



September 2021

Dear Maurice Cody Community,

As the first day of school approaches, there is an extra sense of excitement knowing we will be returning to in-class learning. In-class learning allows for an increased level of engagement, collaboration, and socialization that we all want for our children. At our staff meeting last week, we touched on the areas of academic success, student well-being and equity. These will continue to be our foci when we welcome students back into the school building this coming Thursday. Teachers and Staff are mindful of the challenges that students have faced over the last several months and will pay close attention to ensuring that all students feel that they are learning in a safe and caring environment.

During this time of Covid-19, we need the whole community to follow the Toronto Public Health, TDSB, and School protocols for our students to continue to come to school each day and learn in their classrooms with their peers. This needs to be a team effort. **Please refer to the attached document (Maurice Cody Safe Return to School Document)** for specific details related to keeping our school community safe.

Last Friday you should have received a Welcome Letter from your child's homeroom teacher. If you did not receive an email, please contact the office or visit the table set up by door #5 at the back of the school on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, where we will be able to direct students to their homeroom class.

Working in partnership with the Maurice Cody Family and School Association (<https://mauricecody.ca/>), we hope to be able to plan enrichment within the classrooms and extra curricular activities throughout the school year. **Please complete the attached Family and School Contact Form so that you can be kept informed.**

**At a Glance Reminders:**

- **IF YOUR CHILD SHOWS ANY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS THEY MUST STAY HOME**
  - Please arrive just prior to the start of the school day.
  - Students should go directly to their line up location.
  - All students must wear masks upon entering the building.

FORMS THAT MUST BE HANDED TO HOMEROOM TEACHER ON FIRST DAY

**Daily Self-Assessment** – It is a requirement that all parents assess their children prior to send them to school. Based on the size of our school and the multiple entry points, we are unable to implement the electronic self-assessment at this time.

One assessment form must be completed for each child.

**Health Pass Link:**

[https://tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/TDSB%20Student%20health%20pass\\_September%202021.pdf](https://tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/TDSB%20Student%20health%20pass_September%202021.pdf)

**Lunchtime** – Please print off the attached lunchtime form. This form must be brought to school and handed to your child's homeroom teacher on the first day of school.

**\*NOTE\* When returning from lunch at home:**

FDK enter door #1 where they will be met by a staff member and directed to their classrooms

Grade 1 – 5 should enter the school through the back doors adjacent to the turf field.

**School Entry:** Each day students when students arrive at school, should go directly to their classroom line up where their first period teacher will check their daily health assessment form. (See attached – Maurice Cody PS Safe Return to School Document for more details)

- Kindergarten – Assigned areas
- Classes: 1 and 1/2 – Pavement at back of school
- Classes 2 – 5 Turf Field

**Dismissal** – Students in FDK – Grade 3 will be dismissed to one parent / guardian from their outside designated dismissal area. Please read your teacher email for more details.

- Students in Grades 3-5 will be dismissed by their teacher.
- Students will be asked to leave school property promptly at the end of the day.

**Visitors / Meeting Teachers** – For safety reasons, we request that you do not visit the school or attempt to talk to teachers when they are dismissing students. If you need to access the school or discuss any issues with your child's teacher please email them directly to set up a

meeting. At this time, we are not allowed to have parent volunteers. If the matter is urgent, call the school office.

- **Masks - Suggested\*** Provide multiple snug and comfortable masks (at least 3/4) for your child, so they have back-ups ready. We suggest separate bags to store clean and dirty masks and a pouch or fanny pack to hold them.
- **Hand washing:** Review and practice proper hand washing techniques at home, especially before and after eating, sneezing, coughing, and adjusting a mask.
- **Pack a full water bottle and practice providing a litter less lunch and snacks daily.** Sharing of food is not allowed and garbage will be sent home to help keep our schools clean. Please remember that lunches cannot be dropped off at school.
- If you send **school supplies**, such as crayons and scissors, please store them in a labelled pencil case and **inform your child to avoid sharing.**
- **Dress your child in weather appropriate clothing;** they may be spending more time outdoors and classroom windows will be open for ventilation.
- **Make sure your information is current at school**, including emergency contacts and individuals authorized to pick up your child from school. **When they are sick, pick up your child promptly.**
- Remind your child of **physical distancing** and following the flow of traffic and other measures in place at school.
- **Limit personal belongings being brought to school** - E.g. toys, electronics and/or trading cards.
- **Cell phones/technology** – students are not permitted to use cell phones or other tech without teacher/staff permission (as it relates to a school activity). **Cell phones are not permitted to be used during instructional time, at recess, in hallways or in washrooms.** If students bring them to school, they need to be stored away in a backpack and out of sight. With permission, students must use the office phone (which will be sanitized after each use) if they need to call parents/ guardians. The school will not be responsible for any damaged or missing phones or tech devices students choose to bring to school.

A Guide to the Safe Reopening of the TDSB:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Return-to-School>

On behalf of the staff at Maurice Cody, we are looking forward to working in partnership with the school community to provide our students with a high level of academic achievement, engaging and collaborative programming, and a sense of belonging.

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Vice-Principal

