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CASTLEMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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As we move into June and the school year comes to a close, we can look back at all the events that have taken place at Castlemore and be proud of our accomplishments. Once again, our students have demonstrated positive character throughout their daily interactions and have done an excellent job representing Castlemore both in and out of the school during trips, sporting events, musical performances and community adventures. Our students recently participated in the East Area Track and Field event with outstanding results!

We are very proud of all our students for their hard work and dedication to academics while working to achieve personal goals. The end of the year always brings with it many changes. Grade eight students leave for high school and make way for a new group of junior kindergarten students. We wish the grade eight students well as they move into the next stage of their lives.

We thank our incredible School Council for their support and organization of many events. It is only in partnership that we are most successful as a school. Our School Council members along with the support of parent, student and staff volunteers once again coordinated the annual Castlemore Fun Fair. An event of this magnitude takes many hours of work. As always, we appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in the planning and supporting this community wide event. Our sincere thank you to everyone who came out on the evening of June 1st. Despite the weather, it was a well-attended event that gave us a chance to celebrate together as a community.

We will once again be hosting a Volunteer Tea and Reception for all those family members who volunteered their time to support students at Castlemore. All Volunteers are cordially invited to join us in the gymnasium on June 15th at 2:00 p.m. Members of the Student Parliament will be serving refreshments, and there will be some student musical performances for entertainment. Mrs. Sciberras, Mrs. Colley and some of the Junior and Intermediate performance groups will be presenting a full musical performance from 4:00-5:00 on June 15th in the gymnasium for any family members who wish to attend. Full details about the Volunteer Reception and Music Performance can be found in the newsletter.

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******PLEASE NOTE: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS JUNE 29TH DISMISSAL AT 11:30 AM ******

Full Newsletter Available in Colour Online

(<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/castlemore.ps/NewsEvents/Pages/Newsletters.aspx>)

NEWSLETTERS - 2017/18 School Year

Castlemore P.S. will be emailing parents/guardians the full newsletter. Please check with the school office to ensure we have a current email address on file.



Dates to Remember

- June 15 School Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- June 16 Library Book Due Back at School
- June 28 Grade 8 Graduation
- June 28 Reports Go Home
- June 29 Last Day of School - 11:30 Dismissal

Message from our Trustee

As we near the end of the school year, I want to thank you for all that you do to strengthen our schools and communities. This is a good time to celebrate your child's achievements over the past year.

One of our goals in the [Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#) is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture and caring and learning." That includes a culture that emphasizes engagement and positive relationships among all the members of the school community – students, staff members, families and community members.

You, as parents/guardians, are our most important partners when it comes to education. The support you have provided to your child throughout this past school year will help to strengthen our schools and make a difference to your child's learning.

I encourage you to continue engaging your child in learning throughout the summer, and to help them to see the connections between what they are learning in school and the world around them. There are so many opportunities to do this over the summer, whether that's planning a budget with your child, enjoying the natural beauty in York Region, reading a book or visiting local sites. Whatever your plans are this summer, I wish you all a successful end to the school year, and a safe and enjoyable summer.



All Library Materials Due Back to Castlemore!

Later this month, teachers will be collecting books (belonging to the school) that have been loaned to students. Please check around the house for any materials that belong to the school and return them promptly. Library books are due back by **Friday, June 16th**. Our preference is to have the books returned rather than collect money for lost books. Thank you for your assistance in returning all library books by the deadline.

Walking to School

Now that the weather is getting nicer, we ask parents to please encourage your children to walk to and from school if possible. A brisk walk back and forth to school will promote good exercise habits for our children.



Junior Kindergarten Registration

We are still accepting Junior Kindergarten registrations **for children born in 2013**, and who live within the school boundary. Registration forms are available at the office.

Grade 8 Graduation

Plans have been finalized for our Grade 8 graduation. This special event for our Grade 8 students will be held on Wednesday, June 28th, 2017 at Shangri-La Banquet Hall (50 Esna Park Drive, Markham, ON). Students are asked to arrive at 6:00 p.m. in order to prepare for the evening's activities. The graduation ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m..



We thank our Grade 8 Graduates for being part of the Castlemore School Community and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Report Cards



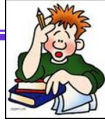
Students will receive their report cards on Wednesday, June 28th. Students who are not at school on that day will have reports mailed to their homes.

Moving



Please let the school know if you are moving by calling the school at 905-887-1543 or by email castlemore.ps@yrdsb.ca. This information helps with organizing classes.

Student Focus



With the onset of summer and all of the extracurricular activities going on after school, it is easy to let some of the attention to homework slide. However, assessment and evaluation will begin for report cards very soon. We would ask that parents/guardians keep encouraging your children to keep up with their work in the classroom and at home.
Thank-you!

Lost & Found



Please be sure to have your children check the Lost & Found (located on each floor of the school) by June 23rd, 2017 for any items they may be missing. After June 23rd, all remaining items will be donated to charity.

Student Medication Pickup

If your child has a supply of medication or an Epipen at school, in the office, please arrange to pick it up prior to 11:15 a.m. on June 29th, 2017.



The Importance of Daily Reading



It is very important to encourage your child to keep reading during the summer. Many children find it difficult to get back on track with their reading come September. Some research has suggested that students who are already having difficulty with reading, get even farther behind during the summer months. The summer is also a great opportunity for avid readers to finally get to read the books of their choosing. It is very beneficial to keep a log or a journal of what your child reads as this helps them see their progress. It also helps you when you are talking to them about their reading. Your child can also record his/her ideas and thoughts about what he/she has read on tape, on the computer, or on an online blog. Here are websites with printable reading logs:



<http://www.countryclipart.com/ReadingLogs/myreadinglog1.gif>
<http://www.countryclipart.com/ReadingLogs/myreadinglog6BW.gif>

Write a Travel Journal



If you are traveling anywhere this summer, ask your child to keep a journal of the places you went and the things you saw. Not only will it be a wonderful keepsake and memory for them, it will provide a real purpose for writing. If you travel with a laptop, try an online blog for those computer savvy children. They can add photos, brochures, maps and pamphlets. Write the date at the top of each journal page and use these writing prompts to get the creative juices flowing:

- Where did you go?
- What did you do, see and learn?
- What do you wish you had more time for?
- Use 5 descriptive words (adjectives) to paint a word picture of something you saw today.
- Would you want to live there?
- Why or why not?



SUMMER DRESS CODE, SUN PROTECTION, HEAT STRESS AND HOT WEATHER



Spring has finally sprung! As the weather gets warmer we would like to take this opportunity to ask parents to review the Castlemore P.S. dress code with their children. The dress code is outlined in the Student Agenda and on our website in the School Handbook section. Please make sure that students come to school with proper sun protection (i.e. hat) and wear sunscreen to avoid overexposure to the sun.

"Most kids rack up between 50% and 80% of their life-time sun exposure before age 18, so it's important that parents teach their children how to enjoy fun in the sun safely. With the right precautions, you can greatly reduce your child's chance of developing skin cancer.

The majority of heat-related illnesses; fainting, heat cramps, and heat exhaustion are considered minor. Although not life-threatening like heat stroke, they are, none-the-less, important illnesses:

Heat-related fainting— dizziness, fatigue and irritability; lack of concentration, loss of the ability to make rational decisions

Heat-related cramps— painful arm, leg or stomach, muscle spasms; thirst and heavy sweating

Heat exhaustion— heat-related fainting symptoms plus loss of coordination, collapse

Please visit the York Region website at www.york.ca to discover some resources about sun safety.

Literacy Log : Great Summer Literacy Activities

During the lazy, hazy days of summer, when your children are bored and you are running out of ideas, here are some activities for you to try:

- Read a poem and let your child guess the next rhyming word.
- Have a treasure hunt. Leave picture or word clues to follow.
- Read a story and make puppets out of paper bags. Put on a show!
- Help your child plant a flower or a vegetable. Make a graph to chart the growth.
- Let your child plan a meal. Look for sales and coupons and go to the grocery store together.
- Write a note to a friend or relative and be sure to mail it...or email it!
- Create a family tree and have your child draw portraits of the family members.
- Watch a nature show on TV and talk about what you see.
- Have a scavenger hunt. Make a list of the things you should look for.
- Use a map to plan an imaginary holiday.
- Cut words and pictures out of newspapers to make a collage.
- Play a board game!



Student Bussing Eligibility

Did you know that students' bussing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

Bussing is not provided for any grade 4 - 8 Castlemore students.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.



Volunteer Appreciation Reception—June 15th at 2:00 p.m.

One of the things which make Castlemore PS so special is our volunteers. These volunteers are often times the parents / guardians of students at the school. They take time out of their busy schedules to help support classroom programs. In honour of their dedication and commitment to helping make the schooling experience a positive one for all students, the school is holding a volunteer appreciation reception. Volunteers will be contacted by the school, and invited to attend a reception to be held on June 15th at 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.. We hope our volunteers can join us for this occasion.



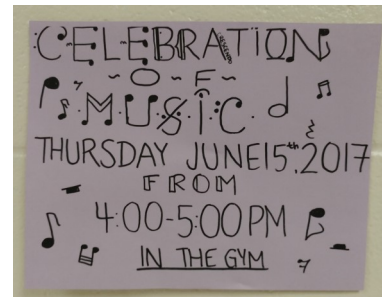
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you!

Music Concert June 15th @ 4:00—5:00 p.m.

The various music groups at Castlemore PS will be hosting a special music concert. Some of these groups performed at the recent National Music Fest in Niagara Falls. The Senior Choir and Festival Winds groups received a silver and gold ratings for their performances, respectively! The following groups will be performing at this concert:

Treble Tone Tigers Junior Singers
Treble Tone Tigers Senior Choir
Jazz Band
Grade 6 Beginning Band
Grade 7 Concert Band
Grade 8 Wind Ensemble
Grade 7/8 Festival Winds

We hope to see you at this event!



Thursday, June 29, 2017 Early Dismissal in Elementary Schools

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 29, 2017**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.



As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 29, 2017 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:30 a.m.** Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.



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Welcome to Castlemore P.S. for the 2017-2018 School Year!

The following information should answer questions concerning your child's first day of school on Tuesday, Sept. 5/17, at Castlemore.

Classes for Grade SK to 8 students begin Tuesday, September 5th at 8:30 a.m. Please plan to arrive by 8:15 a.m.

Due to the unknown number of registrations that will be received between now and Sept. 5th, class and teacher names are not released until 8:25 am on the first day of school.

Staff will greet students on our school yard and will direct them to find their grade sign on the school windows. When the bell rings, homeroom teachers will call out the names of students in their class, say goodbye to parents, and take their class into the school building.

Should it be raining, staff will be posted at entrance doors to direct students.

Our Office closes on Thurs., June 29th and reopens on Monday, August 29th.

Should you or your child be anxious about school, please feel free to accompany your child on a self-guided visit on Tues., Aug. 30th or Wed., Aug. 31st, 10:00 a.m. → noon. Please sign in and out at the office.

Should you have outstanding Registration Paperwork – please visit us on Tues., Aug. 29th or Wed., Aug. 30th, 10:00 a.m. → noon to complete your child's file.

If you are moving your child to another school for Sept., and have not already advised our office, please call the school before June 29th or during the week of August 29th to let us know.

Should you be still on vacation on September 5th, you need to contact our office in writing during the last week of August to explain your child's absence. Unfortunately, space cannot be saved for students who are not starting school on Sept. 5th, without this written notification.

Have a wonderful summer!

The Castlemore Staff





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VOLUNTEERS in OUR SCHOOL

The York Region Board of Education welcomes the use of volunteers in all schools. A volunteer is an individual who agrees to undertake, without pay, a designated task that supports a classroom, school or system-wide program, under the ultimate responsibility of the principal.

Volunteers shall not be involved in the evaluation of students, school personnel or program. Volunteers must maintain confidentiality with respect to personal information regarding students, their families, or staff, except as required to perform their duties and maintain staff and student safety.

A York Region Police Vulnerable Sector Check (PVSC) is required for all individuals who work or volunteer in the school system.

New Volunteers must submit a York Region PVSC, completed within the last six months.

To obtain a PVSC, you must:

- Be a permanent resident of York Region and supply two pieces of government-issued identification, which must confirm your name, date of birth and address, and one piece of government identification that includes a photo
- Obtain a Letter of Introduction from the School Office, which will discount the fee charged for this service
- Fill out Unit 1 of Form YRP149 – Application for Police Vulnerable Sector Check
- Go to the YRPD Customer Resource Centre shown below:

Address: York Region Police
Community Resource Centre
10720 Yonge Street
Richmond Hill, Ontario
(SW of Elgin Mills & Yonge St.)

Hours: Mon-Fri: 8am-6pm
Sat: 8am-4pm

Once payment has been confirmed and the application submitted, a Customer Service Representative will begin to complete the request. You will receive an email to attend the Resource Centre when the check is completed. You must personally pick up your PVSC and will be required to show identification and proof of residency to obtain your PVSC.

You should then submit your PVSC, your Volunteer Preference Form and the Confidentiality Form to the School Office. If you will be driving students to/from Athletic Activities, etc. you will also submit a Trip Driver Authorization Form.

Returning Volunteers must sign an Annual Offence Declaration and new Preference, Confidentiality and Driver Authorization Forms annually.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Office at **905 887 1543** or in person.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS

A healthy school involves the whole school community working together to help students, staff and families make healthier choices. A healthy school creates a healthier environment for living, learning and working.

Healthy schools promote youth engagement and resiliency, which helps students to:

- Improve their concentration and learning
- Increase confidence, motivation, self-esteem and mental well-being
- Feeling happy, energized, calm, and relaxed
- Obtain a greater sense of empowerment and connectedness
- Access services they need in their community
- Foster leadership skills and develop a sense of pride in their accomplishments
- Learning to grow and maintain balance through the challenges of life
- Committing to active living, healthy eating, environmental responsibility and caring, safe and inclusive communities

Strive to continue living the “Healthy Schools” lifestyle throughout the summer!



JUNE ECO THEME - Everything in its Place!

The eco-theme for June is “Everything in its Place.” As schools prepare to clean out lockers, desks, filing cabinets and cupboards for the end of the school year, please ensure staff and students are allocating items to the right place ~ including recycling, lost and found, surplus and waste.

Students - any items belonging to Castlemore P.S. need to be returned to your classroom, library or school office by Friday, June 16th. Thanks!

Enjoy from a variety of specials for the month of June!

OUR END OF YEAR LUNCH SPECIAL

Our sliders are back and better than ever!

You can choose from the following:

2 Beef sliders, Greek pasta salad & Pink lemonade

Homemade 100% mini beef burgers

or

2 Chicken sliders, Greek pasta salad & Pink lemonade

Homemade 100% mini chicken burgers

or

Veggie burger, Greek pasta salad & Pink lemonade



MONTHLY SPECIAL LUNCH

You asked for it and we brought it back!

Chicken Caesar Wrap

Crunchy chicken pieces wrapped in a whole wheat tortilla with crispy romaine lettuce in a creamy Caesar dressing.

or

Chicken Caesar Salad

Crunchy chicken pieces on a bed of crispy romaine lettuce. Creamy Caesar dressing served on the side. Gluten Friendly Option available.

Our monthly lunch specials are available as an entrée only or as a combo.



Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at www.kidskitchen.ca

Orders are accepted online until 10am the previous business day (on Friday for Monday orders).

Spend more quality time with your kids.
Leave the lunches to us!



June

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	Grade 6s EQAO Assessment	→	1 5 - 8 pm Fun Fair  CD3	2 PA DAY— NO SCHOOL
5 GR4-Scientist in School CD4	6 Area Track and Field @ BCSS CD5	7 Area Track and Field (Rain Date) @ BCSS GR1-6 Earth Rangers CD1	8 CD2	9 CD3
12 CD4	13 CD5	14 GR4-Scientist in School CD1	15 Volunteer Appreciation in Gym 2:00-3:00 pm Music Concert in Gym 4:00- 5:00 p.m. School Council Mtg 6:30pm CD2	16 Library Books Due Back at School CD3
19 CD4	20 GR1-Willowgrove Farms GR6-Camp Robin Hood GR7-Bruce's Mill GR8-Timbercreek CD5	21 Regional Track and Field @ Stouffville Arena CD1	22 Regional Track and Field (Rain Date) @ Stouffville Arena CD2	23 CD3
26 CD4	27 8:45-9:45 Primary Play Date CD5	28  8:45-9:45 Primary Play Date (Rain Date) GR8 GRADUATION 6:30 p.m. ceremony start	29 Last Day of School Dismissal @11:30 a.m.	30 PA DAY— NO SCHOOL

CD = Cycle Day

Pizza and Sub Days Finished -
Remember to Bring Lunch on Tuesdays