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CASTLEMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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Message from the administrative team...

As 2016 is coming to a close, we want to say thank you to the Castlemore community for your support as we work together to support your children’s well-being and learning. We are looking forward to our Winter Concert on December 15th as a chance for us to come together and celebrate our students and their successes. Mrs. Colley was able to secure the Cafetorium at Pierre Elliot Trudeau Secondary School for the performance in order to allow a larger audience – the concert will begin at 6:30, and we are asking you to consider bringing a non-perishable food item to support our holiday food drive. In addition to the food drive, our students are once again organizing a holiday “shoebox” gift drive at Castlemore P.S. to support the organization 360Kids. It is wonderful to see our students and the community working together to show empathy and support those in need.

As we move into 2017, many people will set New Year’s resolutions. Over the school break, please take some time to speak with your children about some goals they may have for themselves in the new year. We can all work together to focus on developing a growth mindset that allows us to take risks in life, and see the act of making a mistake as an opportunity for growth and personal development.

To Castlemore P.S. students and families - have a safe and happy holiday break! See you in the New Year on January 9th!

Gwen Emmerson

Thang Tran

Full Newsletter Available Online

Enter - <http://castlemore.ps.yrdsb.ca/>

Click - News & Events

Select - Newsletters



Dates to Remember:

December:

1	6:30 p.m. School Council Meeting
5 - 16	Shoebox & Food Drive
15	6:30 p.m. Winter Concert @ PET
Dec. 26 - Jan. 6	Holiday Break - No School

January

9	Back to School
11	Milk Program Payment Due - use Cash Online
12	6:30 p.m. School Council Meeting
20	PA Day - No School - New JK /SK Registrations Begin

STUDENT ABSENCE

Is your child absent from school? Please *call the office* at 905-887-1543 for **every student absence and/or late**. Leave a message from 4pm - 8am or call before 8:30 am. Please assist the office with this process by calling in promptly. Thank you.



Castlemore Public School



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OPERATION: SHOEBOX & FOOD DRIVE



Youth Helping Youth

for

Youth and Families in Need in York Region

supported by 360° Kids
DECEMBER 5 - 19, 2016



Once again, Castlemore school's Student Parliament will be overseeing the collection of "Holiday Shoeboxes" and canned foods from students in every classroom.

Please go home and find any size shoebox from a baby shoebox to a size 13+ shoebox!

Please fill it with a few of the suggested gift items listed at the end of this letter and follow the instructions on how to pack your shoebox gift.

Please bring your shoebox and any canned or non-perishable food items to school from, December 5th to the 19th and place it under the Giving Tree in the school's front foyer.

At the end of the drive, all the shoeboxes and food items will be picked up by 360 Kids, located at 10415 Yonge St., Suite C, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 0Z3

360° Kids supports youth in need and families that are going through difficult situations with their children. 360° Kids is an organization prepared to support individuals in times of trouble. Moving from childhood into adulthood can be frightening and confusing and parenting is the hardest job in the world. There is no shame in needing the support of others. EVERYONE needs help at times.

360° Kids opens its door everyday of the year and supports numerous teenagers who leave home and end up destitute on the streets. They cannot do it alone. Through this project, you and your family have the opportunity to reach out to hundreds of needy teenagers and families in desperate situations. With your support in this very real and tangible gesture, your shoebox will warm a teen's heart and soul this holiday season. www.360kids.ca

Thank you for your support!!!

Castlemore Student Parliament Committee

PACKING YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT

- * find an empty shoebox (any size)
- * decide whether your gift will be for a teenage boy or girl
- * fill the box with a variety of gifts using the list below as a guide - **All gifts must be new and unused**
- * you may enclose a holiday greeting card or note to your recipient (please **do not** disclose your identity)
- * when you have filled your shoebox, you may wrap it with festive paper. Ensure that shoebox **lids are separately wrapped** from the boxes so that they can easily be opened and closed

SUGGESTED GIFT ITEMS (We kindly ask that all items be **NEW and UNUSED**) (**NO Cash** Please)

Hand sanitizer / lotion
Prepaid telephone cards
Deodorant
Feminine products

Shampoo / sunscreen
Hair gel
Pens, pencils, notepads
Food gift certificates

Lip balm
Sugarless gum / candy / health food bar
Hats / Gloves / Scarves

.... And anything else that might be helpful; use your imagination!!





Sounds of Winter

Join us at

Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School

for a *Winter Concert* featuring

The students in grades 1-5, as well as the
bands and choirs of
Castlemore Public School

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item
to support our holiday food drive.



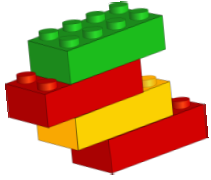
Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School

90 Bur Oak Ave. (and Kennedy)

Thursday, December 15, 2016

6:30 p.m.



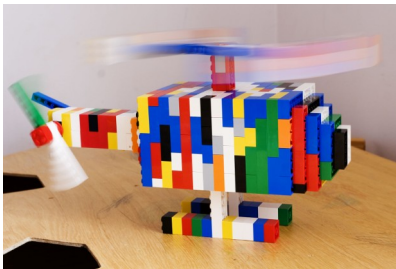


Primary Lego Club



Castlemore P.S. is happy to announce the start up of the Primary Lego Club in mid December. We are **looking for Lego donations** of new and used Lego so that the students in Grades 2 and 3 can start building and be creative with their hands. If you would like to donate any Lego pieces or kits, please drop it off to the front office for Mrs. Crawford to collect by December 12th, 2016. Thank you.

Talk



Share

Create



Build

Hands on



Have Fun !

School & Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.

School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather is not affecting all municipalities in York Region. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.

Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same parent-arranged transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM				
88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM	94.9 FM	
95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM	
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	107.1 FM	

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CFTO TV CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YCDSB and YRDSB on twitter.

Please note that **school bus charters will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled.**



Arrival



Punctuality

Dismissal



Punctuality is important. Students are encouraged to be on time for school so that they may have a positive start to the day. Timely arrival at school affords students an opportunity to gather their items before the start of class. It also allows students some time to connect with friends and to familiarize themselves with their learning schedule for the day. Late arrival at school often means that students have missed some instruction already planned for the day. Please consider these tips for helping to ensure that your child is punctual for school:

1. Pack school bags the night before.
2. Post the calendar found in the school's newsletter to encourage conversations about school days.
3. Regularly review student agendas as a way to send reminders about school start and end times.
4. Consider leaving for school a few minutes earlier than the usual time.
5. The use of an alarm clock might be helpful for setting morning routines.

Remember, a positive start to the school day often begins with being on time. Teacher supervision in the yard starts at 8:15 a.m.. Please arrive by 8:25 and enter through the correct door assigned to your child's class. School starts at 8:30 a.m. All exterior doors will be locked at 8:30 a.m. except the doors closest to the main office which will remain open until 8:35 a.m.

At 3 p.m. dismissal, please be on time to pick up your child or children. Please remain outside the school doors when waiting for your child at 3 o'clock.



Safety in the Kiss n' Ride



Student safety is paramount at Castlemore PS. The Kiss n' Ride area provides a convenient way for families to drop-off and pick-up their children. Please note below the various ways that all Kiss n' Ride users can help keep this area safe:

1. Please drive slowly and very carefully through the Kiss n' Ride area and watch for pedestrians.
2. Please stop your vehicle as close to the exit of the loop as possible so other cars may also use the Kiss n' Ride at the same time.
3. Students are to exit on the sidewalk side of the vehicle. Drivers are asked to remain in the car.
4. Please use the Drive Thru lane once passengers have left the vehicle. This lane can help lead to a smoother exit of the Kiss n' Ride area.
5. Please consider using street parking if more time is needed for student drop-off or pick-up. Parking in the Kiss n' Ride is to be avoided during busy times.
6. Please obey all road traffic rules.
7. Please consider walking to school. It helps reduce congestion in the Kiss n' Ride. It is also a great way to stay active.
8. Please cross the Kiss n' Ride area at designated spots.

Thank you for helping to keep the Kiss n' Ride safe!



Bundle Up and Keep Walking!



The arrival of winter brings colder weather, snow and ice. Despite the winter weather, students can stay active by dressing warmly and choosing to walk to school. (Other winter activities families may wish to consider include skiing, outdoor ice hockey and skating, sledding and tobogganing.) It is important that students come to school dressed wearing garments designed for winter weather (winter boots and jacket, gloves or mittens, hat, scarf and snowpants) so that exposure to the cold is kept to a minimum. So students, bundle up and keep walking! It is indeed great to see so many families walking to school!



NEW Kindergarten Registrations Begin on January 20, 2017

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 20, 2017 for the 2017-18 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact us.



School Council Meeting



The school council will be holding a meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting so they may learn about the different ways that the school council supports student learning and well-being at Castlemore PS. It is also another way for families to become involved in their child's (children's) education and school. Child minding service is available.

Cover Your Cough or Sneeze

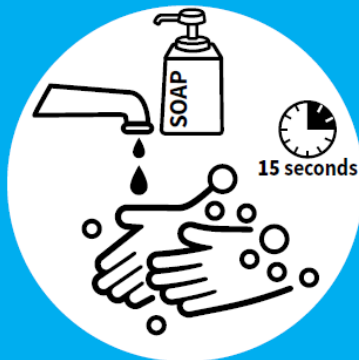
1 | Cover your cough
or sneeze



2 | Put your used tissue
in the garbage



3 | Wash hands with
liquid soap and water



OR

Clean with alcohol-
based hand sanitizer



1-800-361-5653
TTY: 1-866-252-9933

York Region Health Connection

Community and Health Services
Public Health

www.york.ca





Parents for Children's Mental Health

SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

Monday, December 12, 2016

PARENTS' Support Group

Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult?

Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
 - find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
 - learn how to access resources in the community

When	Second Monday of every month NO pre-registration. Free childcare sign up parentengagement@kinark.on.ca Meetings run every month all year. Chapter leader email york@pcmh.ca	Second Tuesday of every month NO pre-registration info@theyorkcentre.ca Meetings run every month except August.
Time	6:30-8:00pm	7:00- 9:00 pm
Where	Aurora Kinark Office at 24 Orchard Heights Blvd. Unit 101A Aurora. (Entrance is at east side of grocery store) Free parking & very close to Yonge St for public transit.	The York Center at 11225 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill. Free parking.
Next Meeting	Monday, January 9, 2017	To be announced

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit www.pcmh.ca.



Celebrate the season with our Annual Seasonal Favourite Lunch!

The 2016 Holiday Lunch Special

includes

**Roast chicken leg, Mashed potatoes with gravy,
Steamed veggies & a mini Chocolate cupcake
with candy cane sprinkles**



Available only on the days we service your school
from Dec 1 – 23, 2016.

Also featured for the month of December:

Meatballs with mashed potatoes (regular, veg or halal)

Meat tortellini

Cheese tortellini

Gluten-Friendly Beef ravioli

Gluten-Friendly Cheese ravioli





2016



Operation: Shoebox and Food Drive



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 Gr 6 - SIS - Ms Sciberras / Ms Gerardo G4/5 - Mr. Basarke & Ms Kypreos - Swimming JK-Gr 3 - Math Jam 6:30 pm - School Council CD4	2 Gr 6 - SIS - Ms H.-Joy CD5
5 CD1	6 Gr. 4 Ms Jussawalla & Lo - Swimming Gr 8 - Water Presentation Pizza Day CD2	7	8 Gr 7 & 8 - Rising Above Anti-Bullying Documentary G4/5 - Mr. Basarke & Ms Kypreos - Swimming CD4	9 CD5
12 CD1	13 Gr. 4 Ms Jussawalla & Lo - Swimming Sub Lunch CD2	14	15 G4/5 - Mr. Basarke & Ms Kypreos - Swimming 6:30 p.m. -Winter Concert @ PET CD3	16 Gr 1 - SIS (Suleman/ Kalm-bach) Gr 6 - R. Hill P. Arts (H.-Joy, Sciberras) CD4
19 Gr 1 - SIS (Daniels & Hoover) CD1	20 Gr. 4 Ms Jussawalla & Lo - Swimming Pizza Day CD2	21	22	23 CD4 CD5
26	27	28	29	30
<i>Holiday Break - No School</i>				

CD = Cycle Day

Or Days = NO Kids Kitchen

JANUARY:

- 9 - Return to school
- 12 - School Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 20 - PA Day - No School
- 20 - New Kindergarteners Registration Begins



MILK PROGRAM REMINDER

SUBMIT ORDER NOW
Use Cash OnLine

Final Due Date – January 11 / 17