



**Marvin Heights Public School**  
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## Welcome Back Message from our Admin Team

Dear Marvin Heights Community,

Welcome to the 2018/2019 school year!

As a Principal, I believe in setting high expectations for student learning. I work hard to ensure that both staff and students are supported in their quest for excellence. At the Peel District School Board, our mission is to inspire success, confidence and hope in each student.

We know that students learn best when families and schools work together and open communication is key to the partnership. Each month you will receive a school newsletter and my ongoing emails for any important information. I also encourage you to be active participants on your child's journey of learning. Research shows that when parents are involved, students experience higher levels of success.

As we ring in the new school year, we have a renewed commitment to engaging our students and Empowering them as Modern Learners as they continue on their journey as 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners. We will be continuing our work in the areas of equity, inclusion and diversity ensuring all of our students are supported to embrace every learning opportunity. ~ **Principal, Mrs B. Singh**

I am eager to begin my journey as your Vice-Principal and serve your community. I am an advocate for Equity and Inclusion and am eager to help support our students, parents, Guardians, and community partners.

Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"

It is true, TOGETHER we can aspire to dream the impossible, and achieve it. I look forward to the relationships that I'll build with students and you, the parents/Guardians, that will make our students shine bright and achieve success beyond their own expectations. **Vice- Principal, Ms. K. Dhillon**

Principal: Mrs. B. Singh  
Vice Principal: Ms. K. Dhillon  
Office Manager: Mrs. L. Ramsubag  
Office Assistant: Mrs. R. Sidhu  
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School Trustee: Mr. R. Williams  
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**Supervision Begins at 9:00 am**

**Entry at 9:10 am**

**Nutrition Break 1 ~ 11:15 - 11:55 pm**  
(Lunch Break - Parents can take their children home during NB #1)

**Nutrition Break 2 ~ 1:25 - 2:05 pm**

**Dismissal at 3:35 pm**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 25**

Reorganization Day  
(No School for Students)

### Note:

We are an ECO School. All future newsletters will be sent out electronically (email, class sites, school website). If you would prefer to receive a hardcopy, please let your child's teacher know.

**THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT.  
PLEASE HAVE IT TRANSLATED.**

CHINESE

此乃重要文件，請找人為您翻譯

ARABIC

هذه الوثيقة مهمة. يرجى ترجمتها

PUNJABI

ਇਹ ਪੱਤਰ ਬਹੁਤ ਹੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ।  
ਇਸ ਲਈ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਤੋਂ ਤਰਜਮਾ ਵਰਦਾ ਲਿਓ।

TAMIL

இது முக்கியமான ஒரு ஆவணம்.  
தயவு செய்து இதை மொழி பெயர்க்கவும்.

HINDI

यह सूचनापत्र महत्वपूर्ण है।  
कृपया इसका अनुवाद करा लें।

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اسے سرکاری اسکالر ترجمہ کریں۔

## Get Involved in the School

There are many ways to get involved in school life.

Some examples include:

- Communicating with the teacher regularly
- Attending information nights
- Participating on school council meetings
- Volunteering in the school

## Join our School Council Share Your Ideas

Every Peel school has a school council—a group focused on helping students succeed. School councils provide a voice for parents and the community and offer advice to the school principal on a number of topics.

Please find attached the election forms if you are interested please fill it and return it to school by Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The number of responses will determine whether we will have elections on September 27<sup>th</sup> or not. We will keep you informed via email.

If you would like to know more or are interested in joining our council, please contact the school at 905 677 1526 by September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Any questions please direct to  
marvinheightsps.council@peelsb.com  
or Mrs. B. Singh (905)677-1526  
**First School Council Meeting:  
October 13, 2016 at 6:30pm**

## Settlement Worker in School Do you need help/assistance?

- Meeting your basic needs (food, shelter and clothes)
- Getting information about Canadian School System
- With education and training
- Enhancing your employability skills
- Getting information about available Govt. And community resources
- Finding a family doctor
- Learning how you can assist your child in school
- Learning about Healthcare System
- Applying for SIN, OHIP, citizenship, OW etc....

***Kanwal Jassal***  
***Settlement Worker in Schools***  
***Multicultural, Settlement and Education Partnership***  
***(MSEP)***  
**Ph: 647-838-9121**  
**[Email: kjassal@mnsinfo.org](mailto:kjassal@mnsinfo.org)**

## Character Education Assemblies

Location: School Gym  
Whole school assembly  
(9:40 am –10:30am)

## Twitter

**@MarvinHeightsps** is a great way to learn more about the activities at Marvin Heights as the student work and activities are tweeted out to the community; please ask if you are interested in joining Twitter and are unsure.

## Parents and Caregivers:

Please send a litterless lunch if your son or daughter stays for lunch.  
The weather will begin to change soon.  
Please ensure that your students are appropriately dressed every day. Kindly send in a pair of indoor shoes.

## Stay up-to-date with Marvin Heights and Peel board news

### School news

<http://schools.peelschools.org/1110/Pages/default.aspx>

Visit our school website to learn what's happening at your school, including:

- the latest school news
- contact information for school administration, superintendent and trustee
- the school calendar
- enrolment data
- school hours
- registration information
- online library catalogue

You can **subscribe** online to receive email notifications for news, calendar events and volunteer job opportunities related to your school. You can also choose to receive email and/or text message notifications for critical news, such as school closures due to bad weather. Click on the "Subscribe" link on the left side of the main page of the school website.

### Peel District School Board news

Subscribe to automatically receive a list of activities by email that are sent the last week of each month, plus bonuses throughout the year. Visit our website at **www.peelschools.org** and click on the *subscription* link under "Quick Links."

You can also subscribe to:

- Learn more about board news and school events.
- View Peel board meetings with Board agendas. Meetings are open to the public and are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.
- Read highlights of decisions made by trustees at board meetings.
- Receive job postings for non-teaching staff.

## Important information regarding student privacy and use of third party apps and web services

At the Peel District School Board, we are committed to helping each child achieve to the best of his or her ability. Using Modern Learning tools is an essential component of teaching and learning in today's world. Modern Learning tools can include Internet sites where users interact and collaborate in online environments, websites where users log in, and/or applications for tablets. The Peel board believes that these online services are key tools in aiding students and teachers in the development of 21st Century skills.

**Please note: In order to support student privacy, Peel board students are requested not to use their school email (studentnumber@pdsb.net) to create accounts on any third party, non-protected domain, apps/web services.**

The terms and conditions of these app/web-services do not align with the Peel board's Registering and Use of Software, Web-Based Services and Apps guidelines as their services may collect and display the student's private information, including the full name, publicly.

If your child uses their own personal accounts to access these apps/web services, please encourage them to use privacy settings to ensure that their account information, including full name, is not shared publicly.

Please visit [www.bit.ly/byodparentresources](http://www.bit.ly/byodparentresources) for more information.

## Protect your kids — and your finances

The Peel District School Board does **not** provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school property or during school activities including extracurricular sports. Each year, families could spend thousands of dollars when their children are injured at school, on field trips, while participating in non-school activities, or at home. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any medical costs not covered by provincial health care or their employer's health care plan.

The provincial health care system does **not** cover costs which are commonly related to accidents including dental work, ambulance fees, casts and crutches, and physiotherapy. All of these **are** covered by Insuremykids student accident insurance plan and as a convenience to parents, the Board has arranged to offer a plan to parents through Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. To help protect your family, it is strongly recommended that you consider obtaining Insuremykids Protection Plan, which offers a variety of benefits at affordable prices, which provide 24 hours a day, 365 days a year coverage, range from \$13 to \$33 per year.

The insurance agreement is between **You** and **Reliable Life Insurance Company**.

You can apply for coverage online at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com) for answers to frequently asked questions. For more information, call Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada toll free at **1-800-463-KIDS (5437)**.

## Getting your questions answered

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about your child's education, or about education in general, anyone with the Peel board is happy to help. Here are some of the people who can help you:

- If you have specific questions or concerns about the education of your son or daughter, the first person to talk to is your child's teacher. If possible, arrange a personal interview with the teacher to discuss your concerns and attempt to resolve the matter. Your child's teacher or principal can also give you more information about specific strategies being used to monitor your child's progress.
- If you need extra help, or have more general questions, your school principal is there to assist. Your school principal can help if you have been unable to resolve the issue with your child's teacher. All curriculum material is available in your child's school.
- If you still have unanswered questions or concerns, talk to your superintendent of education.
- If you have general questions about curriculum, call Curriculum and Instruction Support Services at 905-890-1010 ext. 2559.
- If you have questions about special education programs or services, contact Special Education Support Services at 905-890-1010 ext. 2345.
- Of course, your local school trustee is elected to represent your interests and is always ready to hear and discuss your suggestions or concerns. If you don't know the name of your trustee, check the 'Meet your Trustee' section of the board's website at [www.peelschools.org](http://www.peelschools.org).

If you still have questions, please email [communications@peelsb.com](mailto:communications@peelsb.com) or call Communication & Community Relations Support Services at 905-890-1010 or 1-800-668-1149 ext. 2809.

## Keeping lunches and snacks peanut-free

Anaphylaxis is a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that affects some children. We ask that you help us take care of these students by sending lunches and snacks for your child that are free from peanuts or nuts, because these foods are the leading

cause of anaphylaxis.

Please read the label of any food you plan to send to school with your child. If the label says, "May contain nuts or peanuts," **please do not send it to school.**

You can get a complete copy of the Peel board's anaphylaxis guideline at [www.peelschools.org](http://www.peelschools.org) under the Parent tab, under Student Health.

## **What you need to know about busing**

Peel District School students may access transportation services if their primary address is within the school's attendance boundary, at a distance of more than:

- kindergarten and grade 1 students – 1 km
- grades 2 to 4 students – 1.6 km
- grades 5 to 8 students – 2 km
- grades 9 to 12 students – 3.8 km

Eligibility distances are calculated using appropriate roadways and pedestrian walkways and are measured from home property line to school property line using Board approved software to ensure a consistent and equitable assessment of distance for all students and all schools within the Board. It is also important to note that parents are responsible for safely getting their children to and from school.

### **How do I know if my child is eligible for transportation?**

Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) has a website, [www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca), where you can find information concerning transportation including bus safety, procedures, late buses, cancellations, and frequently asked questions and as well whether your child is eligible for transportation based on your home address. Click on "Am I Eligible for Transportation" and enter your information.

In addition, if your child is eligible for transportation, beginning the last week of August to the end of June each year, at [www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca) you can securely access your child's specific transportation information, including bus stop location and pick-up and drop-off times. Click on "Parent/Student Login" and enter the information required. To ensure privacy of information you will be required to enter the Ontario Education Number (OEN), which can be found on your child's report card.

Parents can now sign-up to receive automatic e-mail notifications of delays or cancellations for their children's bus run. Go to [www.stopr.ca](http://www.stopr.ca) and click on the "bus delays and cancellations" link and then click "subscriptions" to sign-up for this service.



## Coping with Back-to-School Anxiety

Anxious feelings are normal and expected in children and teens returning to school. Your anxious child may cling, cry, have temper tantrums, complain of headaches or stomach pains, withdraw, plead or bargain, and become irritable or angry. It may take some time for the anxious feelings to disappear.

**Worries are common. Although it is normal for your child to have worries, it is crucial to have your child attend school. It is important they experience all that school offers and learn to cope with their fears. Be sure to communicate with the school and teacher(s) about the anxiety your child may be feeling so they are better able to support your child with their worries and concerns.**

### 5 Steps to Deal with Back-to-School Worries

**Step 1 Take care of the basics:** Ensure your child is getting enough sleep, eating regular meals and healthy snacks and has daily exercise. When your child's mind and body are nourished, communicating with you and tackling school worries is easier

**Step 2 Provide empathy:** Listen to your child's concerns. *What is s/he worried about? Why does s/he expect that to happen?* Let your child share his/her fears and talk about what's on his/her mind.

**Step 3 Problem solve:** Develop a coping plan. Addressing your child's fear head on, by creating an active plan with concrete solutions, will significantly reduce the worry. For example, *"If (the worst) happens, what could you do?"* or *"Let's think of some ways you could handle that situation."*

**Step 4 Focus on the positive aspects:** Re-direct the worrying and ask your child, *"What are three things that you are most excited for this school year?"* Celebrate the good things about school. Chances are the fun aspects are simply getting overlooked by repetitive worries.

**Step 5 Pay attention to your own behavior:** Children take cues from their parents, so the more confidence and calm you can model, the more your child will believe s/he can handle this new hurdle. Be supportive yet firm. For instance say, in a calm tone, say: *"I can see that going to school is making you scared, but you still have to go. Tell me what you are worried about, so we can talk about it."*

## Procedures help keep students safe at school

Dear Families,

Peel schools provide a safe environment for students and staff to learn and work. The board has many procedures to ensure safety — including regular fire drills, evacuation plans, criminal record checks for new staff and volunteers, and lockdown, hold and secure and shelter in place drills. Together with Peel Police, OPP and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board, the board developed procedures for critical situations.

Every school will review the key points of the lockdown process with students. We rehearse the drill twice per year to make sure staff and students know what to do if we have to initiate a lockdown.

During the rehearsal, the principal will make an announcement to "initiate lockdown procedure." The school bell will ring continuously for a period of time and our goal is to make the school appear vacated.

Students and staff *inside* the school will:

- go to the closest room, close the door and lock it, if possible
- turn off the lights and lie down on the floor away from doors and windows
- remain on the floor quietly until further directions are given

Students and staff *outside* the school will:

- move as far away from the building as possible
- remain outside until further directions are given

Depending on the situation, students and staff *outside* the building may be directed to an evacuation site. When the rehearsal is over, the principal will make another announcement.

## Important things to note when an emergency occurs

### 1. Students and staff must not use cell phones

In these critical situations, safety is our number one priority. During rehearsals or in real critical situations, Peel Police have advised that cell phone usage can cause more safety risks and the following consequences:

- Cause signal delays for emergency services to attend to the situation.
- Prevents police from being able to communicate with each other and other important personnel in a timely manner.

- Public posts and messages may identify where individuals are in the building and a pose a safety risk.
- Can attract attention to the area of the school where the phone is being used.

**Parents are requested to NOT call the school or your child's cell phone during emergency procedures.**

2. **Parents can get updates during emergency procedures on their school website**
3. **Parents are requested NOT to go to the school**

In the unlikely event of an actual lockdown, hold and secure, shelter in place or bomb threat, police ask that parents do not go to the school. For safety reasons, you will not be allowed to enter a school that is in lockdown, hold and secure or shelter in place and students and staff cannot leave the school. In rare cases, police will designate a Parent Information Site for you to attend and get up-to-date, accurate information. **Please monitor your child's school website and do not come to the school unless requested to do so.**

If you have any questions about our lockdown drill, or any of the procedures we have in place to keep students and staff safe, please call the school.

## ParentConnect

*Online parent portal to access important student information*



The Peel District School Board is excited to announce the launch of ParentConnect, an online parent portal to access important student information. The pilot program was introduced at all schools in the 2017-18 school year.

### What is ParentConnect?

ParentConnect is a safe and secure website, created by the Peel District School Board, that acts as a single point to stay informed and to access all electronic services provided to Peel board parents and legal guardians.

The parent-friendly website will allow you to:

- view school-based alerts and information
- access real time absence reporting
- view current and historic elementary report card information
- get up-to-date busing information

- review secondary school credit history and diploma status
- and more

To learn more about the benefits of ParentConnect, visit our school website or [www.peelschools.org/parentconnect](http://www.peelschools.org/parentconnect)

## Pay school fees online using School Cash Online— register today!

SchoolCashOnline

Our school offers School Cash Online, a safe and secure form of online payment, as its preferred method of payment for all school fees. With a parent-friendly portal and an easy way to keep track of your child's activity fees, you can use School Cash Online to pay for school items like field trips and pizza days directly from your computer or smartphone using eCheck, Visa or MasterCard.

### Register now

By registering, you'll have the ability to:

- Keep track of your children's school item and activity fees
- Check account history
- Print or view receipts
- Make donations to school fundraisers online and instantly receive a tax receipt
- Pay for school fees with the click of a button

For more information and to register, visit <https://peelschools.schoolcashonline.com>. If you have any questions, please contact the school directly.

## Keep students safe in school parking lots

Many elementary schools offer a Kiss N' Ride program, where parents/guardians can drop off and pick up their children at a designated area on school property. The program was established to provide a convenient and safe option for our students and parents driving to school. To ensure the safety of staff and students, we ask all parents/guardians be mindful of the following guidelines:

- There is no parking and no waiting in the Kiss and Ride lane. Pay attention to the traffic in front of you and pull forward as cars move forward. If you choose to park in the parking lot, please escort your child to or from the nearest foot patroller and use the main crosswalk.
- Vehicles entering the Kiss N' Ride lane must stay in the designated lane, unless otherwise directed by a staff member or volunteer.

- The Kiss N' Ride program is only available to students who are able to disembark independently.
- Have your child ready to exit the car when you reach the curb. Students may only exit from the passenger (right) side of the vehicle.
- After picking up or dropping off your child, leave promptly so that others can get in behind you.
- If your child is not waiting for you at the main crosswalk at the end of the day, please circle the parking lot if permitted and rejoin the line or park in a designated parking space to wait.
- Always respect traffic flow and abide all traffic laws and signs.

Ask your child's teacher or principal to learn more about our school's specific Kiss N' Ride procedures.