



# Boxwood Broncos

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End of June,  
Summer 2017



## Principal's Message

As we look back upon this year, we recognize that it has been a memorable one, full of wonderful and exciting learning experiences. The success of this year is due to the collective efforts of our entire school community. We would like to thank everyone involved and extend our sincere gratitude and congratulations for a great year.

While there are many accomplishments to be celebrated and positive memories to recall, June also brings with it a time of change. Although it is hard to say goodbye, we would like to both recognize and thank **Ms. Fitzgerald** and **Ms. Turcotte** as they are retiring. We sincerely thank you for all of your great contributions to Boxwood and education over your great careers. You have been devoted to Boxwood, advocates for the arts, and we wish you many happy years of retirement.

We would also like to recognize and thank the following Long Term Occasional Teachers: **Ms. Fatima, Ms. Vigneswaran, Mr. Arruda and Ms. Weinberg**. We also would like to say good-bye to **Mr. Sharma** who will be at another school within the Board and **Ms. Sivakumar**, who will be on a one year leave to enjoy her growing family. Ms. Clarke, a CYW and Ms. Charles, a DECE are also leaving to another position due to student enrollment. Lastly, we welcome back **Ms. Brown** to Boxwood and welcome three new teachers, **Ms. Joo, Ms. Jain and Ms. Kohli**.

Congratulations to our **grade eight graduates** as you move on to the next stage of your education. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

To those who are returning, the Boxwood staff looks forward to seeing you back in September. We wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Dane Lawrence-Prince  
Principal

## 2017-18 School Day Schedule



All Students: JK-Grade 8

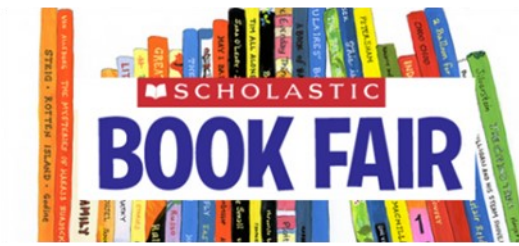
Morning Entry	8:40-8:55 a.m.
Recess (1 <sup>st</sup> Nutrition Break)	10:35-11:05 a.m.
Lunch (2 <sup>nd</sup> Nutrition Break)	12:45-1:45 p.m.
Afternoon Dismissal	3:25 p.m.



## Boxwood Classes and Staff for 2017/18 (Tentative)

JK/SK A	Ms. Forth
JK/SK B	Mr. Levine
JK/SK C	Ms. Jokinen
Grade 1A	Ms. Spatafora
Grade 1/2A	Ms. Sen
Grade 2A	Ms. Romanese
Grade 2/3A	Mr. McQuirter
Grade 3A	Ms. Kenwell
Grade 4A	Ms. Neumann
Grade 4B	Ms. Jain
Grade 5A	Ms. Kohli
Grade 6A	Ms. Brown
Grade 6/7A	LTO (TBD)
Grade 7/8A	Ms. Breckenridge
Grade 8A	Ms. Royce
CCAA	TBD
Reading Recovery/Physical Education	Ms. Smith
Library/ELL	Ms. Calverley
SSCA	LTO (TBD)
SSCB	Ms. Caceres
French	Ms. Owen
French	Ms. Galanis-Wall
Music	Ms. Joo
DECE	Ms. Yang
DECE	Ms. Nagshbandi
CYW	Ms. Getz
EA	Ms. Harrison
EA	Ms. Dipasquale
Head Caretaker	TBD
Caretaker	Mr. Stanley
Caretaker	Mr. Wilton
Administration Assistant (EOAA)	Ms. York
Assistant Secretary	Ms. Accomando
Principal	Mr. Prince





## **Thank you Boxwood Families!**

Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair was a great success! Thank you to all the families who bought books and school supplies through our Book Fair. The Fair was a huge success and thanks to your generosity Boxwood's library will have just over \$1000 to buy new books for our library! There were many great book titles available at our Fair this Spring and \$300 worth of books will go on our shelves as soon as they have been catalogued. The remainder of the money will be spent on new books that have been requested in the past year by the students themselves!

Our successful Book Fair wouldn't have been possible without the kind parent and student volunteers who helped set up and take down the fair, and who gave up their days and evening to help run the fair. Thank you to our volunteers and to all our generous families who supported literacy in their homes and in our school.

**Mrs. Calverley**  
**Librarian**





## Thursday, June 29th, 2017 Early Dismissal in Elementary Schools

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 29, 2017**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 29, 2017 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:55am**. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bussed to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

## Report Cards

Today you will be receiving your child's report card. This report card reflects your child's progress and achievement since the last report card given out in February.

## 2017-2018 Classes

Like past years, families will know their child's class on the first day of school, **Tuesday September 5th, 2017**. Classes were created with consideration to a variety of factors. These include **academic** and **social factors**. Parent requests (which was requested earlier in the school year) for the style of teacher (not a particular teacher) was also *considered*.

# Boxwood's Active Team Update

## Walk-a-thon

On May 31st, Boxwood students participated in our first Walk-a-thon. While the weather didn't cooperate, the students made the most of our indoor walking tracks. Our kindergarten and grade 1 students walked around the gym, while our grade 2 to 5 students walked our lower hallway, and our intermediates walked the upper hallway and part of the lower hallway. Your support of this event has provided funds for our upcoming 4th Annual Day of Play.



## Healthy School Certification

A huge congratulations to Boxwood's Active Team who earned a GOLD certification from OPHEA this year. This is up from a SILVER last year. We were also OPHEA's Healthy School for the month of May. Check out the OPHEA blog about Boxwood's Active Team at <https://www.ophea.net/blog/may-feature-healthy-school-boxwood-public-school#.WS9-YfQrLrc>. Way to go team, you've kept Boxwood staff and students active this year.

Parents/Guardians, Boxwood's Active Team would like to hear from you. What are you interested in participating in? What would you like more information about to keep your family active and healthy? Boxwood's Active Team has created a short survey to gather this information: <https://goo.gl/forms/rYz8BJEQuHNeePYn1>

## Boxwood Olympics & YRDSB Track and Field Meets

Congratulations to the Grade 4 to 8 students who participated in the Annual Boxwood Olympics on May 9th. Students participated in 4 track events and 4 field events. The day was a huge success! Boxwood sent 58 students to the Area competition on June 12th in Stouffville. Furthermore, we had some of our students participate in the **regional** meet. This meet includes the first and second place finishers in all of the York Region Area Meets. We had some of our students place in the top six of all of York Region. We had **Trinity P.** place 4th in the 400m and **Aaron A.** place 2nd in the 400m and 3rd in the 200m races. Go Broncos!





## Area Track and Field

After a month of training, 56 students from Grades 4 to 8 traveled to the Stouffville Track to compete in the Area Track and Field meet. The students were excellent representatives of Boxwood, showing their perseverance, team spirit, and enthusiasm throughout the day. We came home with a record 23 ribbons and qualified 6 students into 8 events for the upcoming Regional Meet on Wednesday, June 21st.



***Congratulations to Aaron S: 6th, Agshaya: 6th, Phillip H: 6th, Kareena D: 5th & 6th, Sathan: 5th, Saarujan: 5th, Zayan A: 5th, Josh: 5th, Arsalan: 5th, Alessia C: 3rd & 6th, Sydney: 2nd & 3rd, Kylie C: 2nd & 3rd, Trinity P: 2nd, Rayyan K: 1st & 4th, Amy S: 1st & 2nd, Aaran A: 1st & 1st! Way to go Broncos!!***

Tina Smith

## DAY OF PLAY!

Today we had our annual Day of Play. This is a whole school event in which we break up all the students in the school into teams. We had some former students back supporting our younger students in a variety of activities. Apart from 5 minutes, we were rain free and had sunshine for large parts of the day. Here are a few photos of the event.



## Medication Pick-Up

Parents or caregivers please remember to pick up the student's prescription from the office at the end of the last day of school. Thank you!



## School Council News

The 2016-2017 school year has been another busy and productive one for the Parent School Council. With your support through participating in Pizza lunches, parents and caregivers of the Boxwood community have helped to fund the following, much needed, items this school year:

- Science Equipment
- Laptops
- School Jerseys

***We also want to thank our council for providing all of our students pizza today during our Day of Play!***

We welcome all ideas to raise funds and more parents to join the Council. Come on out to share your voice and help make a difference! Meetings will resume in the Fall of 2017.

As this school year comes to a close, the School Council would like to wish all families a safe and enjoyable summer!

Elsa Chan & Bina Kadakia (Co-Chairs)  
Pranab Mitra (Treasurer)  
Sancha Mahalingam (Secretary)



  
**WE NEED  
YOU  
TO JOIN THE  
SCHOOL  
COUNCIL**

# First Day Procedures

For all students in Grades JK-8 school starts on **Tuesday, September 5th, 2017**. As you and your child arrive outside in the schoolyard, please approach a teacher wearing an orange vest who will direct you to your child's new teacher and their assigned entry/exit door for the 2017-2018 school year.

Signs will be posted at the doors to indicate which classes use that particular door. Teachers will be gathered around their doors to assist students and parents. After the teachers have organized their classes outside their entry doors, the students will be brought to their classrooms.

The first day is a regular school day for all students in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8, consisting of a **30-minute** morning recess, a **60-minute lunch period** from **12:45-1:45 p.m.**, and a **3:25 p.m.** dismissal.

In conjunction with York Region District School Board's supported entry procedures, **Junior Kindergarten students will only attend class for 100 minutes on their first day of school.** Letters will be sent home in late June to families of all Junior Kindergarten students regarding the specific time of day their child is to attend school.

Please see a teacher wearing an orange vest if you need help. In case of rain there will be an announcement made with an alternative plan.

## Student Busing Eligibility

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Re: Student Bussing Eligibility

Did you know that students' bussing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son's/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.



To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son's/daughter's eligibility please visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com).

## School Buses - September

This is a reminder that each parent of a bussed student must go into the transportation website in mid to end of August to confirm their child's pick up and drop off time for September. **Please do NOT call the school for your child's bus information.** Please **DO NOT ASSUME** that your child's pick up and drop off time is the same as the previous year. It is your responsibility to go into the following site to confirm your bus stops. No one from the transportation department will be calling you directly.

**[www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)**



## Message from our Trustee



As we near the end of the school year, I want to thank you for all that you do to strengthen our schools and communities. This is a good time to celebrate your child's achievements over the past year.

One of our goals in the [Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#) is to “continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture and caring and learning.” That includes a culture that emphasizes engagement and positive relationships among all the members of the school community – students, staff members, families and community members.

You, as parents/guardians, are our most important partners when it comes to education. The support you have provided to your child throughout this past school year will help to strengthen our schools and make a difference to your child's learning.

I encourage you to continue engaging your child in learning throughout the summer, and to help them to see the connections between what they are learning in school and the world around them. There are so many opportunities to do this over the summer, whether that's planning a budget with your child, enjoying the natural beauty in York Region, reading a book or visiting local sites. Whatever your plans are this summer, I wish you all a successful end to the school year, and a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,  
Juanita Nathan  
Budget Committee Chair  
Markham Wards 7 and 8



# Character Matters & Awards



Throughout the school year, we recognize and celebrate character traits and academic and learning skills with our students. Students are awarded certificates monthly, either through our Character Matters assemblies or through in-class recognition.

For the month of **June**, we recognized students in the areas of:

- Optimism,
- Physical Education & Health

We also recognized various students who have made notable contributions to our school. This included:

- Student Council
- Healthy Schools Team
- Morning Snack Team
- Rouge Fairways Citizenship Recipients
- Library Facilitators
- House League Facilitators
- Eco-Team

We thank these students for their amazing contributions to Boxwood this year.



**Thank  
You!!!**

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## INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM ELEMENTARY PROGRAM 2017-2018

- **First day of classes** begin the week of September 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- **New student registration** (New registrants must submit a copy of the Birth Certificate) begins the week of September 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> 2017. Site locations, registration time and dates are listed on the yellow flyer.
- **Pre-registered students** are to attend the first day of classes beginning the week of September 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.



Please note that the yellow International Languages Program flyer will be sent home with your 2017 September start up package with your child.

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**REGISTRATION FOR THE  
2017-2018 GUIDING YEAR  
OPENS MAY 29, 2017**

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Brownies Age 7-8  
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Rangers Age 15-17

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**Guides  
du Canada**

**GIRLGUIDES.CA/JOINUS**  
**1-800-565-8111**

## School Arrival

It is very difficult for teachers to begin instruction if students do not arrive to school on time. Whether you are driving your children or they are walking, we are requesting that you ensure your child/children are on the school grounds by the **8:50 am** entry bell.



## School Fees and Enhancements

Given the new fee guidelines from the Ministry of Education, there will be a change in the ability of schools to collect fees from students. Schools currently charge fees for supplies related to coursework. The new guidelines do not allow these fees to be charged, however, they do allow fees for enhanced materials that are voluntary enrichments for students beyond what is necessary to meet the curriculum expectations. These enhancements, which would also generally include field trips, are optional. As always, the York Region District School Board will continue to deliver high quality programs and remains committed to equity and excellence in education for all students. The school will be purchasing agendas for all students from grade 1 until grade 8.

**HAVE A SAFE & RESTFUL SUMMER!**  
**We'll see you on Tuesday, September 5th, 2017**

