

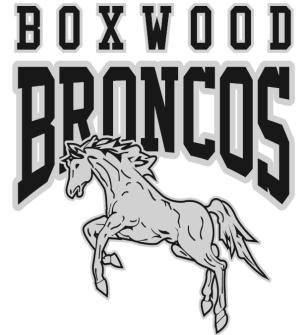
Boxwood Broncos



May, 2015

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Principal's Message

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he month of April at Boxwood was filled with guest speakers, student engagement and community involvement.

The Positive Climates for Learning Committee planned an assembly on Autism awareness with a guest speakers and student presentations. We had a visit from Patchi the porcupine the PanAm mascot and Canadian fencer Marc Andre LeBlanc. Our Spring Fling musical concert show cased the wonderful musical talent we have at Boxwood. The student council and School Council worked in partnership to create a Bingo Night that was attended by over 300 parents, students and teachers. I would like to thank everyone involved supporting the wonderful events that took place during the month.

We also want to take this moment to thank all our volunteers for their time and dedication to support our school. From parents who go on field trips, work in the library, help with special events to our Parent Council members who help to support the school. Our volunteers are vital to our success.

As our school year comes to a close we have begun to plan for the upcoming year. As we organize for next year, we will make every effort to place students in the best learning environment where we take into account their individual needs, academic achievement, emotion and social development and their work habits.

Catherine Arnold, Principal



Marc Andre



Patchi the PanAm mascot

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.

Parking Lot Safety

Safety is always our top priority at Boxwood. For the safety of students, parents, and staff, all pick-ups and drop-offs occur in the kiss 'n' ride lane directly in front of the playground equipment. Students must exit from the car directly onto the sidewalk. Parents may park in the visitor's spaces and accompany their children to the school yard by crossing only at the marked crosswalk. Make sure you reduce your speed in the school parking lot.

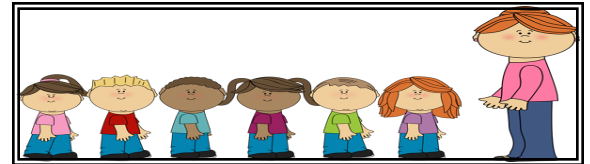
These rules help keep everyone safe! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.



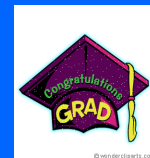
We Encourage Students to Walk to School!



**Participate in our
Walk to School
Wednesdays!**



Grade 8 Graduation: June 17, 2015
More information will be sent home closer to the event.



OFIP Tutoring

Did you know Mr. McCall, Ms. Calverley, Ms. Mahdavi, Ms. Papell and Ms. Cohen are tutoring grade three and six students on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 3:45-4:45? With the support of a grant from the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat, the teachers are providing EQAO support for our students focusing on reading skills and math skills for our students. The program is offered every Tuesday and Thursday night and runs until the end of May. EQAO will be administered the last week of May for our grade 3 students and the first week of June for our grade 6 students.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5 5K Running Club Milk	6 Walking Wednesday Subway Lunch	7 Milk	8 Grade 7 and 8 Immunization 5K Running Club Pizza
11 Water Festival (Kenwell, Brown, St. Jean, Calverley) Grade 6 Math Club morning recess 5K Running Club	12 Track and Field Grab and Go Breakfast Primary House League morning recess Milk 5K Running Club Grade 8 band practice 3:35	13 Grade 8 Year End Field Trip Walking Wednesday Junior House League morning recess Primary Chess club Subway Lunch	14 Grade 8 Year End Field Trip Grab and Go Break- fast Intermediate House League morning recess Milk	15 Grade 8 Year End Field Trip Grade 6 Math Club 5K Running Club Pizza
18 Victoria Day Holiday	19 Grab and Go Breakfast Primary House League morning Recess Milk 5K Running Club Grade 8 Band practice 3:30-4:30	20 Walking Wednesday Junior House League morning recess Subway Lunch Walking Wednesdays Primary Chess Club	21 Spring Walk to School Grab and Go Breakfast Intermediate House League morning recess Milk Welcome to Kinder- garten 6:00– 7:00 p.m.	22 Boxwood Track and Field Day (rain date) Grade 6 Math Club morning recess Pizza 5K Running Club
25 Grade 3 EQAO Grade 6 Math Club morning recess 5K Running Club	26 Grade 3 EQAO Grab and Go Breakfast Primary House League morning recess Milk 5K Running Club Grade 8 Band practice 3:30-4:30 School Council 7p.m.	27 Walking Wednesday Grade 3 EQAO Subway lunch	28 Grade 3 EQAO Grab and Go Breakfast Intermediate House League morning recess Primary Chess Club Milk Legacy Run	29 Grade 3 EQAO Character Matters Pizza 5K Running Club

York Region District School Board Student Surveys

In order to provide information for Board and School planning, York Region District School Board students in Grades 5 to 12 will be invited to participate in a school survey. The survey, which is anonymous and confidential, will be conducted from April 7 to May 15, 2015 and will take place at school. The information from this survey will be used to identify areas to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. Aligned with Board priorities, the survey will address topics including equity and inclusion, school safety, learning environment, student well-being and other priorities. If you have questions, please contact the school office.



**School Council Meeting
May 26th @ 7:00 p.m.
In the Library
See you there!**

**Monday, May 18th
Victoria Day (no school)**

EQAO Testing for Grade 3 & 6

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



All students in grades 3 and 6 will be participating in the 2014/15 Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics this spring. We are in the planning stages for this assessment which will take place May 25th to June 5th, 2015.

Please avoid appointments during EQAO week!

Volunteer Appreciation Event

It is that time of year again, the Boxwood staff would like to show their appreciation towards the many members of our community who volunteered their time this year. We will be treating you to student singing, appetizers and an opportunity for some socializing, on Thursday, June 4th from 2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Please be sure to return your RSVP as soon as possible to your child's classroom teacher.

If you have NOT received your invitation by May 22nd, please contact the school office @ 905-294-5563.



Integrity

CHARACTER

Self Regulation

April is Integrity month! During the month of April we focused on the character trait of Integrity. People who show Integrity are truthful and sincere. They don't compromise their values. They don't give into temptation. They are true to themselves.

The academic focus for the month of April was Self-Regulation. People who self-regulate set their own goals and monitor their progress to achieve them.

In May
Boxwood
will be
Celebrating
Perseverance!

Our Recognition assemblies were held on April 25. Students who demonstrated Integrity are truthful and sincere. They don't compromise their values. Our learning Skills focus is **Self Regulation**.

Integrity: Grace P, Masooma S, Sajey S, Phoebe Z, Aron B, Parsa I, Akisha S, Raya A, Angelina G, Shiloh S, Amandeep M, Sumrah K, Magidan T, Ajina A, Mathusha B, Shumayal R, Laviniy S, Maanik G, Sarah H, Sinthuja J, Nandhitha K, Hassan S, Satnursan S, Methurshiga K, Sharuka B, Sruthi B, Joshua H,

Self Regulation: Rajeev G, Jessica J, Azalan A, Rulshiya V, Mustaqeem K, Dilohan S, Sruthy P, Saieraa R, Joy A, Meera G, Kareena P, Isra Y, Arvind A, Huner D, Ekaansh M, Thareen M, Alisha G, Sara A, Josh M, Piranavi B, Samatha H,

Golden Dust Pan

Congratulations go out to the students in Mr. McCall and Ms. Cohen's classes for winning the April Golden Dust Pan Awards. CONGRATULATIONS!

Our spring music concert was a great success!



Triple P Tip of the Month - May - Lying

Parents may find it hard to believe their children when they often tell lies. Telling lies can also cause problems with friends and other family members. Children need to learn that no matter what they have done, they must tell the truth. It is best to deal with lying as soon as it starts.

KEY STEPS:

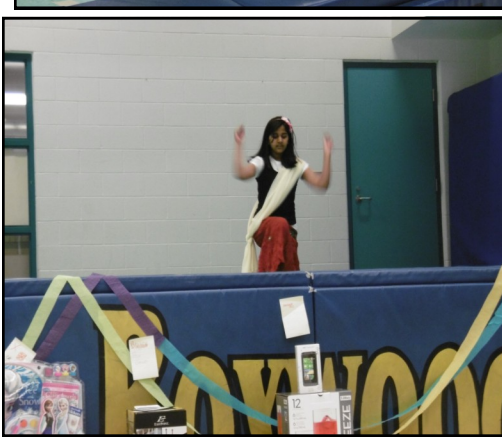
- Discuss with your child what lying is and why it is a problem.
- Tell your child they must stop telling lies
- Talk about consequences for telling lies
- Setup opportunities for your child to tell the truth
- Praise your child for telling the truth, act immediately



Bingo Night at Boxwood



Thank you to the School Council and Student Council for a wonderful evening of entertainment, music, food and bingo. We had an amazing turnout of staff, students, parents and community members. Thank you to our bingo caller Mr. Asimi and a special thank you to Anjali, Kyriaki, and Raveena for organizing a fun filled bingo night.



Boxwood's Active Team Update

Supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation

Jump Rope for Heart

On April 15th, Boxwood held their Annual Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart Events. Students from kindergarten to grade 8 jumped through a variety of centres. Primary students jumped with hula hoops, jumped through an obstacle course, jumped over a long rope, and even skipped. Junior and Intermediate students tried to skip through the obstacle course, skip with a partner, and even tried Double Dutch.

Hoops for Heart

Grade 6 to 8 students had an opportunity to sign up for Boxwood's Annual Hoops for Heart event. The 20 teams played two 3-on-3 games. These games were high energy and students had a lot of fun.

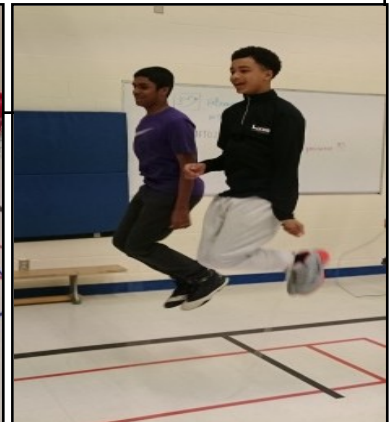
Thank-you to the Heart and Stroke Foundation for the informative kick-off assembly and for coming out to help with our event!



Safe Travel Planning Team Update

In mid-March, Boxwood's Safe Travel Planning (STP) Team met to go over the Community Survey data. Thank you to all the families who took the time to fill in the survey. The team went on a short community walk to review street signs and concerns brought up in the survey. The City of Markham has already lengthened the North/South crosswalk at 14th Ave and Boxwood Cres.

After a very successful Winter Walk to School Day on February 4th and with the weather warming up, the STP team are ready to host another Walk to School Day on Thursday, May 21st. This Walk to School Event will launch the STP Challenge: For Boxwood students to try to walk, cycle, wheel, or park a block and walk to school at least 1 more day/week for the remaining 7 weeks of the school year.



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
May 20 to June 17
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.**

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NOTE: YOU MUST REGISTER BY PHONE OR EMAIL FIRST TO ATTEND.

Parent or Grandparent must attend program with the child.

Please register by Friday May 15th.

***To register by phone call: Pam May –
CAPC***

York Region

