



Palmer Rapids Public School

September 2021 Newsletter



We would like to extend a warm welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. I am very excited to be returning to Palmer Rapids— my first full time teaching job was here! As we know, there will continue to be lots of changes to our school routines! We thank you for your patience & understanding as we work together to learn safely together. I know you will also understand that things will be changing and we will all have to adapt along the way.

We are not able to have visitors in the school without an appointment set up in advance. When dropping off students, please ring the doorbell—we will meet you at the front door. We are unable to accept cash at the school — please contact us at the school if you have questions. Note: Milk will be available to order online soon!

Gr. 1-8 students & all staff have been mandated to wear masks at school & on the bus. Students in JK-SK are encouraged to wear masks—we will be working together to make this as comfortable for everyone as possible. Public Health guidelines mean we need to wear masks any time we are less than 2 metres away from each other— except when eating or drinking.

We extend an extra special welcome to our new families & new staff: lots of faces to welcome to our school community! All staff have been hard at work setting up our classrooms & getting the school ready for everyone's arrival, keeping physical distancing protocols in mind.

There are many opportunities for you to be involved in our school community. One way is to join School Council. We will be scheduling a Google Meet for our first School Council meeting On September 28th! If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining School Council, please encourage them to join us.

More than ever, please contact us if you have questions/concerns. We are always open for your feedback. We look forward to working with you & your child throughout the year to provide a safe & nurturing learning environment that supports the well-being of all members of our school community.

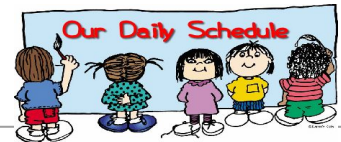
We're all in this together,

Jessica Poff

SEVERE ALLERGY ALERT

Anaphylaxis

PRPS prides itself in ensuring the safety of all students. Several individuals in our school have **life-threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts**. We request that these foods be avoided in all common areas of the school (e.g., gym, library, etc.) Please keep this in mind when packing your child's snacks and lunches. If your child is in an identified classroom, you will receive a separate notice.



Instructional Time	9:30 - 11:18
Nutrition Break	11:18-11:38
Recess	11:38-11:58
Instructional Time	11:58-1:34
Lunch	1:34-1:49
Recess	1:49-2:04
Instructional Time	2:04-3:40
Dismissal	3:40

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Gr. 7/8 Paul Sarazin

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Gr. 3/4 Nancy Matschke
French Rachelle McCloskey

Gr. 5/6 Colette Mantifel

Kids Help Phone

Student mental health and well-being is a priority for student success. During school hours, there are school supports and mental health services available for all students. For more information, please talk to the School Support Counsellor and/or Principal. Managing stress is an important developmental task and crisis support lines have been designed for children and youth which are safe and helpful resources. Crisis/support lines are staffed with professionally trained counsellors that are always available to offer safe and confidential services to support children and youth. Within the Renfrew County District School Board, we are promoting awareness of the **Kids Help Phone** and **Good2Talk**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the RCDSB Mental Health Leader, Lisa LaRiviere at [613-735-0151](tel:613-735-0151) ext. 3332.

We'd like to welcome our new staff to Team Palmer.

Mr. Chappell joined our school as the Grade ½ teacher. Unfortunately, he had to be away unexpectedly, but will be back as soon as he can! In the meantime, Ms. Saunders, Mrs. Leslie and Mrs. Boskill have been taking good care of the class. We look forward to Mr. Chappell's return soon!

Ms. Poff— I am so excited to be here! Getting to know all of the students, families and staff at PRPS is an absolute joy.

Mrs. Dana Miller will be rejoining Team Palmer in October. She will be a familiar face to many. Mr. Schiestel will be with us until Mrs. Miller's return. Welcome!

Milk Orders ONLINE



The Renfrew County District School Board is standardizing the milk programs for all schools throughout the Board to:

- ~ improve consistency among schools
- ~ increase the ease of use for parents
- ~ reduce administrative time
- ~ reduce cash in schools and the risks that cash handling poses

We ask that families **order milk through School Cash Online** selecting whichever days of the month your child would like to receive milk. We are no longer able to accept any cash payments for milk & special lunch orders.

If you need help to register for **School Cash Online**, see the **last page of newsletter** for instructions or feel free to call the school anytime for assistance at 613-758-2202

PRPS Parent Council

The next school council meeting will take place as a Google Meet – You will hear from us soon with dates and a digital invitation! All parents/guardians are welcome to join the meeting from their home computer.

Please Note:

**There will be
NO BUS PASSES
Permitted this year**

Regular home stops and daycare stops will remain in place but if your child needs to go to another friend or relative's home after school, they will need to be picked up and driven there

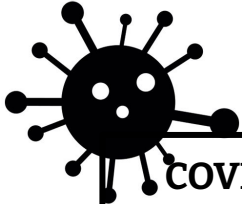
Check out the Palmer Rapids Public School Website at:

prps@rcdsb.on.ca



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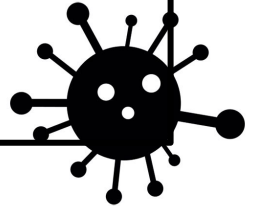


COVID Health & Safety – ALL students must be screened for COVID 19 symptoms prior to school entry each day.

Parents must complete the verification form each day.

No students will be allowed to stay at school if they haven't been screened.

[Click here for the screening verification form](#)



P.R.P.S. appreciates all of our Volunteers!

Due to COVID-19 there are restrictions for volunteers in our school.

We will be keep you informed of any changes or updates!

Thank you to all of our present Volunteers, we look forward to working with you when permissible. We also will look forward to having new volunteers join our team!!



Terry Fox Run

Once again on Friday September 17th the students at Palmer will participate in the National Terry Fox Run.

You will have received details in your recent email or click on this link, if you would like to make a donation:

<https://secure.terryfox.ca>.

PALMER RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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School Cash

(Ordering items online)

We are hoping to have ALL parents and guardians at Palmer Rapids Public School register with School Cash to order items online (milk/subs). Please feel free to call the office if you'd like some help to register or you can follow the instructions we have attached below. Thank you

School Cash ONLINE
www.schoolcashionline.com



For safety and efficiency reasons, Renfrew County District School Board would like to reduce the amount of Cash & Checks coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Step 1: Register

- If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://rcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> and select the "Get Started Today" option.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps
*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters.
Of those 8 characters you need , one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.

Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

Step 3: Find Student

Note: Student Number is Not Required

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Name & Birth Date
- Select *Continue*
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the *Agree* box and select *Continue*
- Your child has been added to your account

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

The screenshot shows the 'Find Student' registration form on the School Cash Online website. The form is titled 'Find Student' and is divided into two main sections: 'School Information' and 'Student Information'.
Under 'School Information', there is a dropdown menu for 'School Board Name' with 'School Board 1575' selected. Below it is a search box for 'School Name' with 'Eagle High School' entered. A button labeled 'Continue' is visible at the bottom left of the form.
Under 'Student Information', there is a checkbox for 'Do you have the student number?'. Below this are input fields for 'Student Number', 'First Name', and 'Last Name'. A 'Birth Date' field is also present with a date format of 'mm/dd/yyyy'. A button labeled 'Continue' is visible at the bottom right of the form.
At the bottom of the form, there is a section for 'No students? (Click here)' with a link to 'View Items For Students'. Below this is a footer with contact information: 'Contact support at 1-800-963-1000 or email parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com. Thank you. Your School Cash-Online Support Team.' The page number '1' is visible at the bottom center, and the text 'School Cash Online - Parent Registration' is at the bottom right.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Welcome Back First Day Of Classes	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Terry Fox	18
19	20	21	22 Autumnal Equinox	23	24	25 Franco Ontarian Day
26	27	28	29	30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation WEAR ORANGE		

← TRUST AND RECONCILIATION WEEK →

Milk Days in October: 19

