

ARMITAGE VILLAGE P.S. NEWS



Our Mission

We unite in our purpose to educate, inspire, and prepare leaders to achieve and make a difference in our changing communities and global world.

March 2014

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From the Administration

Our School Website is: <http://www.armitagevillage.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/>

Mrs. Lee's Literacy Website: <http://www.teacherweb.com/ON/ArmitageVillagePublicSchool/MrsLee/>

At this time of the year we are in the beginning stages of planning for next year. In September 2014, Armitage Village P.S. will be in its second year of the full day, all day Kindergarten Program. (FDK). Registration began in February and is well on its way. Spaces are beginning to fill up.

If you know of anyone who is planning to move into our area, please encourage them to register as soon as possible. This will help in our projections. Also, if you are planning to move out of the area, it is also very important that you let the school know as soon as possible. Please send an email or a letter indicating your intent and the names and grades of your children.

We take safety and security seriously, and it is for this reason that we again ask all visitors to follow the Safe Welcome Program

Safe Welcome Program

Effective Monday February 3, 2014

ALL SCHOOL DOORS ARE LOCKED AFTER MORNING ENTRY

For entry, please do the following:

Ring the red call button once – located to your left on the brick wall.

Wait for a response. Someone in the office will respond.

Identify yourself by name and the reason for your visit – be sure to smile at the round camera overhead.

Sample statement:

I am John Smith dropping off a lunch for Katie who is in _____'s (teacher's name) grade one class.

Once you are given access, you have 20 seconds to grab the door and come in. If you wait too long, you will have to start again.

Please come into the office to sign in at the office and make sure you grab a visitor's badge. Thank you for your cooperation on this important matter.



Earth Hour, March 29, 2014–8:30 pm

Join the Millions of people who will turn off their lights for Earth Hour at 8:30pm for 60 minutes in this global climate change initiative to create an awareness towards a sustainable future.

"Be a SuperHero for the Planet"





Yearbook Sponsor Order Form

We are in urgent need of business or family sponsors so that we can keep the price of our Yearbooks low.

For only \$25.00 your family or business can advertise or sponsor your child's class page or graduating class. Please make cheques payable to Armitage Village Public School. The sponsor space is the size of a regular business card. Every sponsor/advertisement will receive a receipt.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Signature: _____

Phone: _____

Teacher's page preference: _____

Business card provided:

enclosed _____

emailed _____ to armitage.village.ps@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Student contact at AVPS: _____

Thank You for your Support! Please return by Friday, March 28, 2014.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2014

Space for our Full Day Kindergarten Program is filling up.

If you know of anyone who has a child born in 2010 who has not come to register for Junior Kindergarten, please encourage them to come as soon as possible, as spaces are filling quickly.

Registration requires proof of birth and residence ie. birth certificate and a tax bill.

Registration is ongoing for all new families who have moved or will be moving into our area and who have children who will attend Armitage Village in September.

ARE YOU MOVING?

Plans are underway for our classroom organization for September 2014.

If you are planning to move over the summer holidays please let the office know as soon as possible, so we can plan accordingly.



First Term Intermediate HONOUR ROLL

Honour Roll is awarded to students who achieve an overall average of 80% or better in all of their academic studies. We proudly present the following grade seven and eight students as the Honour Roll for term one. Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following students:

Grade 7

Evan K
Makenna R-S
Logan W
Sarah K
Austin V M
Kaitlyn T
Celestica T
Sydney D
Niholas I
Jennifer C
Jaimeie D
Samad K
Myles R
Kian McC
Shane M
Mackenzie F
David A
Christopher O
Caliagh R
Sebastian M-G
Leila M
Gabriele L
Jacob W
Makenna C

Grade 8

Sarah F
Makenna W
Parima A
Kathleen T
Annette V
Laurel H
Martin T
Beverleigh K
Taylor W
Alexis W-R
Hannah W
Aanya A
Rushab Z
George H
Colin S
Muntaha A
Erin MacD
Caitlin G
Max B
Tasha C



Lost and Found

Lost and Found items are on display at the school and we have encouraged students to come by and take a look for lost items. These items will be packed up and donated to charity after the March Break.



Mission

To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community.

Vision

To be a leader in public education by empowering all students to become engaged and caring citizens of the world.

Values

Our School Board operates based on a set of values which guides our actions:

Inclusivity

We demonstrate equity and inclusivity in all that we do. We demand an environment in which all students, staff, parents, and our community feel valued and have a sense of belonging. We expect empathy, mutual respect and understanding to be demonstrated in our words and actions.

Relationships

We value positive, meaningful relationships with students, staff, parents, and our community. We value diversity of opinion, sincere dialogue and community engagement.

Innovation We continuously strive to provide the best educational programs for all students. We empower staff and students to take initiative and to be innovative leaders.

Engagement

We encourage active participation in all learning and activities by creating an environment that engages students, staff, parents, and our community.

Responsibility

We are individually and collectively responsible for creating the best possible school community to support the achievement and well-being of all individuals. We are responsible for the delivery of effective and sustainable educational programs and stewardship of Board resources.

Optimism

We approach all situations with optimism. We cultivate confidence and resiliency in all students and staff.



Battery Recycling Program

Armitage Village and the YRDSB have partnered with a battery recycling program.

Please feel free to bring in your old and used batteries and drop them in the recycling container in the front hallway outside the office.

Thank you for helping to protect our environment by recycling.

We also recycle toner cartridges and Campbell Soup Labels.



Safety and Dogs on School Property

Dogs are wonderful members of the family. Unfortunately, we have had some concerns raised about the increase in the number of dogs that are being brought into the school yard. Some students are very afraid of dogs and others have significant allergies. **Other than "working dogs", no dogs are permitted in the school.**



Parents who wish to bring dogs along as they drop off or pick up their children are asked to have the dog on a leash and muzzled. This will prevent any accident from occurring between dogs and students, parents, school staff, and childcare staff on school property. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Vacations & Absences of more than 15 Consecutive days

Please don't forget to notify the school office if you are going away on vacation.

If a student will be away for more than 15 days consecutively, you must fill in a "Notification of Expected Return to School" forms prior to leaving, to ensure their space in the school remains open. As well, the parent must contact the school after the first 30 days of absence and every 15 days after that.

Please don't forget to let the school office know of any updates/changes to phone numbers, email addresses and contact information.

The Big Book Brigade



Congratulations, Armitage Village Public School!
This was our third annual Big Book Brigade and it was awesome!

Staff and students donated hundreds of gently used books to the sale to engage us in new reading material in an environmentally friendly way. We raised \$425 for the Library. This money will help us to finish updating the circulation desk and to purchase books for the Blue Spruce program.

A big thank you goes out to the volunteers that helped out with the sale:
Mrs. Fewer, Mrs. Ali, Mrs. Liska & Mrs. Read Stark

We always appreciate how volunteers make our school a better place to be. Way to go Armitage & enjoy all of the books you purchased at the Big Book Brigade!

A huge thanks to Mrs. Smalley for organizing!



Gr. 7 students, while studying structures build chairs from recyclable materials



Bus Cancellations

Parents are reminded to listen to their local radio and television stations in the mornings for bus cancellation notifications. **Please, do not call the school!** The office cannot handle the high volume of calls from parents asking if the buses are cancelled and if the school is opened.



If buses are cancelled, schools remain open and classes run as usual. Our community is mostly non bussed students and therefore we run a normal program day, even if buses are cancelled. Parents who drive their child(ren) to school, who are normally bussed, need to remember to pick their children up at the end of the day. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they do not run in the afternoon.

When buses are cancelled and parents choose to keep their non bussed students at home, parents MUST call or email the school and report the absence. Our safe arrival program demands that we track down students who are absent and we cannot automatically assume that your child is safe! This puts a huge demand on the office staff who must track down parents and students. Please help us keep your children safe by doing your part and reporting their absence.

Thank You



Newmarket Cares for Kids is a local non-profit organization whose aim is to promote and facilitate the participation of children ages 3-18 in physical and cultural activities, regardless of their ability to pay for services. Opportunities with local groups featuring drama/musical theatre, karate, music and dance are offered (subject to availability). In some cases, transportation through a local taxi company may be available. Call (905) 716-1447 for more information.

Town of Newmarket Presents



ST. PATRICK'S DAY FAMILY EVENT

FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH, 9 AM-12 NOON

MAGNA CENTRE, 800 MULOCK DR. MARCH BREAK EVENT!

\$4/CHILD, ADULT ACCOMPANIMENT REQUIRED, 905-895-5193, www.newmarket.ca

LIVE PRESENTATIONS & ACTIVITIES:

Irish Dance School 11:00 a.m. (gym)

Rainbow Jumping Castles (gym)

Train Ride on the Tim Hortons Express (owned & operated by the Town of Newmarket), south east parking lot

Meet Lucy the Ladybug (bring your camera for a photo opportunity)

KIDS CONTEST CORNER WITH PRIZES:

Leprechaun Laugh

Colouring contest judged on site

Irish Dance Jig

5 Little Shamrocks Skit & Riddles

Leprechaun Limbo

Shamrock Stomp

Door Prize Draws (9:30, 10:30, 11:30)

Lucky Leprechaun Says & Sing-A-Long Songs

Irish Hot Potato

Rainbow Boogie

CRAFTS IN SPORTS THEATRE & GYM:

Rainbow Wind Streamers

Leprechaun Mask/Puppet

Rainbow Bracelets

St. Patrick's Day Colouring

Luck O' The Irish Bookmarks, Greeting Cards & Gift Tags

Shamrock Hats

Wishing Well Craft

Shamrock & Rainbow Mural

Spring Puzzles, Word Search, Word Jumble

ACTIVITIES IN MAINFLOOR HALLWAY:

Face Painting

St. Patrick's Candy Guess

GAMES IN GYM: KIDS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A LOOT BAG WHEN THEY COMPLETE AT LEAST 8 OF THE GAMES ON THE PASSPORT WHEN COMPLETE HAND IN AT THE TABLE ACROSS FROM THE FRONT DESK TO RECEIVE A LOOT BAG (1 PASSPORT/LOOT BAG/CHILD). PRIZES CONTAIN SMALL PARTS.

Shamrock Puzzles

What's Missing...Pot of Gold?

Gold Coin Toss into Pot of Gold

Pot of Gold Treasure Hunt

Rainbowling

Bean Bag Toss into Leprechaun Hat

Blarney Stone Balance

Pin the Shamrock on the Leprechaun

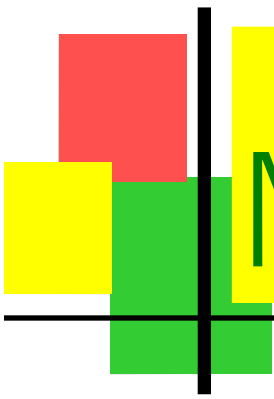
Find a 4 Leaf Clover

Lucky Shamrock Fishing




Irish Potato Race

Support Newmarket's green initiatives by walking, carpooling or taking the bus. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Subject to change, contact the Town of Newmarket 905-895-5193, www.newmarket.ca

Check Us out on Twitter @Town of Newmarket



MARCH 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 PA DAY NO School	8
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16	17 	18	19 V.I.P.-GR.7	20	21 Wear GREEN Day International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	22
23	24	25	26 V.I.P.-GR.8 last Day for Pita Lunches	27	28	29 Earth Hour 8:30 pm 
30	31	April 1	2	3	4	5