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CASTLEMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM...

As we enter into the final stretch of another successful school year, we would like to express thanks to many members of our school community.

On behalf of the staff and students at Castlemore Public school, we would like to thank our volunteers for the invaluable support they provided this year. Volunteers at our school make a positive impact on our school community, both within the classroom and throughout the school at large. Thank you to the parents who accompanied classes on field trips, supported in-school programs such as Scientist in the School, helped with student transportation to extra-curricular events, volunteered their time in the regular classroom, participated in school council, and helped to organize our lunch programs. Their actions have strongly contributed to the overall success of our school.

The parents on our School Council Executive, along with other integral community members, have provided insightful feedback and have been a positive influence at Castlemore. Their collective input has informed our plans for continuous improvement. In addition, the impressive amount of funds raised this year through School Council initiatives, has allowed us to again enhance our student programming opportunities in the form of technology devices for students, musical instruments, an annual contribution to offset the cost of Gr. 8 graduation, sports equipment for outdoor recess and funds for indoor recess games, math games, and Welcome to Kindergarten bags for all new JK families. School council also applied for a grant that provided funds for our parent information evening on the safe use of social media.

School Council members are currently hard at work planning this year's Fun Fair. We continue to need parent volunteers for our upcoming Fun Fair on June 1st. We have sent home a paper copy of our Fun Fair volunteer form, and an electronic version can be found in this newsletter. Please complete it and return it to the school if you are able to volunteer. For this event only, we are able to accommodate parent volunteers who do not yet have their vulnerable sector screening completed, as they may work at a table where they are not directly supervising students.

We look forward to seeing everyone on June 1st at our Fun Fair! Please ensure that you have purchased your activity wristbands and food tickets in advance, as purchases on the evening will be limited.

Gwen Emmerson and Thang Tran

Dates to Remember

Full Newsletter Available Online
(www.yrdsb.ca/schools/castlemore.ps)



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- May 4 School Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- May 11 Welcome to Kindergarten Event @ 6:30 p.m.
- May 16 LAST Pizza Day
- May 22 Victoria Day - No School
- May 23 LAST Sub Day
- May 26 LAST Milk Day
- June 1 5 - 8 p.m. - FUN FAIR
- June 2 PA Day - No School

YRDSB Survey for Parents/Guardians

Parents/guardians are invited to participate in a survey before May 19. This survey provides an important opportunity for parent/guardian voice. Results will be used to guide planning to support student achievement and well-being.

The English version of the survey is available online. Please follow this link:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/yrdsb2017ParentSurvey

Paper surveys are available in English, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hebrew, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Sri Lankan Tamil, Urdu and Vietnamese. Please contact the school to request a paper copy.

We value your input and encourage you to complete the survey. The information you provide will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Get Ready for Castlemore's **FUN FAIR** Thursday, June 1, 2017 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. By: Castlemore School Council





FUN FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2017

We need volunteers to assist with set up, food tables, supervising games, ticket sales, and clean up.

If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the information below and return it by **Wednesday, May 17th**. You can send the details through one of these ways:

- by email to castlemore.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca
- to the school office
- to your child's homeroom teacher

Confirmations will be sent to all volunteers the week before the Fun Fair with time and location details of your assignment.

Volunteer Name: _____

Phone Number / Email: _____

Please Circle Your Time Preference:

3:30-5:00

5:00-6:30

6:30-8:00

No preference

Please check here if you have completed a Vulnerable Sector Screening Check

Please check here if you are a Pierre Elliot Trudeau H.S. student wishing to volunteer at the Fun Fair.

** Present Castlemore students wishing to volunteer are asked to sign-up with Mrs.*

Thank you!

Canadian Milk Bag Recycling at Castlemore!

Dear Families,

As a part of one of our Eco-initiatives at Castlemore P.S., we will begin collecting outer milk bags to donate. For quite some time, all across Canada, a community of volunteers, schools, churches and businesses have been collecting milk bags and Castlemore P.S. would like to join this worthwhile cause!

These particular milk bags used are the ones that hold the three smaller bags of milk inside. The bags are cut into strips, tied together, and then woven or crocheted into mats.

Why Canadian Milk Bags?

The plastic outer shells of the 4 litre milk bags do not disintegrate in landfills... but they are strong, colourful and can be transformed into many different products including mats for mattresses offering people without beds, an invaluable, durable, and washable alternative to sleeping on the often cold and damp ground.

Other key points: they are UV ray resistant and have a life span of 25 years! Health-care professionals also can use these milk-bag mats as a substitute for an operating bed/table when resources are scarce.



The plastic outer shell of a milk bag.

Who benefits?

The mats are given to the homeless in Canada, Syrian refugees in Greece as well as other countries once a natural disaster strikes. These mats are also regularly donated to Burkina Faso, Brazil, Dominica, El Salvador, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nicaragua, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Zambia.

It takes approximately 400 milk bags to make an adult sized mat. Please help us collect milk bags to donate to Milk Bags Unlimited... help us to make a difference!

How to help!

As a family, here are **2** easy steps you can do:

1. **COLLECT** Canadian milk bags as you use them.
2. **SEND** the milk bags with your child for donation! We will do the rest!

PLEASE NOTE: Milk bags must be CLEAN, DRY, and FLAT.

We truly appreciate your support in this initiative! Castlemore P.S. is extremely excited to help make a difference in the lives of those in need AND to also help reduce our human eco-footprint in the environment! We will begin collecting milk bags as soon as possible. Thank you!

Sincerely,

The Eco-Committee



LAST DAY FOR PIZZA / SUB LUNCH



LAST Pizza
May 16

LAST Sub
May 23



SEPTEMBER REGISTRATION

Registration has already started for new students entering the Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) program and grades 1-8. Please come in as soon as possible to register your child. If you know of friends or new neighbours who have children who are planning to attend Castlemore P.S. in September, please urge them to come in and register.

When registering, please bring with you:

- Child's Statement of Live Birth / Birth Certificate
- Proof of citizenship or Landed Immigrant Card (including parents)
- Proof of residency - 2 pieces (MPAC / tax bill or purchase/lease agreement, property insurance and driver's license with new address)

PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENT FOR GRADE 3 AND GRADE 6 STUDENTS (EQAO)

All students in grades 3 and 6 will be participating in the 2016/17 EQAO Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics this Spring.

Grade 3s will participate May 24-26

Grade 6s will participate May 29-31

Please ensure your children are at school on these dates.

This month we have brought back some of your favourites!
Enjoy from a variety of specials for the month of May!

MAY SPECIALS

Greek Chicken with Rice

Succulent chicken pieces served on a bed of steamed rice with a side of tzatziki

This item is suitable for gluten-friendly diets.



Meat or Cheese Ravioli

Tender stuffed pasta in our homemade tomato sauce
Gluten-friendly option available.



Chicken Pot Pie

Chicken chunks in a creamy sauce wrapped in a flaky pastry crust

Contains: Lard (pork)



All 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!

905.944.0210 | www.kidskitchen.ca | information@kidskitchen.ca



TENTATIVE CLASS ORGANIZATION FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

As we organize for next year, our staff will make every effort to place students in the best learning environment for each child to be successful. We take into account Ministry and Board guidelines, individual needs, academic achievement, emotional and social development, behaviours, gender balance, English Language Learner and Special Education needs, and work habits.

We appreciate that parents/guardians have valuable information to share with us in this regard. Teachers have the benefit of knowing the children they are currently working with and we rely on their professional decisions. If however, you have information or suggestions, which will assist us in making appropriate placement, please write a brief note to the teacher and the principal before May 12th, 2017.

Rather than suggesting a teacher, please indicate the learning style or classroom structure, which you feel would be the most appropriate for your child's success. When teachers along with school administration get together to create new class lists, we will use this information to help make our final decisions. Requests will be accommodated only where the placement will enhance student learning. As always the final decision for the placement of all students at Castlemore P.S. rests with the Principal, in consultation with teaching staff and parents. We ask that you have confidence in the professional judgment of your child's teacher and the school administration in making the best possible choice for your child next year.

LOST AND FOUND REMINDER



Our Lost and Found contains a number of items at this time. Students are asked to check for their missing belongings at the Lost and Found. The use of labels can help ensure that your child's belongings find their way home.



MOVING AWAY OR TRANSFERRING SCHOOLS?



If you are moving out of our school area, please complete the form below and return it to the School as soon as possible.

My child(ren), _____ (name(s), who is/are in grade(s) _____ (current grade), will not be attending Castlemore Public School in September, 2017.

We will be moving to _____ (name of new school, if known). Be sure to register at your new school as soon as possible to ensure there is space for your child.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____ 7

SMALL CHANGES,
BIG IMPROVEMENTS.



THE PARENTING PROGRAM
PROVEN TO WORK

FREE Triple P Positive Parenting Program 亲子正面教育（免费课程）

Limited to 20 participants 讲座名额只有二十人

Date日期	Topics主题
May 9, 2017 (Tue) 5月9日（星期二）	Rudeness & Disrespect 如何应付孩子的反叛行为 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage positive communication with your teen 运用积极的方法与你的青少年孩子沟通• Manage and extinguish disrespectful behaviour应付和减少不尊重长辈的行为
May 23, 2017 (Tue) 5月23日（星期二）	Homework 建立家庭作业习惯 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set a routine for your child to do homework 为孩子设立合宜的家庭作业时间• Encourage healthy homework habits 培养良好的习惯以巩固孩子每天学习的知识
June 6, 2017 (Tue) 6月6日（星期二）	Coping with Anxiety 处理焦虑 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common misconceptions about ways to help build teens self-esteem and confidence 一些对于帮助建立青少年的自尊心和信心常见的误解• The best strategies for helping teens deals with their anxiety• 帮助青少年治疗焦虑的最佳策略

Time时间: 6:00 – 8:00pm 下午6时至8时

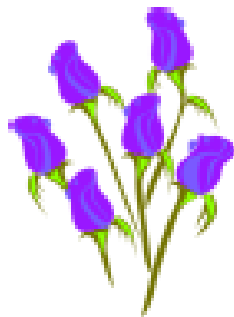
Language语言: Mandarin and English 普通话及英语

Location 地点: Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning
36 Regatta Avenue, Oak Ridges
Reception Centre Room # 108A

Registration 网上報名: <https://goo.gl/sdrwnb>

Inquiries 查询: Cathy Ng (吳老師) cathy.ng@yrdsb.ca

For child minding please call 托兒服務報名請致電吳老師(留言) 905-884-2046 ext 267



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 CashOnLine Fun Fair Pre-Order Opens CD1	2 Gr. 5 - Swim: Birta Pizza Day CD2	3 Regionals - Jr. Boys BBall CD3	4 Regionals - Jr. Boys BBall 8:30 p.m. School Coun. Mtg. CD4	5 CD5
8 CD1	9 Gr. 5 - Swim: Birta Sub Day CD2	10 CD3	11 9:00 a.m. — Music Alive 8:30 p.m. - Welcome to Kindergarten Event CD4	12 Gr. 7/8 - Vaccinations CD5
15 CashOnLine Fun Fair Pre-Order Closes GR8 Grad Trip to BrockU CD1	16 Gr. 2 - SIS: Dan., Kop., Addl., Kwan GR8 Grad Trip to BrockU Regional Badminton Gr. 5 - Swim: Birta LAST Pizza Day CD2	17 Gr. 2 - Flippon GR8 Grad Trip to BrockU / Music Fest Niagara Falls Special Needs Track&Field CD3	18 Gr. 4/5 ROM Trip School Council Fun Fair Meeting CD4	19 CD5
22 Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL CD5	23 Gr. 5 - Swim: Birta LAST Sub Day CD1	24 EQAO GR8 ← Track and Field → CD2	25 EQAO GR8 CD3	26 EQAO GR8 LAST Milk Day Rain Date School Track & Field CD4
29 EQAO GR8 CD5	30 EQAO GR8 CD1	31 EQAO GR8 CD1	June 1 FUN FAIR 5-8 p.m.	June 2 PA DAY - No School

CD = Cycle Day

Or Days = NO Kids Kitchen