!**

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## Gameboys, I-Pods, etc.

Students who bring Gameboys, I-Pods and other such electronic games do so at their own risk. These are very expensive toys and many children have similar ones. We cannot be responsible for any lost Gameboys or accompanying games or other electronics.

## Going Home to Lunch



Wherever possible, we encourage students to go home for lunch. It provides a good break from school and often refreshes the student for the afternoon session. **Please note, that when students go home to lunch we encourage them to return to school at 12:40pm to be ready for afternoon classes.**

## PD Day



Please note that there is an upcoming Professional Development Day on **Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. Consequently, there will be no classes for students on that day.



## No Smoking

Visitors, parents and Staff are reminded that all buildings grounds and properties under the jurisdiction of the Eastern School District are smoke free. Thank you for your cooperation with this policy.



## Cell Phones

Please note, that the use of cell phones during school hours is not permitted. Any phones that are necessary to be made for emergencies can be made from the office. **Please note that taking pictures with cell phones is strictly prohibited.**



## Afterschool Plans

While we understand that plans may change throughout the day due to unforeseen circumstances, we do ask that if you are aware of a change that will be happening, please send along a note to your child's teacher regarding this. This would help with some of the confusion that sometimes exists in the afternoons regarding plans.



## Student Medications

Medication is administered at the school **only when absolutely necessary**. If at all possible, we ask that parents administer medicines at home so as to avoid the bringing of potentially dangerous medicines to school.

School board policy requires that all prescription medication be brought to the office at the start of the school day. Medication may only be administered from the office with the signed consent of parents. Medical forms also need to be signed by a physician. **Non-prescription drugs should not be sent to school unless prescribed by a doctor.** In this case, forms must be signed by both doctor and parent before being administered. Forms are available at the school or on the District's Website at [www.esdnl.ca](http://www.esdnl.ca). Please refer to the policies section and look for medication.

Please alert your child's teacher as soon as possible if your child has any serious medical conditions or life threatening allergies.

## Thought for the day...



*We learn from experiences, both good and bad, and with that knowledge comes change ....and growth.*

*..... Anonymous*

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