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## Hodgson Senior Public School

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Monday, November 28, 2011.

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Winter has arrived and the City of Toronto will be opening the Hodgson skating rink this week. We are so lucky to have this great facility beside our school and we know that our students are looking forward to skating over the next few months. Our teachers are planning to use the rink for physical education classes and daily physical activity.

Hodgson staff and students are required to follow Toronto District School Board policy for all skating activities offered by the school. TDSB policies require:

1. Students are strongly encouraged to wear CSA approved hockey helmets (City of Toronto rules dictate that students **must** wear a helmet on the hockey side of the rink)
2. Students and staff need to wear properly fitted skates
3. Students and staff need to dress appropriately for the weather conditions (gloves, jackets and hats)
4. Teachers will review with their students the appropriate methods for transporting their skates to and from the rink and storing their skates at school
5. Students are reminded of the importance of wearing sun protection while skating outdoors

Before we take classes out to skate we will be working to ensure we have extra supplies to help all students participate safely. Students are encouraged to bring their own helmets and skates. Teachers will use student's agendas to let you know when students will be skating.

During lunch many students choose to skate on the rink. The Hodgson Skating Rink is not on TDSB property. The rink is run by the City of Toronto. Students who decide to skate during lunch are expected to follow the City of Toronto rules which are posted at the rink and are available online at <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/skating/safety.htm>. In order to leave school property at lunch students must have permission from their parents. These permission forms were handed out and returned at the start of the school year. ***Parents and Guardians are reminded that Hodgson Staff do not supervise the skating rink before school, after school and during the lunch hour.***

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the school.

Sincerely,

N. Lucas  
Principal

