



CASTLEMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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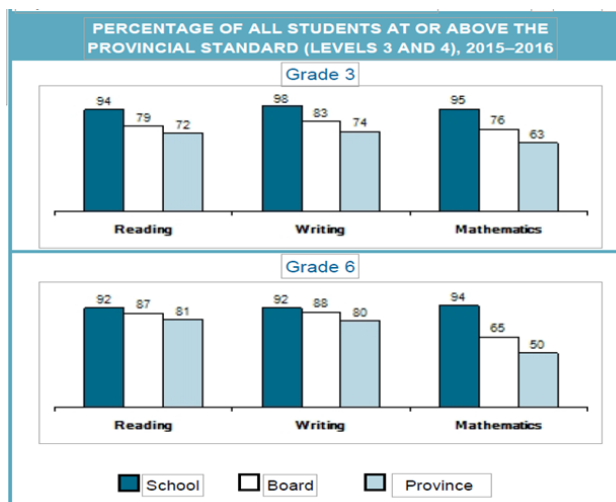
We are so excited to have started off the new year with so much success! With the support and dedication of our staff, school council and parent community, classroom structures have been set up and routines have been established. In all grades, meaningful instruction is well underway and evident in all classrooms. We appreciate the support that was put into place by staff members and families to ensure that student transitions went smoothly as we reorganized some of our classes last month.

Community engagement is a key aspect to ensuring student success and well-being. We were quite pleased to see the large number of parents and/or guardians at our School Council last month. We look forward to welcoming families on October 13th to our Curriculum Night, between 6:30 and 8:00. The format for the evening will include formal presentations made by classroom teachers, repeated in two different time slots, at 6:45 and again at 7:15. The repeated sessions are designed to allow a parent to attend two different classroom presentations, if needed. We will also have a technology presentation for parents in the library at 6:45, if you are interested in learning more about the classroom use of tools such as Google Classroom. Individual classroom teachers will also be able to speak to you about their use of technology in the classes. At our curriculum night, we will also have information available to parents about YRDSB free English as a Second Language, Computer Training and Skills Upgrading Courses in the community, presented by the Adult ESL and Literacy Basic Skills (iWin) Program.

The 2015-2016 EQAO school results have been released to the public. The results below indicate the percentage of all students who were in grade 3 or 6 last year achieving at or above the provincial standard. We are very pleased with our school-based results. Individual student reports have been sent home. As a staff, we will be analyzing the individual and group results in order to set new school targets towards continued student achievement. We will be further discussing our school and Board results, and our focus for school improvement planning at our next School Council meeting on November 3rd, at 6:30. To view general samples of student work and to understand what work at each level looks like, visit the EQAO Web site, www.eqao.com.

We look forward to continuing our learning together!

Gwen Emmerson and Thang Tran



Dates to Remember

- Oct. 10 Thanksgiving Day - Holiday (no school)
- Oct. 13 6:30 p.m. Curriculum Night
- Oct. 20 Picture Day
- Oct. 28 PA Day (no school)
- Nov. 3 Vaccinations (Gr. 7 & 8 females)
- Nov. 3 6:30 School Council Meeting
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov. 23-28 Dental Screening (for some grades)
- Nov. 25 PA Day (no school)

Full Newsletter Available Online.

Once again, we will be providing the full version of our school newsletter online. Please access the newsletter by:
 Entering - <http://castlemore.ps.yrdsb.ca/>
 Click - News & Events
 Select - Newsletters



It's time to . . . 

Punctuality is Important!



Punctuality is a life-skill that is valued by school, employers in the workforce, and society. The bell rings at 8:25 a.m. at Castlemore P.S. and classes begin at 8:30 a.m. Students are expected to be in class by the beginning of our opening exercises.

- **Supervision outside begins at 8:15 a.m. and students start lining up to enter the building at 8:25 a.m.**
- **Students must enter using their classroom designated doors.**
- **Help your child start each school day ready to learn!**

The office monitors occurrences of student absences and lates. The office can support students who are repeatedly late by providing their families with a plan to help ensure timely arrival at school.

Dropping Off and Picking Up Children at School

Our Kiss and Ride area works best when everyone follows the routine. There are two lanes in the Kiss and Ride area. Vehicles will only be allowed to enter the area using the Kiss and Ride lane. Pylons will block the entrance to the other lane. Please pull up to the top of the Kiss and Ride lane so that utilization of this space is optimized. The Kiss and Ride area can hold up to ten vehicles at one time. Vehicle occupants are to exit vehicles on the sidewalk side only. The designated Passing Lane can only be used once your child has entered or exited your vehicle, and you are ready to drive away. There is no parking at any time in this area as it is reserved for emergency vehicles. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNATTENDED. Please avoid idling your car. If you need to walk your child into the school, then please park on the street. Please remind your children that they should be looking for your car at the end of the day. This area is always very busy so please be sure to be on the lookout for pedestrians. Please consider walking to school as an eco-friendly, healthier alternative to driving to school.

Parents who pick up their children near the Kiss and Ride doors are asked to wait outside for their children, and at a distance from the doors. This practice will provide a safe exit for the students. To ensure the safety of all children, we ask that parents drop off or meet children outside their designated entry/exit doors. Our school grounds are supervised by our staff beginning at 8:15 a.m..

Reminder: Parents/Caregivers — school dismisses at 3 p.m. Parents/guardians are encouraged to set a meeting location with their child(ren) so that pick up may proceed smoothly. Please arrive on time to pick up your child(ren). Children feel anxious when they are last to be picked up.

Kindergarten	Inside their respective fenced play areas outside their classroom
Door B	Students from the following classes enter/exit at the doors near the kiss & ride area: Mrs. Daniels, Mr. Basarke, Mrs. Kypreos, Mrs. Lo, Mrs. Jussawalla
Door C	Students from the following classes enter/exit through the doors near the portables on the north/west side of the school: Mrs. Kwan, Ms. Addison, Mrs. Gallaway, Mrs. Gryn, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Hoover-Joy, Mrs. Sciberras
Door D	Students from the following classes enter/exit through the doors by the bike racks at the north/east corner of the school: Mr. Dyal, Mr. Thavarajah, Mr. Cheeseman, Mrs. Styles, Mr. Kipfer
Door E	Students from the following classes enter/exit through the doors near the new addition on the west side of the school: Ms. Jessa, Mrs. Cunningham/Mrs. Kalmbach, Mrs. Suleman, Mrs. Hoover, Ms. Jessa, Mrs. Filippou



Severe Allergies—Anaphylaxis



Some allergies can be quite severe, such as anaphylaxis. An anaphylactic reaction can be life-threatening. In response to the fact that students with severe allergies attend school, a plan is being developed to ensure safe learning environments for these students. One way to help promote safe learning environments is to avoid bringing nut products to school (e.g., peanut butter, products containing nuts like biscuits). Please do not send any food items containing peanuts, tree nuts, or nut products. Another way is for families to speak to their child(ren) and reinforce the message around not sharing food or taking food from others; the children are to eat only the food items sent to school by their families.

Families with a child (or children) who rely on an EpiPen are asked to provide the office with one EpiPen which will be kept in the main office health room. Please arrange to also have your child wear an EpiPen. Please note that parent signature is no longer required to authorize staff administration of EpiPens.



Medication



Families are asked to let the office know whenever they are sending medication to school with their child. The school requires that families complete a medication plan - available in the school office - whenever their child(ren) need(s) to take medication during school hours (e.g., a dose of antibiotics). The medication will be kept safe in the office, and returned to the student at the end of the day. Please ensure that the child's name and dosage regimen are noted on the medication itself (e.g., pharmacy prescription bottle with child's name and dosage information). Please note that maximal responsibility is placed on the student for the administration of medication.

Keeping Students Safe

Student safety is a high priority at Castlemore PS. We make efforts to follow all school board policies and procedures relating to student safety (e.g., student code of conduct, fire alarm drills). One important part of keeping students safe is the activation of procedures linked to student threats of violence. Families should have recently received a brochure "Student Threat Assessment and Intervention" which outlines how the school addresses student threats.

The key messages found in the brochure are:

1. The school takes student threats of violence seriously.
2. School administrators may access student lockers during the student threat assessment process without consent.
3. Parental/student consent is not required when there is a risk that someone may be harmed.
4. A multi-disciplinary team will carry out an assessment of the threat. Members of this team include a school administrator, a school social worker and/or YRDSB Psychological Services member, or YRP police officer, and/or school personnel who know the student well.
5. The brochure serves as "fair notice" that any report of a threat to harm others will be investigated.



Halloween News



Halloween is celebrated by some of the Castlemore PS students.

According to the province's Safe School legislation, families and students are reminded that they are to avoid bringing any toy replicas resembling guns, knives, axes, swords, or any other weapon, to school. These items are sometimes included as accessories to Halloween costumes. Please keep these items at home. Families and students are also asked to avoid other costume accessories such as fake blood and vampire teeth since these items may create a sense of fear among some students. Should any of these items be discovered at school, they will be held in the office and returned to students at the end of the school day.



In addition, following Halloween, we ask families to refrain from having their child(ren) bring candies to school. These candies may contain nuts, peanuts or other allergens. It is good practice to check the ingredients of any snack carefully before sending it to school with your child. We appreciate your understanding.

Please contact your child's teacher to learn more about celebrations which may be happening in the homeroom classroom.

Dear Parent / Guardian:

Here are the START DATES for the milk, pizza, and submarine sandwich days for families who have ordered any of these items:

Milk

Mon. Oct 24



Pizza

Tues. Oct 25



Sub

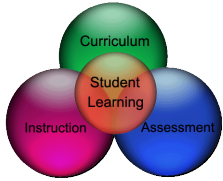
Tues. Nov 1



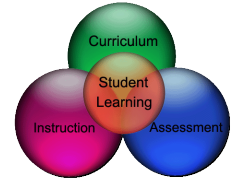
Terry Fox Run



Students have been learning about Terry Fox and his famous Marathon of Hope run. Terry Fox started his marathon across Canada in 1980 as a way to raise awareness of cancer and the need for more cancer research. The students at Castlemore PS honoured this Canadian's legacy by participating in the annual Terry Fox run, and by bringing donations to school. The students enjoyed nice weather as they ran around a circuit at Berczy Park on September 22, 2016. It was delightful to see so many Castlemore students running for a worthy cause. The students were able to raise over \$1,400 for cancer research. Way to go Tigers!



**Parents / Guardians are invited to attend
Curriculum Night at Castlemore P.S.
Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**



Information Night for Students and Parents



**Are you interested in attending Bill Crothers Secondary School
for the school year 2017 - 2018?**

Bill Crothers Secondary School is a unique, system-wide program that provides an inclusive and engaging learning environment for students who are motivated by healthy active living and sport while achieving academic success. This school operates on a Balanced School Year (early August to mid-June) schedule which supports the diverse needs of student-athletes. Specialized programming is offered to support our students through our diverse and daily Health and Physical Education and High Performance Athlete Program with contextualized learning in a variety of subject courses. During the school day, we offer an Integrated Learning Instructional Period (ILIP) which provides supervised time for students to achieve their academic goals.

Information Night at: Bill Crothers Secondary School, 44 Main Street, Unionville, Ontario.

Tuesday October 18th, 2016 – Students in the West & North of the Region

Wednesday October 19th, 2016 – Students in the East Region

Thursday October 20th, 2016 – Students in the Central Region

Information sessions will be from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the school cafeteria.

If you have a conflict with your designated evening, you are welcome to attend an alternate evening. The above suggestions are made to assist with seating for each evening's presentation. Thank you.

Admission to Bill Crothers Secondary School is by application and is open to students who reside in York Region entering grades 9, 10, 11, or 12. Students must declare the sport in which they compete at the highest level outside of school and will not be able to compete in this sport for BCSS in the YRAA (York Region Athletic Association) or OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association) league. Alternative competitive options are being explored. Secondly, students who transfer in for grade 10, 11 and 12 are subject to YRAA and OFSAA transfer rules. Please refer to the <http://www.yraa.com>

Due to limited space and building capacity regulations, we ask that **only families with students interested in attending BCSS for the school year 2017 - 2018** attend one of these evenings. Parking is limited so we ask that you carpool or park at the GO Station. **By-law officers will enforce the parking regulations.**

Applications will be available from the website on Friday October 21, 2016.

For further information, contact shirley.difebo@yrdsb.ca

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OCTOBER 2016 UPDATE

Autumn is upon us and with it arrives our first seasonal special of the school year! We are excited to bring back the Thanksgiving Special Lunch for October!

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL LUNCH

Our popular Thanksgiving Special is available for the month of October only!

Roast Turkey Slices with gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas and carrots with a Mini homemade pumpkin spice cupcake.

Don't delay, place your orders today at www.kidskitchen.ca

The Thanksgiving lunch is available each day we service your school.



OCTOBER SPECIALS

Each month we feature new specials and combos to bring you even more variety!

For the month of October your child can enjoy:

**Chicken Caesar Wrap or
Alfredo Pasta with chicken or
Alfredo Pasta**

These are available as an entrée only or as a combo.

Our September specials will end on September 30th. Remember to place your orders for October soon.



Back by popular demand...

With overwhelming feedback from our customers, we are pleased to add some favourites to our every day menu.

Available as of September 26th, you can now order...

**California Rolls
Veg California rolls
and Grilled Cheese** (with real cheddar cheese)

Place your orders at www.kidskitchen.ca today!

Please check your school's menu - some restrictions may apply.



Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at www.kidskitchen.ca

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

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

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International Baccalaureate Program Information Evening

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program is student-centred with a focus on developing intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills for students who live, learn and work in a rapidly changing world. The program emphasizes critical, compassionate thinking, community involvement and intercultural understanding. It is founded on international standards and assessment. Students who complete the program earn both an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and an IB Diploma.

We are pleased to announce the expansion of York Region District School Board's IB Program offerings. In addition to [Bayview Secondary School](#)'s IB Program, YRDSB has four candidate school sites for the Diploma Program:

[Alexander Mackenzie High School](#)

[Dr. GW Williams Secondary School](#)

[Maple High School](#)

[Milliken Mills High School](#)

Current Grade 8 and Grade 9 students and families interested in YRDSB's IB Program are invited to attend an information session to learn more about the program and application process. No registration is needed.

IB Information Evening – Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Location: Le Parc

8432 Leslie Street, Thornhill, Ontario L3T 7M6

Hall: to be announced

Times:

Families living EAST of Yonge St. 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Families living WEST of Yonge St. 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Students eligible for Grade 9 and Grade 10 in September 2017 may apply.

Assessment Dates – Saturday, November 19 or Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Admission to the York Region District School Board IB programs includes an assessment. At the time of application, students will select to write in either the a.m. or p.m. on Saturday, November 19 or in the evening on Tuesday, November 22.

There is a \$35 fee to apply to this program.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 ♦ Rosh Hashanah CD4	4 CD5	5 CD1	6 CD2	7 CD3
10 Thanksgiving Holiday No School 	11 CD4	12 ♦ Yom Kippur CD5	13 6:30 p.m. - Curriculum Night CD1	14 CD2
17 CD3	18 Gr. 7 - Dyal & Styles - Milne Outdoor Ed. CD4	19 Regional Cross Country Gr. 7 - Mr. T - Milne Outdr. Ed. CD5	20  Picture Day Gr. 2 Daniels & Filippou - Milne Outdr. Ed. Gr. 4/5 Basarke & Kypreos - Swimming CD1	21 Gr. 4 Lo & Kypreos - Milne Outdr. Ed. CCA - Hay - Farm Trip CD2
24 Gr. 4 Basarke & Jussawalla - Milne Outdr. Ed. CD3	25 Gr. 2 Kwan, Addison, Gryn - Milne Outdr. Ed. Gr. 4 Jussawalla & Lo - Swimming Pizza Day  CD4	26 CD5	27 Gr. 4/5 Basarke & Kypreos - Swimming CD1	28 PA DAY - No School
31 CD2				

CD = Cycle Day

 Or  Days = NO Kids Kitchen

Nov. 1 - Sub lunch begins
 Nov. 3 - Vaccinations Gr. 7 & 8 females
 Nov. 3 - School Council Meeting