



*Falcon Flyer*

**September 18, 2020**

## Principal's Message...

Today we welcomed all our students back to school. It was great to see so many students happy to be back with their teachers and peers. The staggered entry has allowed the staff to prepare for our students to come back to a safe environment. Thank you all for your patience and flexibility as we sort this out together. Thursday evening we had our very first Virtual Curriculum Night! It was a great evening as we met many of our Fairman families. To those who were not able to log on to our Google Meets, feel free to contact the school if you would like to speak to your child's teacher.

With the large number of students in our Grade 8 class we have had to restructure. We will now have two Grade 7 / 8 splits in order to keep our class sizes smaller to ensure safe physical distancing.

In the last few weeks we have made some changes to the school building. We are currently having all exterior doors painted. Our gardens have been cleaned up by a number of our parents. Thank you to our families who helped with this project:

**Jody, Chris and Amelia Bowskill**

**Kathleen & Steve Keddle and Oliver and Grace**

**Jocelyn & son Finn Greenwood**

**Sarah & Patrick Kirby**

**Sarah & son Harrison Turner**

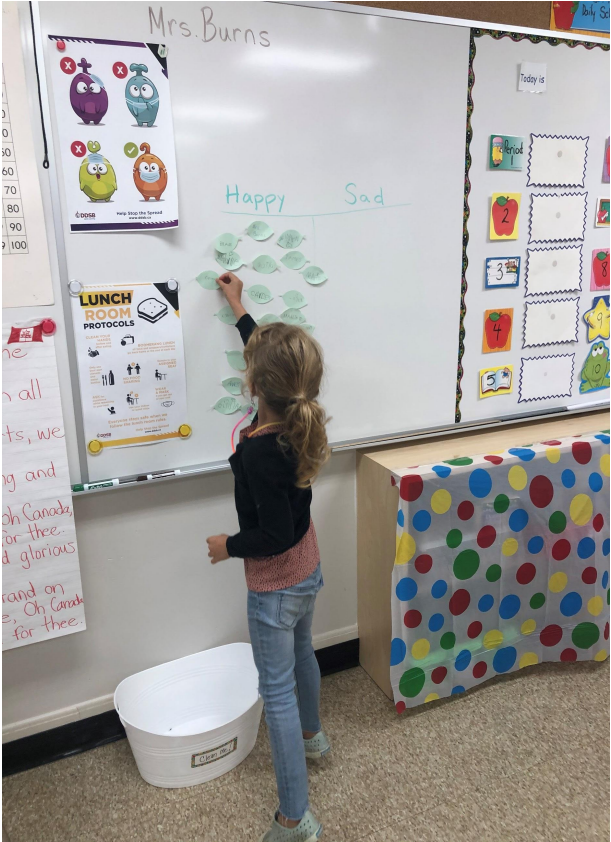
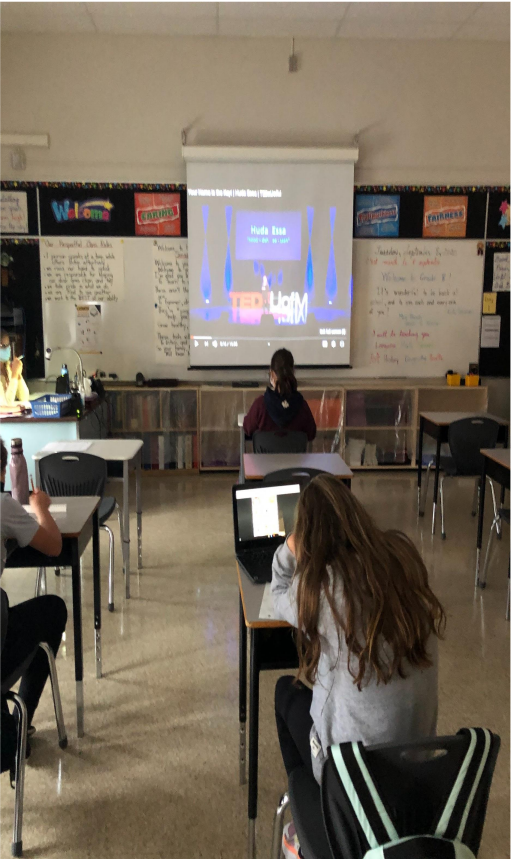
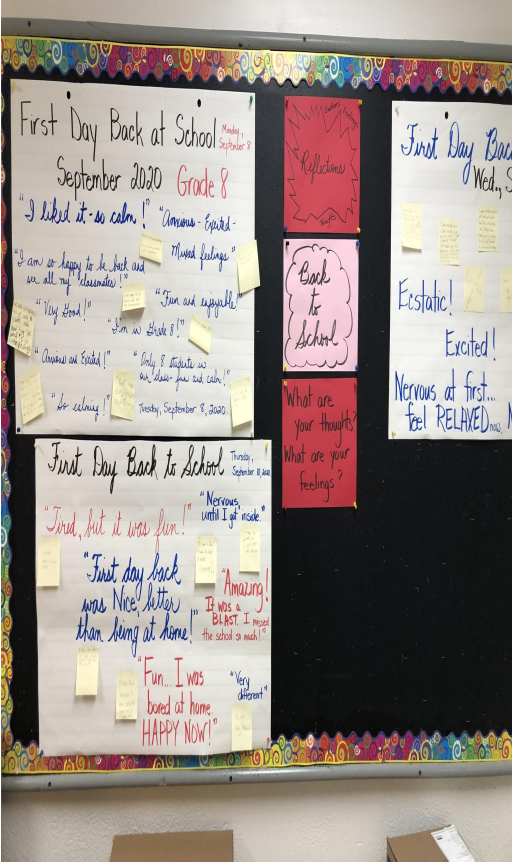
We have also had games painted on to our pavement to keep our students active at recess. For now we are discouraging students from bringing any equipment or toys to school to ensure the safety of all students. We will hopefully allow students to play with equipment once we have received direction from the DDSB and the Durham Region of Health.

# Taking Care of our Gardens






# Learning at EA Fairman



# The DRHD has developed a Fact Sheet for parents - [Facts About...What to do if my Child is Sick.](#)



Durham Region Health Department

Facts about...

What do I do if my child is sick?

This information is important to read and understand if your child becomes ill. Children should not attend school, child care or any extracurricular activities if they become ill. Do not send your children to school if they do not pass the daily screening. Please inform your child's school of your child's illness and absence.

**Seek Medical Attention**

If your child is ill please seek medical advice (e.g. family doctor, urgent care clinic etc.) including recommendations for testing for COVID-19.

**COVID-19 symptoms**

Common symptoms of COVID-19 include fever (temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), new or worsening cough and shortness of breath. Other symptoms of COVID-19 can include sore throat, difficulty swallowing, changes to sense of taste and/or smell, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and runny nose, or nasal congestion (not caused by seasonal allergies).

Atypical symptoms of COVID-19 should be considered, particularly in children, older persons, and people living with a developmental disability. Atypical symptoms can include unexplained fatigue, body aches, delirium, unexplained or increased number of falls, acute functional decline, exacerbation of chronic conditions, chills, headaches, croup, conjunctivitis, and multisystem inflammatory vasculitis in children.

Symptoms of multisystem inflammatory vasculitis in children may include persistent fever, abdominal pain, conjunctivitis, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and rash.

**Should my child get tested?**





If your child has symptoms seek medical advice including the recommendation of testing for COVID-19 as appropriate or as advised by their medical provider. Visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/assessment-centre-locations/> for a full list of COVID 19 Assessment Centre locations, and book an appointment for COVID-19 testing in Durham Region by completing the online assessment form at [covidswab.on.ca](https://covidswab.on.ca).

Siblings/staff of ill individual can remain in school until further medical advice is received and should self-monitor for symptoms. Please see the [Facts About COVID-19 Self-Monitoring](#). If while self-monitoring symptoms of COVID-19 develop, self-isolate and be tested for COVID-19 (and no longer attend work and school).

If any members of your household test positive for COVID-19, you will be contacted by Public Health directly with more detailed advice.

905-668-2020 or 1-800-841-2729 | [durham.ca/health](https://durham.ca/health)

If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.



What should I do if my child's symptoms get worse?

Monitor your child's symptoms closely as symptoms may change throughout the progression of COVID-19. If your child's symptoms persist or worsen, and an initial swab is negative, complete the online assessment form ([covidswab.on.ca](https://covidswab.on.ca)) for another assessment to determine the need for another test. If your child has worsening symptoms (such as difficulty breathing, chest pain) please call 911 or go to your local emergency department.

How can I protect myself?

Follow standard practices to prevent exposure and transmission of a range of illnesses including:

- Frequent and thorough handwashing with soap and water or use of hand sanitizer when hands are not visibly dirty.
- Coughing or sneezing into your sleeve or elbow and encouraging others to do the same.
- Washing your hands after handling nose and throat secretions (e.g., after throwing out used facial tissues).
- Avoid touching your face and clean your hands before touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Practice physical distancing by limiting close contacts with people outside of your household and maintain 2 metres from other people if you need to go out.
- Wear a non-medical mask if you cannot practice physical distancing.
- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces, especially those that are high touch areas.
- Do not share water bottles, straws, eating utensils, cigarettes, toothbrushes, toys or anything else that has been in contact with saliva, nose or throat secretions.
- If you are ill, stay at home and isolate yourself from others.
- Avoid close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness such as coughing and sneezing.

If you are concerned about symptoms, contact your health care provider or Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) and wear a mask when attending medical appointments.

Return to school

If your child does not have COVID-19 (i.e. your doctor has provided you with an alternate diagnosis), return to school can occur when symptoms are resolved for at least 24 hours.

Medical notes or proof of negative tests should not be required for students to return to school.

If your child has been tested for COVID-19 and is awaiting test results, your child must remain in self-isolation and attend school virtually if well enough to participate.

If your child has not been identified as a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 and tests negative for COVID-19, they can return to school when symptoms have resolved for at least 24 hours.





If your child has been identified as a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 a public health nurse from DRHD will be in contact with you and will provide further instructions on self-isolation and when return to in-person learning at school can occur.

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 a public health nurse from DRHD will be in contact with you and will provide further instructions on self-isolation and when return to in-person learning at school can occur.

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# Medication and Allergies



Please contact the school immediately if your child takes medication at school. Be sure that the **'Request for the Administration of Oral Medication'** form is filled out and returned to the school. A Parent can obtain the form from the Office. The school cannot administer any medication without this form. **As well, please let the school know if your child has any severe or life-threatening allergies as soon as possible.**



**Visitors/Parents:** Non-essential visitors and parents will be not be allowed in the school. Whenever possible, telephone meetings with parents/guardians will be held. If a child forgets their lunch. Parents will be allowed to come through the front door and drop their lunch on a table labelled with their child's name. Mrs. Rodriguez will ensure that students receive their lunches.

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## Bell Times

8:15-8:30 Entry

10:10-10:10 AM Recess

11:10-12:20 Lunch

1:50-2:00 PM Recess

3:00 Dismissal

# S.C.C. - Parent Engagement

The first SCC meeting of the school year will be held on **Monday, September 28** at **6:00 p.m.** The School Community Council(SCC) supports student achievement and well-being through an advisory role with the school principal. SCC also supports parent engagement and communication between home and school. More information can be found at <https://www.ddsb.ca/en/family-and-community-support/school-community-councils.aspx>.

Parents/Guardians can stay up to date with their school by subscribing to the news and alerts feed. (**see attached - *Subscribing to Receive News from Your Home School***)

This year with the creation of the DDSB@Home virtual schools, parents/guardians may wish to be involved in both their home school SCC as well as the virtual DDSB@Home SCC. Students have been cross-enrolled in the virtual school with their home school allowing parents/guardians to participate in both SCCs.

We welcome your involvement in our SCC. Please complete the nomination form (**attached**) and send to [EFairmanPS@ddsb.ca](mailto:EFairmanPS@ddsb.ca) by **September 28th**.

**For DDSB@Home** – Parents/guardians can also be involved in their home in-person school SCC by sending their nomination form to the school email address which can be found on the bottom of the school website.

Our SCC elections will be held virtually at our SCC meeting on Monday, September 28th at 6:00pm. Please use the following link to join the meeting <https://meet.google.com/aww-aruz-jjo>

**CHROMEBOOKS** - If your child(ren) borrowed a School Chromebook and Charger in the spring for “Distance Learning” we kindly ask that it be returned with your child(ren) when they return to school.



**Self-Assessment** - Please help us monitor everyone's health by completing a daily self assessment with your child(ren) before coming to school. Your participation in this check-in helps the DDSB and the school to protect everyone's health. A daily self-assessment must be completed every day that the child(ren) is reporting to school. If your child(ren) is displaying any of the following symptoms they must stay home and parents/guardians are encouraged to contact their primary health care provider, local public health or Telehealth to discuss the symptoms and/or exposure and seek advice on testing.

## Common COVID-19 Symptoms

- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Fever over 37.8 deg C
- Sore throat
- Difficulty Swallowing
- Changes to sense of taste or smell
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- Runny nose, or nasal congestion (not caused by seasonal allergies)



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school**

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