



# Mason Road Junior Public School

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**GRADE RANGE:** JK to 6

## Interesting Feature

### We are committed to:

- 1) Improving our language programs within a comprehensive literacy framework
- 2) Improving our math program matching effective teaching strategies with curriculum expectations
- 3) Strengthening character education in all grades
- 4) Implementing the Ontario Curriculum using inclusive and equitable teaching practices to ensure student success
- 5) Enabling all students to reach high levels of achievement and acquire the knowledge, skills and values needed to be responsible members of society

Mason Road Junior P.S. opened in 1957 and is located in Scarborough Village in the southeast region of the TDSB. The school serves approximately 400 students from a diverse neighbourhood of apartment buildings, co-operative housing ventures, and single family homes. The cultural and linguistic backgrounds of our students are quite varied, with over half of our students speaking a language other than English at home. We are proud of our richly diverse school and we try to engage with our community to enhance our students' education experiences at Mason Road. Our dedicated staff members provide a welcoming and nurturing environment for our students and guests.

### School Mission

At Mason Road, our mission is to develop the academic, social and physical well being of all students in a positive, child centered environment. We are committed to helping students achieve their best; maximizing their potential through a sound academic foundation and evolving love of learning. This requires a partnership with our parents, agencies and the community. It requires modelling and practice of behaviours that develop and promote the growth of responsible members of Canadian society, capable of succeeding in a rapidly changing world.



## More Information about Mason Road Junior Public School

### Model Schools for Inner Cities

We are proud to be a part of the TDSB Model Schools for Inner Cities (MSIC) initiative. MSIC is designed to meet the needs of students and families who face socio-economic challenges that affect student achievement. This initiative provides students with the tools, resources and opportunities they need to participate fully and equally in school and their communities.



### We're a Toronto School on the Move!

The aim of Toronto Schools on the Move (TSM) is to create an environment in our school that supports a healthy active lifestyle, by addressing the three focus areas of TSM - increased physical education, increased physical activity and improved healthy eating environments. Our TSM programs include a morning meal program, Playground Activity Leaders and Fruit Spies.



### Our Parenting and Family Literacy Centre

In September, 2009 our Parenting and Family Literacy Centre (PFLC) opened. The PFLC staff works closely with kindergarten teachers to help children build literacy and numeracy skills through stories, music, reading and playing that will help prepare children for school. The centre is free for caregivers and children up to 6 years of age and no pre-registration is needed.



### Our School, Our Community

Mason Road was selected as one of 77 schools for the Community Use of Schools (CUS) program for 2009-2010. With funding made available by the provincial government, non-profit community organizations have after-hours use of school space for programs that will be of benefit to the community, for example recreation, sports, and learning programs.



### Additional Features

For a list of all programs that are also offered visit <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Findyour/Schools.aspx?schno=4654&schoolid=1203>

## Student Life - Where You Belong

Busy students are happy students and at Mason Road, our students are both busy and happy. Our teachers and educational assistants put the needs of our students first. They provide a welcoming and engaging learning environment to ensure that every child is able to achieve to the best of his or her ability. Students are invited to attend our twice-weekly homework club. There, students will complete homework in a quiet, focused environment supervised and assisted by staff and secondary student volunteers.

Leadership opportunities are provided for our students such as: Safety Patrollers, Playground Activity Leaders, Daily Physical Activity leaders, learning buddies, MC for special events, and presenting daily announcements. Co-curricular activities are offered by our dedicated and talented staff members including: many different sports teams for boys and girls, chess, origami, board games, a talent show, art, and houseleague activities.



## What Sets Us Apart

Our support staff sets us apart. Every member of the Mason Road staff works diligently to provide the best for our students and community. As you enter our school, the first thing you will notice is how clean and bright it is. Our caretaking staff is proud of the school environment and works hard to keep it shining well maintained. Our capable office staff welcome you to our school. They keep our busy school organized and ensure the communication between the school and community flows smoothly.

In addition to a great day program, our school offers an International Languages Program (Tamil) through the Continuing Education Department of the TDSB. This program is designed to give students the opportunity to learn an additional language, other than English and French, and to learn about and appreciate diverse traditions, customs and cultures.

## Parent and Community Engagement

We have an active and supportive school community. Our parents and caregivers help to supervise lunchroom programs, assist on field trips, provide transportation to sporting events, help in the library resource centre, and support our school-wide morning meal program. The School Council has been in operation for many years. The School Council works with school staff and administration to support school initiatives. Council members are informed and consulted on many issues including school activities, school and community safety, school organization, improvement plans and fundraising. The School Council meets four to six times throughout the year.



Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.

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