



Ashley Oaks Public School

We make a difference through the 3 R's: Respect, Responsibility and Recognition

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Ashley Oaks P.S. Website: <https://ashleyoaks.tvdsb.ca/en/index.aspx>

From the desks of the Administration...

The leaves are turning, cooler weather has set in, and our first month and a half of school is already behind us. Please remind your son/daughter(s) to dress appropriately for the cool weather as it can change by the minute and we try to get outside as often as possible. Our focus has been on building class routines and school community at Ashley Oaks and I'm very pleased with our progress. Students and staff have adjusted well to wearing masks and are learning the importance of physical distance. On November 13th, students at Ashley Oaks will be receiving student Progress Reports. The school year is divided into two terms and the Progress Report Card is part of the first term. The Elementary Progress Report Card does not include grades or marks. It is designed to "...show a student's development of the learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year, as well as a student's general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations in all subjects." (Growing Success, p. 50). This year we do not have a designated PA day for interviews. Please reach out directly to your students' teacher if you have question regarding their progress report.

Attendance/ Lates

Here at Ashley Oaks Public School, we want to help your child get the most from their education. Did you know that your child's attendance as early as kindergarten and the primary grades



plays an important part in helping them be successful for the rest of elementary and high

school? Whatever the reason for missing school, missing even one or two days per month can slowly add up to have a significant impact on their learning. Wondering how you can help improve your child's attendance? Here are some tips you can use to help them be ready for school:

- Have a regular morning routine with breakfast
- Arrive at school on time each day
- Talk with your child about their experiences and what they are learning about at school
- Have regular after school routines (snack, unpack backpack, playtime, family meal times and a regular bed time).

Would you like some help in coming up with a plan for your child's school attendance? Would you like to know more about the effect of absences on your child's education? Please make an appointment to talk with your child's teacher, or drop into the school office and talk with (Mr. Hicks/Mrs. Squire). Ashley Oaks PS has different people to help you and your family, including a Social Worker/Attendance Counsellor and School Support Counsellor who may be able to help!

PARKING LOT SAFETY

The parking lot is designed for TVDSB employee parking. Please consider walking your student to



school. **Please ensure you are not parking and/or idling** in designated Administration & Handicap Parking,

bus lanes, and/or fire routes. Double Parking or blocking other parked cars in a spot is NOT permitted. This is a particular problem when the weather is not ideal. Please arrange for pick up at other areas away from the school and Ashley Crescent.

Safe drop off and pick up

Hundreds of parents in cars stop in our parking lot or on our side streets to drop off or pick up their children before and after school. We are increasingly concerned that we need to remind everyone of safety procedures, and the role courtesy and patience play in everyone having a safe experience.

Please talk with your children and ask them to follow these rules:

1. Children should cross streets at crosswalks not in the middle of the street.
2. Children should not cross the parking lot unattended without an adult or near our buses.
3. There should be no running, riding of bikes or skateboards in parking lots.
4. Students are to enter cars from the curb side only. Do not ask your child to step off the curb into the parking lot unless you are with them.

Due to the traffic, parents should drive slowly and carefully at all times during arrival and dismissal times. Parents should not park and leave their car in the loading or unloading zone or in the bus zone. Please do not leave a running car unattended. It is important to note that within 15 minutes of the dismissal bell, generally all traffic is well cleared. Courtesy, caution and patience will go a long way in helping our students and parents feel safety is the first priority of everyone.

Dates to Remember

Progress Report Cards go home – Nov 13
Remembrance Day – Nov 11



