



École Regent Park

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Dear ERP Families,

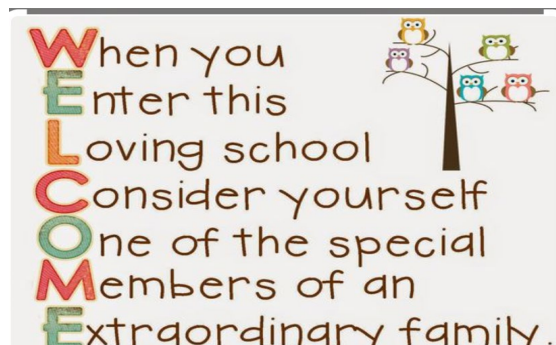
It is our **pleasure** to welcome everyone to a new school year at École Regent Park. We hope the summer was enjoyable, with a variety of experiences and adventures. The full return to school is an opportunity to share, reconnect, and welcome new members to our ÉRP family.

We can anticipate many great learning opportunities this year. Our staff members have been engaged in attending to many details including setting up the classrooms, meeting families, and planning for our students. One of our upcoming school wide events will be our **Open House- on Tuesday, September 3rd from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.** At this time, families will be able to spend time with our staff, walk around the school, engage in some fun activities, and meet new members of our school community. At **4:35**, we will ask family members to join us in the new gymnasium as we make formal introductions of all ERP staff members. This also assists our students in feeling more at ease for the first day of school on **September 4th**.

A new school year brings with it opportunities to pursue many goals. At École Regent Park, we strive to develop and help our students grow in four key areas which have become the mission statement for our school: **Excellence, Responsibility, Participation, and Service**. We all have unique gifts and talents that demonstrate and reflect these ideals at any age! Let us use a fresh new year as a chance to build on those strengths!

Mme Lucia Grande
Principal

Mme Deanna Pockett
Vice-Principal





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ÉRP School Community Council Meeting (PAC) **Every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. (library)**

We invite all parents to join us for this meeting as we launch a new school year and an exciting program of activities for our students and their families. Our first meeting will be on **Sept. 17th**. Any questions or concerns, please contact our current **PAC president, Lisa Kocis** and she will be on hand at our **OPEN HOUSE on Sept. 3rd**.

ERP PAC is excited to announce our first fundraiser of the year with **Peak of the Market**. Please see document attached for order forms! If you have any questions about this fundraiser or future fundraisers, please email erpfundraiser@gmail.com. Thanks so much for your support!

Lunch Time in Our Building

We remind all families that students at École Regent Park are required to remain on school property during the lunch hour recess. **Only students in Middle Years (grade 6-8) who have a signed and dated note from their parents have permission to leave the property.** This note must be seen and initialed by your child's homeroom teacher and office staff before they leave school grounds, and your child must keep the note on his/her person until the end of the lunch hour. **We will not accept e-mails or phone messages.** Please read through the lunch hour policy section in our student agenda for complete details. A hard copy agenda will be sent home to our grade 2, 3, 4 and 5 students. An electronic copy of the agenda is located on our school website under **DOCUMENTS** and **FORMS**.

During the lunch hour, we have microwaves available in each wing of the school for our grade 6-8 students. The microwaves serve as an option to provide your child with a special hot lunch from home. Our microwave stations will begin the second week of September. Guidelines will be provided for the independent use of the microwaves. The **ERP Lunch Program** for our Early Years students (grades 2-5) runs separately from the middle years lunch hour. There will be communication and a description of the guidelines for your child attached in a separate communication piece. If you have any questions or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the lunch program coordinator, **Taylor Franks** at ERPLunch@gmail.com



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School Parking Lot

We ask families **not to use the staff parking lot as a drop off-pick up area**. Our grade 4 and 6 students cross the entrance in the morning to get to the field and the entering and exiting of vehicles can make it dangerous for our students. If students must be dropped off or picked up, we ask that you use **a designated area on a neighbouring street**. Thank you for your cooperation in making our school grounds safe. Note that the parking lot across the street on Moroz street is private property. We would also like to inform you that Moroz street is **a no parking/stopping zone during bus pick up and drop off times**. Please adhere to the signage.

Entry and Exit for our students

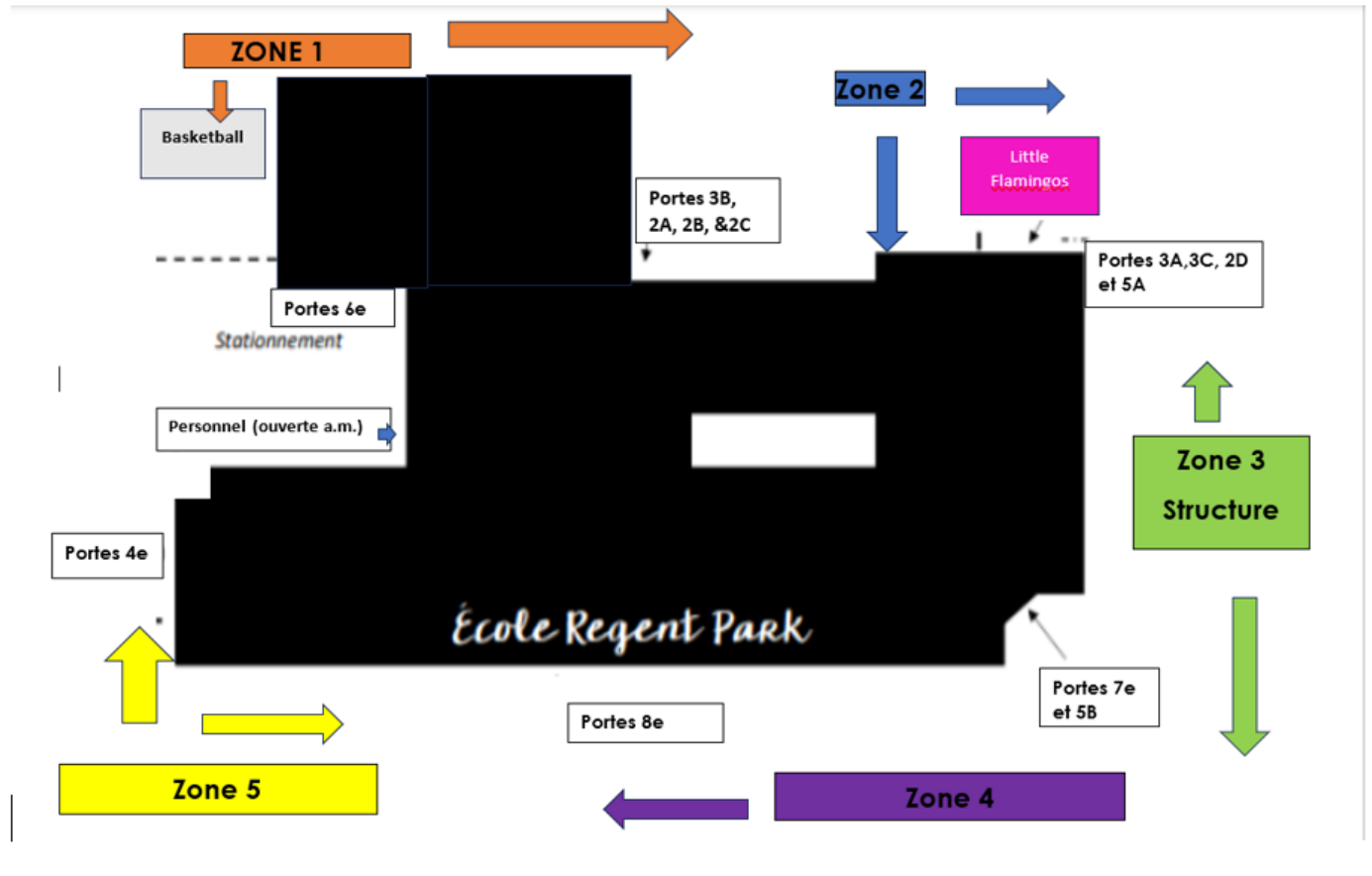
Our school population is growing! To avoid congestion, we have **six** main doors for our entry in the mornings. Below is a simple diagram to help guide you. The school bell will ring at **8:50 a.m.** Students will be asked to remain outside prior to this time (weather permitting). There is active supervision on school property starting at **8:30 a.m.** We ask that you **do not** drop off your child prior to this time.

For a few weeks at the beginning of our school year, we will be focussing on teaching our grades 2-6 **bussed students** where to pick up their designated divisional buses. We will be providing all our younger students in grades 2-4 a school made identification card. We ask that you please keep this on your child's backpack to support everyone. A gentle reminder to all families to **AVOID MOROZ** street during bus drop off and pick up times indicated on the signage. **Thank you for your support, patience as we navigate another school year with safety of all our students in mind.**



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Moroz Street (Front Entrance)

Summary of the map for 8:50 a.m. morning entry:

Grade 6 students will be at **zone 1** each morning prior to entry.

Grade 4 students will be at **zone 5** prior to entry

Grade 8 students will be at the front of the school, at **zone 4.**

Grade 7 students will once again be at the corner of **zone 4.**

Grade 2, 3 and 5 students will remain at **zone 3,** and **zone 2,** and when the bell rings, teachers will be waiting for them at their designated doors.

END OF DAY- Students will proceed out any door closest to their intended destination (divisional or city bus, bike, pre-decided location for parent pick-up etc.). Grades 2-5 will be dismissed at **3:20 p.m.** and grades 6-8 will dismiss at **3:25 p.m.** to minimize congestion.



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Hot Lunch- Healthy Hunger

We will continue our monthly online hot lunch ordering system through Healthy Hunger. Please follow the link attached to access this platform- [Healthy Hunger](#). Our first hot lunch will be between September 16th and 18th, and it is from **SUBWAY**. You may start ordering now!

Our grade 8 leadership team will also be organizing healthy snacks throughout the year for **all** students with the support of our Child Nutrition Grant.

Technology use and Media Release

We would like to give notice that the following policies are in place. The technology use [Policy IJND](#), and [Policy Form IJND-E1](#) as well as media release [Policy Kddb](#) and [Policy Form Kddb-E1](#). If you wish to opt out each school year, you have the option to do so by filling out the forms and returning them to school.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Kindergarten to Grade 8 students are banned from using cellphones during school hours, including lunchtime and other breaks. Personal electronic devices and cell phones are not to be used while at school, as they may disrupt the instructional program and distract from the learning environment. This applies to the formal school day, including school sponsored events such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and intramurals. Further information will be forthcoming from the division. Students are required to come to the office if they wish to contact their family if feeling ill and need to be picked up. It is also encouraged that parents-guardians contact the school **directly** if they decide to have their children picked up early. Having every child accounted for at all times is a serious safety concern for the school. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Communication

At ÉRP, we are committed to keeping the community informed and engaged and have various methods of communication between families and school. Please make sure we have your current e-mail address in our system by completing the verification forms at the beginning of the year, or by contacting the office at any time.



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- ❖ Weekly or biweekly **electronic memos** sent to families by e-mail
- ❖ Bimonthly newsletters sent to families by e-mail.
- ❖ Twitter Feed (**X**) for **Ecole Regent Park @erp_RETSD**
- ❖ The **ERP** website will have the most current dates and information pieces.
Please visit our new site at; www.retsd.mb.ca/erp

Industrial Arts

Please note that our grade 6, 7 and 8 students will be attending Industrial Arts rotational courses once a cycle for half a day at either ÉRP or Arthur Day. Students are transported to their respective courses by divisional bus. Detailed information is in the front of the Student Agenda book.

Fundraising for the 2024-25 school year

A reminder that our school wide fundraiser (**Peak of the Market**) will be starting up in September. All proceeds will support our school and the students with new equipment, school wide events, educational materials etc. In addition, as we continue to offer experiential learning that brings students outside of the school walls, we know that these excursions come along with a price tag. To assist families, we will be having a variety of fundraising opportunities specifically for your child so monies raised will go directly in supporting them. A detailed letter will be forthcoming with field trips and fundraising events.

Thank you for taking the time to look over our Welcome Package for the 2024-25 school year. Please find a more detailed **AGENDA** using the following link: [DOCUMENTS & FORMS \(retsd.mb.ca\)](http://www.retsd.mb.ca) If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school at any time. We look forward to another exciting year of learning at **École Regent Park!**





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Important Dates 2024-2025

Please note that these dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances and other events may be added throughout the year. Please consult the **ERP website** for current information.

Sept. 3	Tue	Admin Day at ÉRP (no classes) OPEN HOUSE visit between 4:30. -6:00 p.m.
Sept. 4	Wed	First day of school (Day 2)
Sept. 12	Thu	Picture Day
Sept. 13	Fri	ERP Lunch forms and payment due for grades 2-5
Sept. 17	Tue	ÉRP School Community Council meeting 6:30 pm in library
Sept. 20	Fri	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 25	Wed	Orange Shirt Day Assembly 1:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Mon	Truth and Reconciliation Day (No classes)
Oct. 14	Mon	Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
Oct. 16	Wed	Immunization Clinic (grades 6)
Oct. 17	Thu	1 st term Strength Based Student Conferences (p.m.)
Oct. 25	Fri	Provincial in-service (no classes)
Nov. 4	Mon	Immunization Clinic (grades 8)
Nov. 8	Fri	Remembrance Day assembly 1:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	Mon	Remembrance Day - No School
Nov. 12	Tues	Picture Retakes p.m.
Nov. 21	Thu	Hearing and Vision Screening (grades 3,5 and 7)
Nov. 21	Thu	First term report cards available online
Nov. 22	Fri	Coordinated Day- Professional Development (no classes)
Dec. 2	Mon	Winter Band Concert (grades 6,7 and 8) starting at 6:00 pm
Dec. 20	Fri	Last day of school before Winter Break Dismissal 2:25
Jan. 6	Mon	First day of school after Christmas (Day 5)
Jan. 15 th & 16 th	Wed & Thu	Winter concerts for grades 2-5 at ERP
Jan. 17	Fri	School in-service (no classes for ERP students)
Jan. 31	Fri	Coordinated Day- Professional Learning (no classes)
Feb. 3	Mon	Coordinated Day- Professional Learning (no classes)
Feb. 17	Mon	Louis Riel Day (no classes)
Feb. 24	Mon	Information session for parents of grade 6 and grade 1 students 6:00 pm
Feb 26	Wed	Pink Shirt- Anti-Bullying Day
March 14	Fri	Coordinated Day (no classes)
March 13 th & 14 th	Thu & Fri	Brandon Jazz Festival- grade 7
March 26	Wed	Learning Expo/Student-led conferences 5:00 to 8:00 pm
March 27	Thu	Second term reports available online
March 31 - April 4		Spring break (no school)
April 7	Mon	First day of school (Day 4)
April 11	Fri	Coordinated Day (no classes)
May 1 st & 2 nd	Thur & Fri	Manitoba Band Tour grade 8 students
May 14	Wed	Spring Band Concert- grades 6,7 and 8
May 16	Fri	School in-service (no classes for ERP students)
May 19	Mon	Victoria Day (no classes)
June 9	Mon	No School- PD Day
June 19	Tues	Grade 7 & 8 Jazz tour (EMU, EC ERP) and Jazz Cabaret at ERP (grades 7-8) p.m.
June 11 th & 12 th	Wed & Thu	Grade 5 Instrument selection evenings at ERP
June 27	Fri	Au Revoir to our grade 8 students
June 30	Mon	Last day of school Dismissal 2:25 pm





Farm to School

Our first and biggest school wide fundraiser this year will involve **PEAK OF THE MARKET**. It will run from Friday, **September 7th to Friday, September 27th**. All produce used in this fundraiser is locally grown by Manitoba farmers, ensuring the quality of vegetables is fresh and locally produced. By promoting healthy food choices through this fundraiser, one receives fresh, local vegetables at or below supermarket prices as well as supporting our local Manitoba farmers and our local community food banks.

Our fundraiser will help our school in many areas such as new equipment for the band and gym programs, school wide events and educational materials to support students with learning opportunities.

Please find attached an information sheet as well as an order form if you require to order manually; however, the preferred way to order is via online. **Please indicate the child's full name** you are ordering under. Manual order forms must be in by Tuesday September 25 with the exact amount of payment. Delivery date for the vegetables will be on **Thursday, October 10th between 2:30-5:00 p.m.**

Volunteers will be needed on the morning of delivery (Oct 10). If you are able to help organise orders, please send an email to the address below.

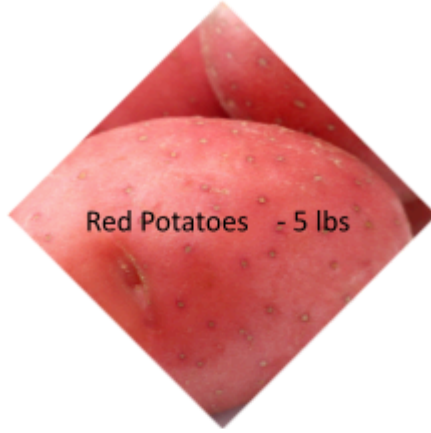
If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the ERP PAC fundraiser chair at erpfundraiser@gmail.com or call the school at 204-958-6830.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and we hope you take advantage of this wonderful fundraiser! Visit www.peakfarmtoschool.com for more details.

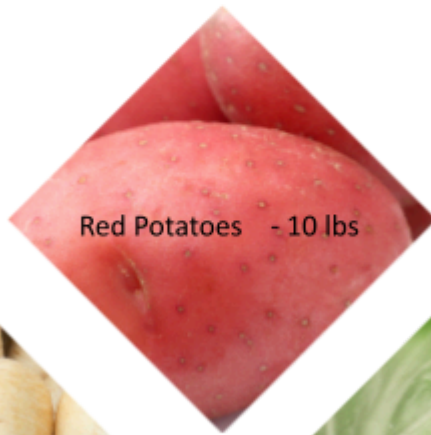
ERP School and ERP PAC

Bundle Details

Bundle A | \$15 each



Bundle B | \$25 each





HOW TO ORDER ONLINE

1. Visit www.peakfarmtoschool.com and click on **BUY A BUNDLE** from the **Menu**. Hit **CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE** Select the quantity of the product and Add to Cart. Select Continue Shopping to add multiple bundle types. *Be sure to Update Cart to reflect changes to the quantity.
2. Click on **Continue to Check out** when ready to pay. *If you wish to add items to your order simply select **BUY A BUNDLE** from the **Menu**.
3. Select the Province, and the School/Daycare/Organization you are ordering from. Enter the child/Student's name responsible for the order. *Or check as Community Order if you are not supporting a student and picking up your order from the school/daycare.
4. Enter **Billing** and **Payment Info**, once done click on **Review Order**. *If you wish to make any changes click **BUY A BUNDLE**, Add an item and you will be taken to the Cart where you can adjust your order and Update Cart.
5. Review your order summary, Supporting and Billing and Payment Info. *If you need to make any changes at this point you can select **BUY A BUNDLE** and **Add to Cart** where you can adjust your order and proceed to make any other billing or payment info. **Place Order**.
6. You will see an **ORDER COMPLETE** screen with your order number and an email will be sent to you confirming your order details.

NEED MORE HELP?

Visit www.peakfarmtoschool.com
Email us at: farmtoschool@peakmarket.com
Call us at: 204.594.1414

Student _____
 Teacher _____
 School _____
 Orders due _____
 Order pick up _____

STUDENT ORDER FORM

Your Farm to School Administrator is:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Cheques payable to _____



Farm to School

Phone: 204.594.1414

Email: farmtoschool@peakmarket.com

Address: 1200 King Edward Street,
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0R5

SELLING REMINDERS:

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash that can be lost or stolen.
- Focus fundraising efforts on family and friends.
- Take a parent or buddy along when fundraising.
- When available, remind customers of delivery date.
- Make sure any cheques for payment are made payable to your school.

BUNDLE A
 2 lb carrots, 2 lb onions, and 5 lb potatoes.

BUNDLE B
 3 lb carrots, 3 lb onions, 10 lb potatoes, 1 lb
 parsnips, and one cabbage.

Customer Information	Bundle A \$15	Bundle B \$25	Bundle A \$15	Bundle B \$25	Total Collected



School Totals		Donation Totals		Total Collected	
Bundle A	Bundle B	Bundle A	Bundle B	Cash	Cheques
x \$15	x \$25	x \$15	x \$25	\$	\$