

R H McGregor Elementary School

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GRADE RANGE: JK to 5

Interesting Feature

School History

Our school was named in honour of Robert Henry McGregor who served East York in various public offices for 50 years. It first opened Sept. 19, 1922 at the northwest corner of Coxwell and Sammon Avenues on land sold for \$1 by local resident Bill McKay, and was rebuilt on its current site in 1972. We are currently attached to the former East York Board of Education office which is now leased to Toronto East General Hospital as a medical arts building. Both the carved-stone school name and soldier's memorial from the original building are located at the front of the school.

Learning and Growing Together - Apprendre et Grandir Ensemble

R.H. McGregor is located at the southwest corner of Mortimer and Coxwell in the former borough of East York. We are a dual track school offering both English (JK-5) and French Immersion (SK-5) programs to approximately 700 students. We offer academic support for students with special needs through classroom integration as well as resource and home-school programs. Our staff is a team of highly trained and professional teachers, student assistants, caretakers and office assistants. All bring special skills and expertise to their positions setting high expectations for all.

Mission Statement

At R.H. McGregor, our mission is to provide a safe, caring and bullying free environment, which meets the intellectual, physical, social and emotional needs of our students. With the assistance of parents and the greater school community, we are committed to support our students and lead by example so that they may reach their full potential by focusing on the three R's

RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
RIGHTS





Focus on Student Achievement

Our focus here at R.H. McGregor is simple - to improve student achievement. Seven correlates of effective schools help us to keep our focus - a clear and focused mission, a safe and orderly environment, positive home and school relations, high expectations for success, frequent monitoring of student progress, multiple opportunities to learn and instructional leadership.



A Safe and Caring School

Children learn best in an environment that protects, nurtures and teaches them the skills they will need in order to be successful members of society. Our Safe Schools Committee along with our Code of Conduct, McGregor Aces, Second Step, Peacemakers and Prefects programs all work together to ensure that all school & student safety concerns are dealt with promptly.



Caretakers of the Environment

Ecological literacy is an integral part of our classroom programs at R.H. McGregor. Our students, staff and parent community constantly strive to make environmental awareness part of everything we do.



Healthy Bodies - Healthy Minds

R.H. McGregor is a recognized Ontario *Healthy School* and an active member of the *Toronto Schools on the Move* program. In addition to our Daily Physical Activity program we offer a wide variety of competitive and non-competitive athletic opportunities for all our students. We also provide student leadership opportunities through our Recess Revival and PALS programs.



Additional Features

- Computers in Every Classroom
- YMCA Daycare
- Fall Fair
- French Immersion
- Playground Revitalization
- Computer Lab



Student Life - Where You Belong

As our school motto states, we are all learning and growing together. We have a wide variety of activities, programs and events that enhance each student's school experience. We have opportunities for students before, during and after school including those with an academic, athletic, leadership, arts and general interest focus. Our reading clubs operate throughout the entire school day and are all linked to our commitment of providing **high expectations** for our students. Our athletic program involves both competitive school teams as well as a league to ensure that all students have an opportunity to be active. Our McGregor Aces, Peacemaker, Prefect and Recess Revival programs all help teach important leadership skills while our choirs, ensembles and concerts allow students to tap into their more creative side. We also bring in a wide variety of outside organizations such as Arts Express, Karate Kids, Friendship Circle, Roots of Empathy, Extend-a-Family and Scientists in the School to further enhance each student's school experience.



What Sets Us Apart

Working TOGETHER is what sets R.H. McGregor School apart from others! As our motto states, Learning and Growing Together, we strive to focus on our goals as a group, a team, as a community. Much like citizens of a small town come together to help each other, the R.H. McGregor "community" works together to ensure that students, staff and parents all have what they need to achieve our high expectations. Working TOGETHER we will continue to maintain a school that has:

- A Focus on High Expectations for Students and Staff
- A Safe and Bullying Aware Environment
- Balanced Literacy and Numeracy programs
- Regular and Current Professional Development
- Academic, Athletic, Arts and General Interest Programs
- A Wide Variety of Volunteer Opportunities
- Student Leadership Programs
- Character Development Programs
- Outreach to Community Members in Need





Parent and Community Engagement

Parents are a child's most important teacher so we encourage all parents to be involved in their child's school and education. We have a very active Home and School Association as well a School Advisory Council that meet approximately four times a year where parents are always welcome. Both parent groups provide a wide range of support to the school and our programs through fund-raising (Fall Fair, pizza lunches, after school movies, March Madness, Ginger Bread House Decorating, etc.) and community building volunteering (Welcome Back BBQ, classroom support, excursions, etc.). Our community involvement extends to our neighbouring schools, Toronto Public Library, Toronto East General Hospital, YMCA, East York Community Care, Scouts Canada and various other organizations, agencies and charities.



TDSB - Better Schools. Brighter Futures

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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1/23/2012	French Imm. Info. Evening
4/16/2013	Joint Parent Councils Meeting
2/20/2013	Jr. Kindergarten Registration
4/11/2013	Spring Concert



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