

Boxwood Broncos



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Principal's Message

Our first term report cards were sent home on February 18th and I trust that everyone has had an opportunity to discuss with your child his/her progress, strengths, and areas for growth. Our collective priority as a school is to improve student achievement and well being. Learning is a collaborative process that we are all committed to, so conversations between parents, students, and school staff are very important to best ensure each and every child learns and achieves! Although no specific dates were set aside for formal parent-teacher meetings related to the report card, please remember that you are always welcome and encouraged to contact your child's teacher at any time to discuss and clarify details about his/her progress. As always we welcome parents and guardians to collaborate with our teachers and staff to communicate together in the common interest of supporting our students. The staff at Boxwood wish everyone in our community a wonderful month ahead and an enjoyable and safe March Break.

Class Placement Process

This is the time of year that school staff begin the collaborative process of class placement meetings. Classroom teachers, in cooperation with support staff, administration, and parental input work diligently to create balanced classes for the upcoming school year. School staff consider the academic, social, and emotional strengths, needs, and interests, and more of each student when preparing class lists. The ultimate goal of class placement is to support and enhance the learning of all students. We welcome any input you wish to share about your child's strengths, needs, and learning styles. **However, requests for specific teachers will not be considered.** The responsibility for final decisions lies with administration. Please send any information you would like considered about your child's placement, in writing, to Ms. Arnold **by March 31st.**

Our Boxwood Touchstone

At Boxwood, we are active participants in our own learning and we persevere to reach our goals. We recognize our own success and the successes of those around us. We are responsible for what we say and how we act. We treat others the way we want to be treated. We celebrate the diversity of our community.

At Boxwood, every voice is heard.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2 Grade 6 Math Club morning recess Knitting Club morning recess</p>	<p>3 7:30-3:30 Skills Challenge Seneca College Grab and Go Breakfast Milk Primary House League morning recess Grade 8 band practice</p>	<p>4 Junior House League morning recess Subway Lunch Lunch recess intermediate ultimate Freezbie</p>	<p>5 Grab and Go Breakfast Intermediate House League morning recess Grade 8 band practice 3:35 Milk</p>	<p>6 Grade 6 Math Club Primary Chess Club Morning recess</p>
<p>9 Grade 6 Math Club morning recess Spirit Day: Blue and Gold Day, Bronco Day) wear your Boxwood colours! Knitting Club morning recess</p>	<p>10 Grab and Go Breakfast Primary House League morning recess Grade 8 band practice 3:35 Milk Spirit Day: House Colour Day!</p>	<p>11 Junior House League morning recess Subway Lunch Spirit Day: Dress up as a teacher day! Lunch recess intermediate ultimate Freezbie</p>	<p>12 Grab and Go Breakfast Intermediate House League morning recess Milk Intermediate Fundraising Dance for Sitting Volleyball Spirit Day: Bronco Gear Day where your colours!</p>	<p>13 Professional Development (no school today for students)</p>
<p>16 March Break Begins</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 March Break Ends</p>
<p>23 Grade 6 Math Club morning recess Knitting Club morning recess</p>	<p>24 Grab and Go Breakfast Primary House League morning Recess Milk Grade 8 Band practice 3:35</p>	<p>25 Junior House League morning recess Subway Lunch Lunch recess intermediate ultimate Freezbie Walking Wednesdays</p>	<p>26 Grab and Go Breakfast Intermediate House League morning recess Milk</p>	<p>27 Grade 6 Math Club morning recess Primary Fitness morning recess Junior/Intermediate Fitness morning recess Pizza Character Matters Assemblies</p>
<p>30 Grade 6 Math Club morning recess Knitting Club morning recess</p>	<p>31 Grab and Go Breakfast Primary House League morning recess Milk Grade 8 Band practice 3:35 School Council Meeting 7-8:30 p.m. in the library</p>			

Pan Am Games Come to Boxwood!

On Monday February 23rd, two athletes from Team Canada's Sitting Volleyball Team came to Boxwood to demonstrate some skills of this interesting sport. The athletes will be participating in the Para Pan Am Games this summer. These athletes play sitting volleyball due to a physical, intellectual or visual impairment. Sitting volleyball is just like volleyball, except you sit on the ground. Andrew Tucker and Jamoi Anderson showed the students of Boxwood the way that sitting volleyball is played and Jamoi explained the rules to the students. He chose some students to participate in a sitting volleyball match. The nets for sitting volleyball are fairly low. Jamoi was very athletic before he had a disease that led to having his left leg amputated. Jamoi was unable to play sports as he did before, but quickly learned about a sport called sitting volleyball. As soon as he tried it, he fell in love with the way it was played. His teammate Andrew Tucker is a new member to the team and their entire team is looking forward to representing Team Canada. Boxwood is also trying to help Canada's Sitting Volleyball Team by fundraising on their behalf. They need money so they can meet in Markham and practice early as a team so they have a better chance at the Pan Am Games. So let's get together and support Team Canada. Go Boxwood!



Heart&Stroke
JUMP
ROPE FOR HEART

What's next for Boxwood's Active Team?

March will be Boxwood's Annual Jump Rope for Heart event. Pledge forms will be coming home before March Break and the event will be at the end of March. Stay tuned for more exciting initiatives!

Boxwood Reaching Out to Our Community!

The next few months are busy ones for students at Boxwood and our students have taken up the challenge to reach out to our community.

March is **Heart and Stroke Month** and we are planning a school wide **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART!** We will be sending pledge envelopes home before the March Break.

The PC4L (Positive Climates for Learning) Club is planning an **Autism Awareness Assembly for April** and will be doing activities and projects that will involve the whole school and teach everybody about Autism.

May is our traditional Markham Stouffville Hospital Fundraiser and **Legacy Run**.

On **June 23rd**, it will be Boxwood's second annual **DAY OF PLAY!** On this day our entire school population will participate in outdoor games that are related to our health, character and physical education curriculum.

Get ready to be active and celebrate with Markham in the Pan Am Games!



**March Break
Holiday
Monday, March 16 to
Friday, March 20th
inclusive
*(no school)***

School Council
Meeting
March 31st @ 7:00 p.m.
Library

Triple P Tip of the Month March - Swearing

Children often learn new words their parents do not like, particularly swear words. Some swear words may not be a problem because parents use it themselves. Parents need to decide which words are acceptable and which ones are not.

KEY STEPS:

- Set a good example
- Use planned ignoring the first time your child swears
- Decide which words are acceptable and discuss them with your child
- Praise your child for using acceptable words
- Act immediately when you hear your child swear
- Apply a consequence for swearing



Ms. Spatafora's Class Celebrates 100 Days of School!

Milestones should be a big deal to us. They represent progress and achievement. On February 10th, 2015, Ms. Spatafora's Grade 1 class celebrated an important milestone - the 100th day of school. It was a great opportunity for learning and celebration. Anticipation built from the very first day of school as the class counted each day they attended school one by one until they reached the 100th day of school. Prior to the 100th day of school, the children brainstormed ideas and read books to prepare for what collections of 100 items they could bring to school to share with the class. Students brought in their collections from home, most of which fit in plastic baggies or were displayed on chart paper or bristle board. They shared these collections with each other. Next, the grade one students participated in various centers where they decorated 100's day crowns made of 100 shapes and symbols, made Fruit loop necklaces which served as a counting tool or 100's number line. They also compiled a coin display of 100 cents in pennies, nickels and dimes and built structures using 100 blocks. The activities challenged the students as they built a better number sense of 100.

Finally, they ended the day with a 100ths day party where they celebrated while they wore their crowns and necklaces. It was a memorable day filled with much learning and fun!



Initiative

CHARACTER MATTERS

Independent Work

Our Recognition Assemblies were held on Friday, February 27th. Students who demonstrated the Character trait of **Initiative** are people who show initiative, look for and act on new ideas and opportunities for learning. They demonstrate curiosity and interest in learning and they approach new tasks with a positive attitude. Our Learning Skills focus is **Independent Work**. Students demonstrate independence when they use class time appropriately to complete tasks and monitor, assess and revise plans to meet their goals. The Junior/Intermediate Academic focus for February was French. Students will be receiving awards for showing a keen interest in the language, communicating in written form and attempting to speak in French.



Initiative: Alondra R, Umar S, Ajan M, Anisha S, Saaruhan S, Aadel H, Accleen L, Zayan A, Shamini N, Shinmayi K, Aaran A, Arifa Q, Tavishi T, Piranavan B, Aranya T, Nicolas P, Raqbia T, Huzaifah M, Joshua M, Fateema S, Hamza R, Lakysa M, Anusha G, Divyana D.

Independent Work: Rithica S, Regeevan O, De'Jha D, Sanjay S, Avery W, Jiya P, Deoyaa R, Riya P, Mareum S, Soumiya T, Kareena J, Keegan L, Trinity P, Saranjan N, Kevin R, Nirujqan V, Vaigeevan V, Justin A, Aisha H, Sunjay M, Sajisra O, Shayan A, Zainab I, Nibisshek N, Jasmine B.

French: Aminah M, Lavan N, Haresha S, Nirujan V, Piranavi B, Aisha H, Roshaant S, Methurshing K, Svetha N, Sarah H, Josh H-G, Sydney M, Jaden S, Riya P, Michael L. Rida K, Kylie C, Ayesha H.

March is Courage month! People who are courageous face challenges directly and seek help from others when necessary. Showing courage means doing the right thing even when it may be unpopular. A courageous person is able to recognize danger and does not take unwise risks to gain the approval of others. The Academic focus for March is Science and Technology. We will celebrate the award winners at our assemblies on Friday, March 27th.

In March
Boxwood
will be
Celebrating
Courage!

Golden Dust Pan



Congratulations Golden Dust Pan Award.
CONGRATULATIONS!! Ms. Romanese's class and Mr. Sharma's class!

Golden Globe Award

Congratulations to Ms. Sen 's class for winning the Golden Globe. The Golden Globe Award is presented to a class that is eco-friendly and does a very good job at recycling in their classrooms.



Limited Class Interruptions

We value instructional time at Boxwood P.S. Our office staff has been instructed not to interrupt classes unless there is an emergency situation. Please make arrangements, in advance, if your child is to be picked up for an appointment and provide a note to the teacher. As well, please make sure that any arrangements made for lunch or after school are done with a note so that calls do not need to be made into the classroom.

Your support in protecting instructional time for our students is most appreciated.

IF YOU ARE SICK “PLEASE” STAY @ HOME



We often receive requests from parents asking us to keep their children indoors during recess times because they are not feeling well. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff or facilities to supervise students who are sick or still recovering from an illness.

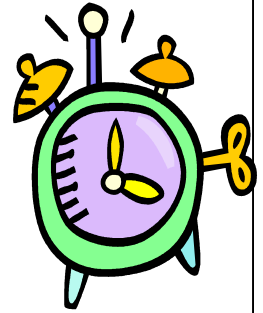
Students with colds, or flu like symptoms which are serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until their condition improves. This will likely benefit the students concerned and prevent the spread of this illness to others.

Attendance - Lates

If your son/daughter is absent from school, you MUST call to let us know before 8:30 a.m. We do have an answering machine, if you call during the evening hours. Please tell us their name, grade/teacher name and the reason why they are away!

Being on time and prepared for instruction not only supports student success and academic achievement, but it is also an expectation of the staff at Boxwood. The school times are included below as a gentle reminder to everyone.

Entry Bell 8:50 a.m. Lunch 12:45 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Dismissal 3:25 p.m.



Thank You for Using the Kiss N' Ride

A big thank you to all our parents for safely dropping off their children at the Kiss N' Ride. For our children's safety we are asking parents to use the parking lot only if they are parking their vehicle and are planning to walk their child/ren into the school.

Thank you for contributing to the smooth running of our safe and efficient
Kiss N Ride
Program at Boxwood!



Spirit Day



On Friday February 27th Boxwoodians showed their spirit by wearing creative and wacky scarves and ties. Student council visited every classroom and recorded spirit points for the four house teams. Every student who participated won a point for their house team. Many students participated and demonstrated amazing Boxwood spirit.

By Misha

Are You Moving?

Are you moving over the summer? Please call our office at 905-294-5563 to share this information with our staff as soon as possible. We can help you plan for your child's schooling in September 2015.

If you know any families moving into the Boxwood attendance area (boundary) over the summer, please let us know so that we can assist them in registering their children for September.



Browman

Winter Weather Reminder

Although children need an opportunity to get exercise and free play time outdoors, weather conditions sometimes warrant that indoor recesses, lunch periods and pre-entry periods be considered necessary for student and staff safety.

Environment Canada has produced cold weather guidelines which York Region District School Board endorses and follows when making decisions about how long students are outside on extremely cold days.

Cold Weather Guidelines Warranting Indoor Recesses

When the temperature and/or wind chill factor drops **below -22 C children will remain indoors** due to risk of frost nip and frostbite.

When the temperature and/or wind chill factor indicates **-18 C to -22 C, recesses may be shortened to 10-20 minutes**, depending on specific conditions.

There is usually no change to the length of recess and time spent outdoors when temperature and/or wind chill are above -18 C.

GETTING READY FOR "K"

Boxwood P.S.

A free morning program offered by CAPC – Community Action Program for Children York Region, for both parents or grandparents and their children who will be starting Junior Kindergarten in September 2015

Wednesday mornings
11:10-12:40
Starting April 15th
Boxwood P.S.

Come and find out what you can do to help your child succeed in school.
See how your child learns.
Help your child learn to problem solve and do things on their own.
Prepare your child for kindergarten.

*NOTE: YOU MUST REGISTER BY PHONE OR EMAIL FIRST TO ATTEND.
Parent or Grandparent must attend program with the child.
The # of classes offered will be determined by # registered.
Please register by Thursday April 2nd.*

*To register by phone call: Pam May – CAPC
York Region
(905) 642-9965*

OR email: pam.may.capc@gmail.com

IMPORTANT: When you call or email please leave a message with the following:

- 1. Your Name & Phone #*
- 2. Your Child's Name & Birthdate***
- 3. Name of School*