

# Barbara Reid Family Bulletin

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

It's hard to believe that November has nearly come and gone! It was a busy month at Barbara Reid Public School. We recognized both Indigenous Veteran's Day and Remembrance Day during the second week of the month. Many of our classes engaged in fun and creative art activities that represented these important days. Have a look at the final page of the newsletter to see some examples of the students' creations - truly impressive!

Thank you to all of the families that were able to participate in Family-Educator Interviews. It is always so important for families and educators to connect regarding student progress. This is always a great time to formally dialogue between home and school, but please remember that educators are always here for a conversation if you have a question or concern about your child's progress. You certainly don't have to wait for the formal interview period to have a discussion with your child's educators.

**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.**

At this time of year we close the field at morning recess, and take a day-to-day approach to opening the field at lunch recess. We do this to preserve the lawn as much as possible. Because of this, we have had many "tarmac-only" recesses. At this time, students are not permitted to take soccer balls or basketballs outside. This is because some of the number of students gathered together in a smaller area. We certainly do not want anyone to get hit with a hard ball, and have made this change with student safety in mind.

It has come to our attention that there is a fair amount of dog waste being left on the field. Some of it is laying on the grass, while some of it has been bagged, but then the bags are being left on the grass. While we are certainly not suggesting that it is Barbara Reid families doing this, please help us in passing on the message to the community that this is not acceptable, as our children play on these fields.

Our photo day was very successful, for both our remote students and our face-to-face students. While only individual photos were taken at this time, the Board will be monitoring Public Health directives, and you will be notified if we are able to do group photos later on in the school year. Stay tuned for information regarding retakes and grad photos.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Cohen & Mr. Kanis

<p><b>Dates to Remember:</b></p> <p>Nov. 29 - Stouffville District Secondary School course selection presentation for Gr. 8 students</p> <p>Nov. 29-Dec. 3 - Gifted Screening for Gr. 3 students</p> <p><b>November Touchstone Focus</b> Words Matter: <i>We are a diverse community - we accept and value one another as unique</i></p> <p><b>BARBARA REID PUBLIC SCHOOL WEBSITE</b> <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/barbarareid.ps">http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/barbarareid.ps</a></p> <p><b>FOLLOW US ON TWITTER for updates @BarbaraReidPS</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Upcoming Events</i></b></p> <p><b>Grade 8 Course Selection Presentation</b></p> <p>On <b>Monday, November 29</b> we are pleased to welcome staff from Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) to deliver a course selection presentation to our Grade 8 students. We trust that our Grade 8s will find the presentation helpful as they begin to select their courses for Grade 9.</p> <p><b>Grade 3 Gifted Screening</b></p> <p>During the week of <b>November 29 to December 3</b> our Grade 3 students will be participating in gifted screening. Students will be writing the tests in the morning. Here is the schedule for the screening dates:</p> <p>November 29 - Ms. Davis's class      November 30 - Ms. St. Louis's class      December 1 - Ms. Taylor's class      December 2 - Mr. Friedman's Grade 3s      December 3 - Remote Grade 3 students</p> <p>Any student who is absent on their gifted screening date will be scheduled for a makeup session the week of December 6-10.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week</i></b></p> <p>From November 22-26 we recognized Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week. At our school, it is important that we provide a caring, safe and inclusive environment that supports the academic achievement and well-being of all students. This week served as a reminder to our school community about bullying and how to respond. During this week students engaged in learning activities that reinforce positive behaviours that respond to and prevent bullying.</p> <p>Bullying is a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.</p> <p>Bullying can take many forms. Some include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Physical</b> – hitting, shoving, stealing or damaging property</li> <li><b>Verbal</b> – name calling, mocking, or making sexist, racist or homophobic comments</li> <li><b>Social</b> – excluding others from a group or spreading gossip or rumours about them</li> </ul>
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**Electronic** (commonly known as cyberbullying) – spreading rumours and hurtful comments through the use of cellphones, e-mail, text messaging and through social media

Bullying is never acceptable at our school. All members of our school community are encouraged to stand up and support each other. Should there be concerns about bullying or if you have any questions please contact us.

You can also report events that happen at school, at school-related activities, online or off school property if they negatively affect a student or the school climate through [YRDSB's Report It tool](#). This tool is available on the homepage of our school's website or on [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). You may also choose to make a report anonymously.

For more [information and resources on bullying and cyberbullying](#), please follow [@YRDSB](#) or visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

Thank you for helping us create a safe, respectful and inclusive school community.

#### *Community News*

Barbara Reid Child Care is accepting new enrolment. 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 do. This is a paid position. If you are interested, please reach out to our office team for more details.

#### **Barbara Reid PS Remembers**



	   
<b>Other Artistic Endeavours</b>	  
<b>A Message From The Trustee</b>	<p><b>Message From Our Trustee – December 2021</b></p> <p>With case counts remaining relatively stable, I want to take this opportunity to thank our students, families and staff members for continuing to adhere to health and safety protocols. Your efforts are appreciated and important to protecting the health and safety of our school community members. As we have since the start of the pandemic, the school board continues to meet regularly with public health and follow their guidance. Families looking for more information or resources on COVID-19 and our schools, including health and safety guidelines, frequently asked questions and mental health resources, please visit</p>

[www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening](http://www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening) or York Region's [www.york.ca/safeatschool](http://www.york.ca/safeatschool).

In November, we held the school council forums. I appreciated the opportunity to participate in shared learning with school council representatives on priority topics including the ABCs of mental health and actioning anti-racism practices. Thank you to all of the participants and to all school council members for your partnership. There are so many valuable [ways families help to strengthen our schools and support student learning and achievement](#). We value the partnership that we have with families, and thank you for your ongoing support.

As partners, we want to support you in supporting your child's learning, achievement and well-being. The Family Resources page on the Board website provides quick access to online tools such as Google Classroom, School Cash Online, Edsby and more. It also provides links to information to support you in engaging in your child's learning - resources like translation tools, IT support for families and tips on protecting your child's privacy online. It also includes links to other information you may find helpful. Find it at [www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources](http://www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources) or from the link on the homepage.

Over the past few months, York Region District School Board has been conducting a review of its Trustee Areas. The boundaries of the areas that school board trustees represent change over time. The goal of the Trustee Determination and Distribution Study is to ensure fair and equitable representation of all public school supporters. Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation on the proposed options. The final report will be presented at the Board of Trustees meeting on February 8. You can find more [information about the study and the recommendations on the Board website](#).

The upcoming winter season is a time of celebration for many, and I want to wish you and your families a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. I hope that over the winter break, you find time to rest, relax and rejuvenate and we look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Elizabeth Terrell-Tracey

Trustee – East Gwillimbury and Whitchurch-Stouffville



## **HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR OUR UPCOMING EDUCATION SYSTEMS NAVIGATION WORKSHOP?**

We've worked hard to create the first Education System Navigation Booklet for parents of Black children!

This booklet takes you from pre-school to high school, providing you with the critical information you need to support your children.

This workshop is designed to guide parents through the inner workings of the education system.

It will unpack and demystify the education system, empower parents with information about their rights and provide helpful information about how the school system works.

Only a few more days left to register.

**REGISTER: Navigating the Education System-for Parents**



## **BLACK DADDIES CLUB CO-PRESENTS SUNDAY DINNERS**

Join Us On Zoom!

**November 28th, 2021 Black Daddies Club  
co-presents Sunday Dinners**

**CALLING ALL DADS!**

**Join the Black Daddies Club Sunday Dinners:** This is a monthly gathering for Black men. It's a place to flex, be vulnerable, and make connections with other Black men.

**Location: Zoom**

**REGISTER: Black Daddies Club - Sunday Dinners**

## **Here's what's coming up at PoBC over the next few months:**



**November 30, 2021 Giving Tuesday** - We're working to raise 10,000 to support our operations and programs. Look out for our emails and if you can please donate to support:

<https://parentsofblackchildren.org/donate/>



**December 2, 2021** - Join the Addressing and Maintaining Optimal Mental Health for Black Families workshop.

Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/addressing-and-maintaining-optimal-mental-health-for-black-families-tickets-203812818627?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>