



Rotherglen School

September Newsletter

We have completed our first week of school and it was very successful! The eager smiles of our new students and the enthusiastic spirit of our returning children have created an exciting feeling throughout each and every classroom.

It was wonderful to meet all of our families during these first few days of the 2011-2012 academic year! We extend a warm "welcome to school" to each and every family and we are very eager to commence the school term.

Rotherglen teachers have made every effort to ensure that all our children were welcomed and comfortable in their classrooms. The children are settling well into the daily routines of school. To also fully introduce the Rotherglen community to the experienced faculty for this school year, parents will be receiving a special newsletter about our team of knowledgeable and dedicated teachers. We are very proud to showcase their experience and skills.

Many events have been planned for Rotherglen School's thirty-second school year in Mississauga. Our School Administrators Mrs. Chong-Kelpin and Ms. Lanigan would both be happy to assist you with any questions that you may have about your child's program or any of the events for Term One.

Parent Evenings

We will be hosting Parent Information sessions for all classes starting the week of September 12th. These presentations will cover topics such as curriculum, daily routines and schedules. Your child's teacher will be hosting these sessions in their classroom. Please see the listing below for your teacher's date and time.

Monday, Sept. 12th 6:00 p.m.

- Mrs. Bertsch
- Mrs. Castelino
- Mrs. Samaranayake
- Ms. van Rooy

Tuesday, Sept. 13th 6:00 p.m.

- Ms. Nichols
- Mrs. Pritchard
- Mrs. Rayon

Please note: Mrs. Skuce will be contacting her parents with details regarding her curriculum overview.

Casa Gym Program

The full day students in Mrs. Castelino, Mrs. Pritchard, and Ms. van Rooy's class- will be participating in gym classes at the South Common Community Centre on Friday afternoons. ***Sports 101*** coaches will be hosting these fun and active classes. ***The students will begin this program on Friday, September 23rd and continue every Friday for eight weeks this term.***

Full day Casa students will also be participating in co-operative games, specialized physical education activities and exercises in our newly added ***Activity Room***, twice-a-week! These thirty-minute classes will consist of activities that will focus on the development of gross motor skills, balance and coordination. Please see the listing below for your child's weekly schedule for physical education.

•Mrs. Castelino's Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays-Activity Room (first class Sept. 15)
Friday- South Common Gymnasium

•Mrs. Pritchard's Class

Tuesday and Thursday – Activity Room (first class Sept 15)
Friday – South Common Gymnasium

•Ms.van Rooy's Class

Monday and Wednesday-Activity Room (first class Sept. 14)
Friday- South Common Gymnasium

Please note: students may wear their Rotherglen gym uniform on these scheduled days, however it is not mandatory for Casa children.

Tim Horton's Coffee Morning

We invite our Rotherglen Parent community to have a Tim Horton's coffee and snack on Friday, September 30th, in the main school lobby. Please join us!

Pizza Day

Full time students may have pizza for lunch on Friday, September 30th. Pizza registration forms have been emailed to families for review.

Elementary Gym Program

Our Elementary students will begin their ***gym program on Friday, September 23rd***, at the South Common Community Centre gymnasium with **Sports 101** specialty coaches. Gym activities will include a variety of sports such as basketball, soccer, field hockey, as well as ball handling drills. Sportsmanship and positive peer interactions will also continue to be a focus of our physical education program. Rotherglen's new ***Activity Room*** will also be an integral feature for our elementary classes. Our students will take part in cooperative games, as well as music and movement games, Aerobics, Dance and Yoga this year. ***Activity exercises will be on Thursday afternoons, commencing on September 15th.***

Swimming is a highlight for students in Elementary for ***September and October***. Swim classes will begin Tuesday, September 27th and specific permission forms will be sent home for each class. This unique program will run for 5 consecutive weeks and is hosted by ***South Common Community Centre Pool's swim instructors***. Parents are welcome and encouraged to volunteer on swimming days.

Commencing in November, Gymnastics will be the feature physical education activity for students in Grades One and up. ***Futures Gymnastics*** will once again host specialty classes for four consecutive weeks on Monday mornings. More details will be provided to parents along with permission forms and bussing details, as each class will be escorted to and from the Futures centre by First Student school bus services. Parents are welcome to observe these lessons.

Please note: For specified Activity, Gym, Swim and Gymnastics days, students are required to wear the Rotherglen gym uniform. Please also ensure that running shoes are also present at school for physical education days.

Elementary Schedule:

- ***Monday - Gymnastics - November***
- ***Tuesday - Swimming - September/October***
- ***Thursday - Activity Room***
- ***Friday - South Common Gymnasium***

Casa Guest Speaker for September

Mad Science is a favorite guest speaker for Rotherglen students! To commence the new school year, specialists from this unique scientific company will be visiting our full day and half-day Casa students on ***Thursday, September 22nd at 9:30 a.m.*** They will be presenting a variety of fun experiments relating to "***Fire and Ice***". Parents are welcome to join us for this presentation in our school foyer.

School Picture Day

Portraits by Mina will once again be taking our class pictures and individual portraits for our students. They have been involved and renowned for portraiture since 1984 and are based in Oakville. ***Picture Day*** will be held on ***October 6th*** for all students. Full school uniforms are required for Picture Day.

Dress Down Day

All students are invited to 'dress down' on Friday, September 30th. School uniforms are not required on this day.