



SOUTH MARCH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Family Update - Sunday, September 20, 2020

Proud, Positive, Powerful Penguins

Welcome to another great week at South March!

Parents are required to screen their children daily for symptoms of COVID-19 **BEFORE SENDING THEM TO SCHOOL.** Use this [online tool](#) provided by Ottawa Public Health to do daily screening. We need to all work together, to ensure our school remains safe.

LESSONS FROM THIS WEEK!

- SMPS students are simply great! I witnessed a resilient, appreciative and enthusiastic group of students. It is great to have students back at school!
- SMPS Parents/Guardians have been very supportive and encouraging. We really appreciate your kinds words
- SMPS staff are #1 - My staff have gone above and beyond leading up to the school opening and greeting students these last three days. On Friday I did a walk through of the school and although classrooms look different - teaching, learning and student engagement was happening everywhere!

This week we continue to work on some of our new logistics including refining the drop-off/pick-up procedures as well as coordinating recess and lunch to ensure students remain in their cohorts.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS - THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT

All schools are following the OPH guidelines when there is a child showing symptoms of COVID. Here are the guidelines:

- ★ If a child presents symptoms (even minor) they **cannot attend/remain at school** and either have to go for a COVID test or self-quarantine for 14 days.
- ★ Students with symptoms and their close contacts (including siblings/parents) are required to **self-isolate until there is a negative COVID test result.**
- ★ **It is important to know that symptomatic students and their siblings cannot attend school until there is a negative test result and the child with symptoms is feeling better**

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation. These strict guidelines put me in a really difficult position when sending students home and I have to do so for the well-being of the 350 students and 45 staff in the school. The OPH flow chart that is being followed is here --- [Managing Symptomatic Students or Staff](#)

So your children are at home waiting for results - NOW WHAT?

- If the **COVID test is negative** and the child is **feeling better** they can return to school as well as any **siblings that attend our school**
- If the **COVID test is positive**, Ottawa Public Health will communicate and provide further directions to families and the school about next steps

RESOURCES:

- List of symptoms: [CLICK HERE \(OPH\)](#) / [CLICK HERE \(Ministry of Health\)](#)
- OPH Assessment Center info - [Click Here](#)
- Managing [Symptomatic Students or Staff](#) describes the process to be followed for someone with symptoms at school/work.
- Managing a [Confirmed Positive Case](#) describes the process to be followed for an employee or student who has tested positive for COVID-19.

MORNING DROP-OFF

For the first few days of school we had students in Gr 1 -6 line up outside by homeroom. Beginning Monday, students in Gr 1-6 will enter the school through their designated entrances once they arrive at school. By now they should be familiar with their entrance...FYI:

- There will be staff outside to help students.
- Please continue to use the assigned drop-off ZONES - [CLICK HERE](#)
- JK/SK will be met and guided into the school by staff

Drop-off/Pick-up ZONES

Continue to drop off and pick up your children at their **Assigned Zones**

- Check out the map and explanations - [CLICK HERE](#)
- We will need your patience and flexibility while we work see how the plan works
- DISMISSAL continues to be at 3:30 p.m.

Family Handbook

We have created a live handbook to answer your question. We will also be able to update and add more information as we proceed into the school year. The handbook is designed to walk you through what is expected throughout the day. **CHECK IT OUT:** [SMPS Family Handbook 2020-2021](#)

Use of technology and Media Consent form

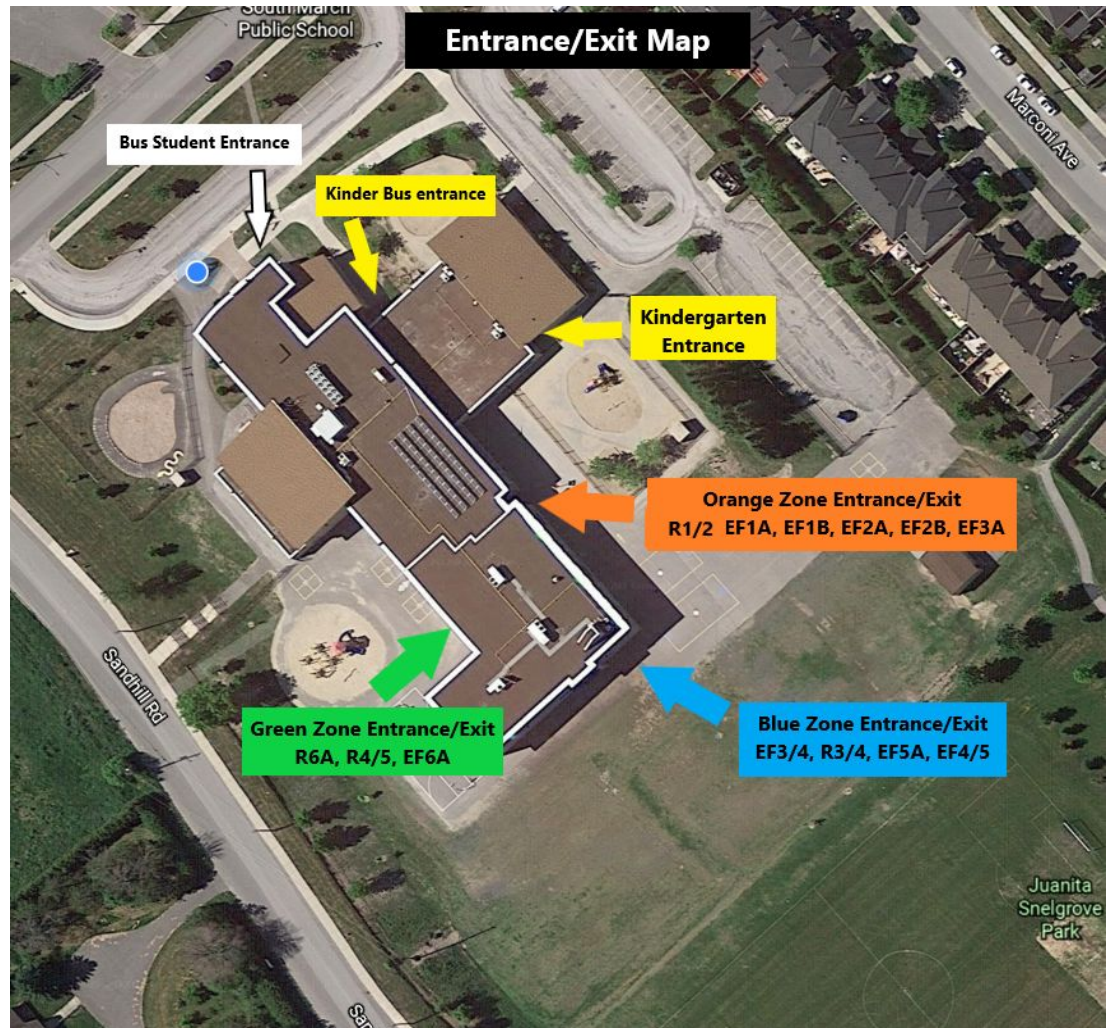
Your help is needed to complete these forms as soon as possible

- [Use of Technology Form](#)
- [Media Consent Form](#)

Does your child have a medical condition or required medication at school?

Each year you are required to complete the Plan for Care forms. Please complete if you haven't done so already.

- [Plan of Care For Students With Life Threatening Medical Conditions Form](#)





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SMPS Staff List 2020-2021

Homeroom/Position	Staff Name	Homeroom/Position	Staff Name
Kindergarten		Learning Support	
KJSA	Erin Ritchie	LST	Meghan Schuler
KJSB	Tracy Wright	LRT/ESL	Trina Piche
KJSC	Laura Sawtell	LRT (0.5)	Sarah Wigle (LTO)
English Homeroom		Support Staff	
R1/2A	Jody Nordman	EA	0.5 Vacancy
R3/4A	Zahara Lalji	EA	Chris Ray
R4/5A	Darla Fuller	EA	Melissa Dean (ASD Program)
R6A	Dani Broadhurst	EA	Rita Williams (ASD Program)
Immersion Homeroom		EA	Cindy Arthurs (ASD Program)
EF1A	Marie Pageot	EA	Kyla Gariepy (ASD Program)
EF1B	Amanda Szucs	ECE	Jalileh Ghoncheh
EF2A	Angela Garneau	ECE	Jodie Nichol
EF2B	Heather Roberts	ECE	Kerry Maheral
EF3A	Catherine Cobb	ECE	Lisa Dougherty
EF3/4A	Rima Fraser	Operations	
EF4/5A	Della Bonsor	Principal	Jeff Gervais
EF5A	Brad Dillabaugh	Vice-Principal	Barb Martinez
EF6A	Jason McLean	OA	Heather Nichols
Specialized Programs		Office Assistant	Rowena Pearl
ASD - A	Linda Mann	Library Tech	Megan Venner
ASD - B	Staci Jamieson	Chief Custodian	Cody Wagenblass
Rotary			
ETFI	Jessica Griffith (LTO)		
ETFI	Tim Westover		
EFI	Vanessa de Hoog		
Kindergarten/ASD	Allison Theobald		
DOT	Kate-lyn Smith		

You're invited to participate in...



SMPS SPIRIT DAY FRIDAYS

Every Friday This Year

Students and staff alike are invited to show their school spirit **in person and/or remotely** by wearing...

- ✓ Their SMPS Spirit Wear
- ✓ Blue Clothing
- ✓ Yellow Clothing
- ✓ Penguin Clothing

We want to see your spirit!

If you are interested in being part of our *SMPS Spirit Slideshow*

(which will be played in school and on our website/social media accounts)

you are invited to have your parent/guardian email a picture and/or video of you showing your SMPS Spirit to Mme Szucs (amanda.szucs@ocdsb.ca).

Your parent/guardian must give their consent in writing for you to participate.

There is no deadline to participate.

Pictures/videos will be compiled as they arrive to make a growing collage of our Proud, Posivite, Powerful Penguin Pride.



PROUD, POSITIVE,
POWERFUL PENGUINS!