

PRESTON
PUBLIC SCHOOL
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PANDA BREAKFAST CLUB PERMISSION FORM

I, _____ give _____ permission to attend
(Parent/guardian) (Student's name)

Preston Public School's Panda Breakfast Club.

Student's Date of Birth: _____

Dietary Restrictions (including allergies):

I am interested in finding out more about volunteer opportunities with the Preston Panda Breakfast Club. Please contact me at the following phone number: _____

Pictures of my child taken at the nutrition program may be used for promotional purposes without compensation.

No pictures may be taken of my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Principal: Mr. Peter West

Phone: 519 653-0387

<http://pre.wrdsb.ca>

Principal's Message....

We have had a good start to the year with many special events and lots of great learning. Our student reporters will have stories for our next newsletter regarding our anti-bullying assemblies and Terry Fox run/QDPA day.

The renovations to our school have provided us with exceptional full-day kindergarten facilities and an office configuration that enhances safety and security with direct sight-lines to our main entrance. We are looking forward to the completion of the developmental education room in the next few weeks.

We are all looking forward to a year of building on our strong culture of learning at Preston Public School.

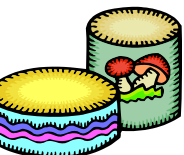
IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE

As part of the school's renovations, our parking lot has changed in size and configuration. To accommodate our two handicap parking spaces, there is a new opening that provides access to our front doors on Westminster Drive. **This is a reminder, that the parking lot is for vehicles only. The parking lot is not to be used for student drop off at the beginning of the day or student pick up at the end of the day. Please meet your children in the playground area.** We appreciate everyone's understanding and co-operation as we work through the school improvements together.

St. Clements Church has kindly made it's parking lot available to our families while they are dropping off /picking up students at school. **Please make sure that your children cross with the crossing guard.**



FALL FOOD DRIVE... We are collecting donations of non-perishable food items for the Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank. Please send your donations in by Thursday October 11th. Items such as canned tuna, peanut butter, pasta and baby food are greatly appreciated. The kindness of the Preston PS community is sure to make this a very successful event!



Safe Arrival

Just a reminder to parents/guardians that when you are calling to report a late arrival or an absence you need to call the school's attendance line . The message you leave will be picked up by our office staff who will record the message. Please ensure that you use this number and extension each and every time so that we can complete our safe arrival procedures as quickly as possible and ensure we have accounted for all students in our building.

Preston PS Attendance:

519-570-8116

Attendance Extension:

3634#



Sign In/Out Procedures

This is a friendly reminder to all students and parents that when students are late arriving or leaving early to attend appointments or events **parents/guardians must come in to the office to sign the child in and/or out.**

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Anaphylaxis Alert

We would like you to be aware that there is a NO NUTS policy in our school. Nut allergies are a severe life-threatening food allergy to peanuts and nuts (anaphylaxis). This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods and **can result in death within minutes**. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, please send foods with your child to school that are **free from peanuts and nut products**.



Visitors to our Building

We are fortunate at Preston Public School to have a number of visitors and volunteers in our building on a daily basis. Some adults visit our building as board employees to work with our students, some are contractors or maintenance workers completing work to our school, others deliver necessary supplies and resources to us or volunteer in classrooms.

All visitors to our building, regardless of their purpose are required to check in at the office immediately after they enter the building. Please do not go to any area of the building until you have checked in at the office. If you are volunteering or visiting for any reason you are asked to:

- report to the office
- sign in the time you've arrived in the visitor binder on the office counter
- Please wear a Visitor's badge
- Sign out at the time of your leaving in the same binder

These procedures form part of the safe and secure policies and procedures set out by our board and all schools and programs within the board are expected to follow these procedures.

Nutrition For Learning



The Preston Panda Breakfast Program is up and running for another year! Doors opened Monday September 23rd for hot, nutritious breakfasts and time to spend with friends in a supervised setting. There is always room for more! Please complete the registration form on the back of this newsletter and take it to Knox Church any morning if you would like your child to be a part of the Breakfast Club.

The program runs each school-day morning from 8:10 until approximately 8:45 when students are walked to school by the volunteers for the beginning of the day.

The Panda Breakfast Program operates out of Knox Preston Presbyterian Church on Argyle Street. Volunteers are needed for one hour a week to serve food, take attendance, walk the children to school and help supervise small groups. No cooking required. Any time you can volunteer will be appreciated whether it be for a few months or a few weeks. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Knox Preston at 519-653-6691 or Isobel Howell at 519-650-0114 to learn more.

Help a child develop reading skills playing a variety of fun games and activities designed to increase knowledge of letter names, letters sounds and words. Work one-on-one with a kindergarten or grade one child.

The Strong Start *Letters, Sounds and Words* program is offered at Preston Public School and we need your help! Volunteer to be a child's coach for a minimum of 30 minutes a week for ten weeks. It's time well spent.



Volunteer coaches participate in a four hour training program and are provided with detailed manuals prior to working with the children.

Contact the school for more information about volunteering. To learn more about Strong Start to reading, visit www.strongstart.ca.



Many members of our community have pets and may like to bring them along when dropping students off at school. However, everyone needs to understand that we have children who may be fearful of dogs, have allergies, or may have had a negative experience with an animal. Out of respect and care for all of our children, we ask that you refrain from bringing pets onto the school property. We greatly appreciate your attention to this and to the safety of our children.

Dates to remember...

Sept 23 - Oct 10 PPS food drive for Cambridge self-help food bank

Sept 20 - Oct 15 QSP magazine fundraiser

Oct 11 - PD Day (no school)

Oct 14 - Thanksgiving (no school)

Oct 15 - School Council
7:00pm

Nov 4 - Progress Reports go home (gr 1-6)

