

# Barbara Reid Family Bulletin

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## *Administrator's Corner - A Message From The Office*

It has been a very busy lead-up to the Winter Break. Our staff and students have been working very hard; engaging in fun and educational activities in the classroom, and in learning experiences throughout the school. Our Student Leadership Team, or R.U.S.H. team (Respect/Unity/Strength/Heart), has been hard at work with staff mentors planning learning opportunities for students, as well as creating fun and engaging spirit activities for our school community. So far, our R (Respect) and U (Unity) teams are up and running. We look forward to having more students and staff join the team in January when our S (Strength) and H (Heart) teams begin. We thank our staff mentors (Ms. Richardson, Ms. Cliff, Ms. Damtsis, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Glashan) who have supported our student leaders so far throughout this process.

**We would like to remind families that if a child is ill, they probably need to stay home and rest. Students may attend remote learning only if their absence is to be extended. Administration ([lynne.cohen@yrdsb.ca](mailto:lynne.cohen@yrdsb.ca) and [michael.kanis@yrdsb.ca](mailto:michael.kanis@yrdsb.ca)) must first be contacted before a face-to-face student joins their class remotely.**

**Glass Containers:** We are asking parents/guardians to avoid using glass containers in their children's lunches. We have had a number of issues with the containers breaking, and glass particles spreading. This creates a safety issue, and also means that students aren't able to eat their lunches when the containers break.

**York Region Police *Holiday Heroes*:** our campaign has been extremely successful. Thank you to everyone who has donated items (food or toys) to support families in need. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Donations will still be accepted up until **Wednesday, December 15**. We also want to extend a thank you to our Grade 3 student leaders, who took a lead role in helping promote and organize the campaign. Thank you to our Grade 3 staff team (Ms. Davis, Ms. St. Louis, Ms. Latremouille and Mr. Friedman) for leading this very important initiative.

**Badminton:** Our Intermediate students have enjoyed participating on badminton teams. They have worked hard to attend practices and have put in a great effort. Thank you to our coaches Ms. Poon, Ms. Lau, Ms. Law and Ms. Woo for running these teams.

**School Phone Calls:** Please answer the phone when you receive a call from the school. If you miss a call, please check your messages before calling back so that we can direct your call appropriately. Please report your child's absence, either on Edsby (preferable) or by phoning our main office. If your child is not present and we can't reach your contacts, Board protocol is to contact York Region Police and they will dispatch an officer to your home.

**Dates to Remember:**

Dec. 13-17: Spirit Days

Dec. 20-31: Winter Break

Jan. 3: Classes resume

**December Touchstone Focus**

Words Matter:  
*We treat one another with kindness and respect*

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**Danger in the *Kiss 'n Ride*:** Please do not run across the *Kiss 'n Ride* or send your children running across the *Kiss 'n Ride*. There is a supervised pedestrian crossing close to the main door. If you wish, you may park in the parking lot and cross using the sidewalk that runs along the field. For everyone's safety, it is very important that this procedure is followed. For student safety, we may need to close off the lower section of the parking lot in order to keep all of our students safe.

**Health and Safety:** As the pandemic continues, we would like to remind everyone that it is very important that all parents and guardians wear masks while on school property. This includes when dropping your children off, picking your children up, and coming to the front door for any reason.

We want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, safe and relaxing Winter Break. However you choose to celebrate, we hope that all of our families find time to rest and reconnect with one another. We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Cohen & Mr. Kanis

***Upcoming Events*****Spirit Days**

We are celebrating the last school week of 2021 with some spirit days! Here is what will be going on next week:

**Monday Dec. 13** - Hat Day (Favourite or Funny Hat)

**Tuesday Dec. 14** - Sock Day (Favourite, Funny or Mismatched Socks)

**Wednesday Dec. 15** - Sports Day (Your Team or Your Favourite Team's Fanwear)

**Thursday Dec. 16** - Silly Sweater Day (Favourite or Funny Sweater)

**Friday Dec. 17** - Pajama Day

Thank you to our Student Unity Team and their teacher leaders for organizing these fun spirit days.

***Community News***

Barbara Reid Child Care is accepting new enrollment. Kindly visit our website at [amongfriendschildcare.com](http://amongfriendschildcare.com) to register or please call 905-552-0610 and speak to our Registration Team.

We are looking for anyone who would like to join the BRPS team as a school assistant. The hours are 10:50-11:20 and 1:00-2:00 as many days a week as you are able to manage. This is a paid position. If you are interested, please reach out to our office team for more details.

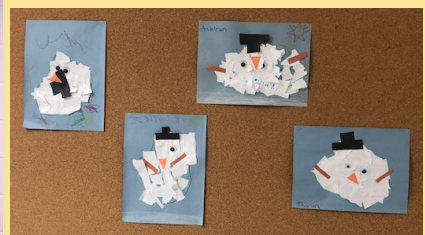
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Gives Back -  
your generous  
donations fill the  
halls!**



**We take every  
opportunity to  
engage in  
authentic  
learning!  
Ask your  
children about  
this graph to  
track donations.**



**Our students are  
talented artists!**





**Learning About  
Winter  
Celebrations**





**Working on  
maintaining our  
mental health**



**Science models  
in Grade 8**

