



## Hello, Power Glen Families!

We are very excited to be welcoming back our Panthers! We know that with everyone's positive support, we will create a happy, healthy, and safe learning environment for our Power Glen students.

There will be a lot of joy, but also a lot of uncertainty. This year is a big change for everyone, but we know that the Power Glen staff, students, and school community will rise up to this new challenge and will come together through this time with a calming presence, confidence and compassion.

The health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff is our number one priority. We are prepared to welcome our students back to school safely. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

**Please carefully read the information below:**

### **Parent Role in Keeping our Students and School Community Safe**

The DSBN Parental Agreement will be sent home on the first day of school or will be available on School Cash Online.

As acknowledged in the DSBN Parental Agreement, it is the responsibility of parents and caregivers to assess their children **on a daily basis before sending them to school**.

Further guidance is provided in this Parent Guide and available at [www.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org) 'Return to School' page. **Please be sure to sign and return promptly.**

### **COVID-19 Management Plan for School**

The health and safety of your child are important to us, which is why we are pleased that the Ministry of Education and Public Health Ontario has released its COVID-19 Management Plan for School.

Click the link to view plan: [COVID-19 Management Plan for Schools](#)

This plan will help us ensure that we are doing the utmost in DSBN schools to keep students and staff safe and that we are following consistent protocols when dealing with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We will be studying this document, and adding the mandated protocols to our existing school reopening plans.

## Ongoing Communication for this School Year

For this school year, we will continue to use School Messenger to email you important information. We will also use School Messenger to send you text messages. In order to ensure you receive information from the school, please ensure you provide your homeroom teacher and our school secretary with all your up to date information. Verification Forms for updating information will be sent home on the first day of school.

## Staggered Start

We will be following the DSBN staggered start that was shared with families in August.

**TUESDAY** - Kindergarten, Grade 1

**WEDNESDAY** - Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2 and 3

**THURSDAY** - Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6

**FRIDAY** - Grade 7, 8. All grades will be in attendance.

## Homeroom class placements and teacher

Homeroom teachers will be calling parents later this week to introduce themselves.

## Protocol for morning entry and dismissal

If using our parking lot, please be sure to use patience and extreme caution.

### **KINDERGARTEN**

***Morning entry:*** Parents may drop off their Kindergarten child at the front Kindergarten gate (facing out to the parking lot), anytime between 8:40 and 9:00. Kindergarten students will enter their classrooms as soon as they arrive. There will be a staff member at the gate to greet them. Due to important health and safety parameters, parents will not be permitted past the gates.

Kindergarten students who are being transported by bus will be greeted by a staff member and safely walked to the Kindergarten courtyard.

***Dismissal:*** Classroom Communities will be outside at dismissal. Parents may pick up at the front Kindergarten gate (facing out to the parking lot). Please let your child's teacher know your plan. Bus students will be escorted by a staff member to their bus. Please be sure to practice physical distancing when dropping off and picking up your child.

## **GRADES 1, 2**

***Morning Entry:*** Parents may drop off at the gate leading to the primary playground, or if you walk your child through the park near the parking lot or enter from the back field coming from Senator Dr. students will join their class in their designated area in the schoolyard. Teachers will be outside to assist our students. Due to important health and safety parameters, parents will not be permitted onto our school yard. Primary students who are being transported by bus will be greeted by a staff member and safely guided to the primary schoolyard.

***Dismissal:*** Mrs. Lefebvre and Mrs. Enns will speak to parents to discuss dismissal routines. Bus students will be escorted by a staff member to their bus.

## **GRADES $\frac{2}{3}$ , 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 AND 8**

***Morning Entry:*** When students arrive in the morning, they will join their class at their designated area in the schoolyard. Teachers will be outside to guide students to their classroom teacher. Due to important health and safety parameters, parents will not be permitted onto our school yard.

***Dismissal:*** Students will be dismissed through the back door of the school and proceed to the front of the school to board their bus, walk home or be picked up by a parent. If parents wish to wait for their child, they may do so at their family designated meeting spot. Staff will be supervising. Due to important health and safety parameters, parents will not be permitted onto our school yard. Students are asked to leave the school yard at the end of the day. At this time our playground is closed.

## **IMPORTANT**

Please do not arrive early. Supervision on the yard begins at 8:25 am and this is when the first students should be arriving. As students arrive they will join their class in their designated area. Please remind your children that the playground structure is closed for the start of the school year - this means before and after school, also.

## **KISS & RIDE**

We will continue to have the Kiss & Ride in the designated area. This area is for quick drop off of students, only. We remind parents that if you need to leave the vehicle for any reason (to walk to the drop off location), we ask that you park in an actual parking spot in the lot.

## **BELL TIMES - 8:40 am - 3:00 pm**

Bell times remain the same, however, the structure of the school day looks a little different.

Students are welcome to go home for their lunch during the second nutrition break of their class, but please note we have staggered lunches this year and can't move a break so siblings can go home together.

At this time, we ask that our Grade 6, 7 & 8 students do not walk to Avondale, etc. during their lunch break.

**Please refer to the DSBN Parent Guide:**

<https://www.dsbn.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/elementary-return-parents-guide-2020-21.pdf>

This document provides information about:

- Necessary items to send to school with your child
- What a typical day will look like for your child at school
- Busing information (NSTS)
- Mentally Healthy Resource for Return to School



**TECHNOLOGY RETURN**

If you borrowed technology items for the spring/summer online portion of school, we ask that you please return them on the first day your child attends class so that they can be disinfected and ready for redistribution to classes.

We can't wait to see our Power Glen Panthers!

**Sincerely,**

*The Staff of Power Glen*