



Boxwood Broncos



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Principal's Message

The staff and students of Boxwood Public School would like to thank the many volunteers for the tremendous support we received this year. From the parents who accompany classes on field trips, read with our children and assist us daily, to those who assist in the Library, and on the School Council, volunteers have continued the strong tradition of contributing to the overall success of our school. To express our appreciation for your ongoing support of Boxwood P.S., we will be holding a Volunteer Appreciation Get Together on Tuesday, June 6th from 10:00 —11:15am. More information to follow soon!

Our 2017/2018 school organization (classes that we will have next year) will be in our final June newsletter. When organizing for next year, our staff will make every effort to place students in the best learning environment for each child to be successful. We take into account individual needs, academic achievement, emotional and social development, number of boys and girls, and work habits. However, we must stress that the school organization *may be subject to change*.

If you would like to provide us with input for your child's placement, you can send me an email or letter. We do not accept requests for specific teachers. We do however, encourage you (if you feel that it would be beneficial) to forward any pertinent information about your child(ren) that will assist us in making the best placement. Please forward all letters to Mr. Prince by Tuesday, May 16th. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. Please note that, as per YRDSB policy, class lists will not be posted until *September*.

Later in the month, grade teams and Mr. Prince will be conducting grade placement meetings in order to **determine next year's classes. There may be changes before school starts in September and these may necessitate a change in teacher assignments before and possibly during the first month of school.**

Lastly, we encourage you to come out to our Arts Carousel that is happening this Thursday, May 11th at 7:00pm. Come see various arts pieces created by our students. We also have our community Scholastic Book Fair on the same evening at 6:30pm. A portion of the proceeds will be used to support our library.

Thank you for your support,
Dane Prince, Principal

For more information of events and examples of learning that is taking place in our school, please visit our school blog. You can access this blog using the link below:
<http://boxwoodbroncos.blogspot.ca/>

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.

YRDSB Survey for Parents/Guardians



Parents/guardians are invited to participate in a survey before May 19. This survey provides an important opportunity for parent/guardian voice. Results will be used to guide planning to support student achievement and well-being.

The English version of the survey is available online. Paper surveys are available in English, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hebrew, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Sri Lankan Tamil, Urdu and Vietnamese. Please contact the school to request a paper copy.

We value your input and encourage you to complete the survey. The information you provide will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

May Character Traits—Perseverance, Social Studies, History, Geography & Social Development

This month we are focused on the character trait of perseverance. People who display perseverance stick to a goal, work hard even in the face of obstacles and challenges, and completes all tasks and assignments. People **who are able to persevere don't give up, and do not let disappointments and past failures get in their way!**

Our subject focus this month is on Social Studies (History/Geography). The focus in this subject is for students to understand concepts (e.g., how conflict creates change in the world). We also focus on our students to develop the skills and strategies for inquiry (e.g., how to effectively research a topic). We also want our students to be able to connect social studies to their everyday life.



Kindergarten Registration Continues...

Kindergarten registration will continue throughout the rest of the school year.

Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring.



For more information, please visit the YRDSB website or contact our office.

Yearbook Orders

Its that time of year again. The 2016-2017 Yearbook are well under way! The cost of the full-colour 2016-2017 yearbook is \$29. Please make cheques payable to Boxwood P.S. or order on-line through our School Cash Online System. Orders are due in the office by no later than May 11th.

Grade 8 Graduation

This year's graduation will take place on Tuesday, June 20th. This year we will have our graduation ceremony, dinner, and dance at Shangri-La Convention Centre. We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with our graduates!



School Council News

Our next School Council Meeting is this Tuesday, May 30th. We meet in our library at 7:00pm. We invite parents to join our meeting to discuss school matters. It is important for our school to have as many parent voices to ensure that we are servicing our school community well. Come and join our fabulous School Council Team!



EQAO TESTING FOR GRADE 3 & 6

All students in grades 3 and 6 will be participating in the 2016/2017 Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics this spring. Our grade 3 students will write their assessment on May 30 to June 1st. Our grade 6 students will write their assessment on May 24 to May 26.

Please avoid appointments during EQAO week!



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION NIGHT - JUNE 1ST 6:00-7:30PM

All parents/students who have registered for the Kindergarten program for 2017/2018 are invited to an orientation night on [Wednesday, June 1st, 2017](#). The purpose of the orientation is to support parents and students for success in starting their first year of school.

Public Health Immunization Information



In the 2017/18 school year, York Region Public Health will visit all elementary schools to provide school immunization clinics to Grade 7 students. The clinics offer vaccines for Hepatitis B, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and Meningococcal A, C, Y, W-135 at no cost.

Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, meningococcal vaccine is required for school attendance, unless an exemption is filed with public health. Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines are recommended, but not required for school attendance.

Parents of students entering Grade 7 in fall 2017 will receive consent forms in the mail in June. Please complete the consent form and return it to York Region Public Health to allow your child to participate in the immunization clinics. Detailed instructions can be found on the forms and accompanying letter. If the consent form is not completed, your child will not be able to receive vaccines at the clinic.

Parents and guardians who do not consent should still complete the forms and return them, indicating that you do not authorize York Region Public Health to immunize your child.

Visit york.ca/immunizations and click on School Immunization Clinics for more information.

Did you know? If your child has missed a required vaccination on Ontario's routine immunization schedule, he/she can receive the vaccine at one of York Region Public Health's Community Immunization Clinics. These evening clinics are offered throughout the summer, giving students the opportunity to catch up before returning to school. Visit york.ca/immunizations and select Community Immunization Clinics to learn more.

Youth Mental Health Week - May 1st-5th, 2017

On May 2, in honour of Child and Youth Mental Health Week (May 1st-5th , 2017), students and staff members across the YRDSB are participated in an event aimed to reduce the stigma experienced by those struggling with mental health challenges. Stigma refers to negative stereotypes and is often associated with mental illness. Stigma is a key reason why those experiencing mental health concerns often do not seek help.

At Boxwood, students have participated in a number of Mental Health Initiatives throughout the week. On Monday, May 1st, classes participated in an hour of silence because so many people suffering with mental illness have no one to talk to, cannot find the words to explain what is going on or are afraid of the stigma attached to mental illness. Wednesday students and staff participated in the board Break the Stigma initiative, and on Friday, will continue with their mental health work as they continue the conversations about Mental Health stigmas and strategies they can use to help themselves and others when their mental health is affected.

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Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart

Here are a couple of pictures from our Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart event that took place on Monday, April 24th. Thank you to all the families who supported this worthy cause with donations.











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Dates to Remember

May 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Intermediate Badminton Intramurals	2 Intermediate Badminton 5K Running Club Gr.8 Band @ 3:40 – 4:45 Rm. 216 	3 Walking Wed Intermediate Badminton Play rehearsal 3-5PM	4 Knitting Club Intermediate Badminton practice Play rehearsal 3-5PM	5 Primary Scholastic Book Fair 5K Running Club Play rehearsal 3-5PM 
MENTAL HEALTH WEEK				
8 Intermediate Badminton Play rehearsal 3:30-5PM	9 Intermediate Badminton Boxwood Olympics— all day 5K Running Club Gr. 8 Band 3:40 – 4:45 Rm. 216 	10 Walking Wednesdays Intermediate Badminton practice Play rehearsal 3-6PM	11 Arts Carousel—all day (and evening 7-8:00pm) Knitting Club	12 5K Running Club Area Badminton Tournament-all day@ Milliken Mills HS 
15 Intermediate Badminton York Children's Water Festival Play rehearsal 3-5PM	16 Regional Badminton Tournament Boxwood Olympics Rain date 5K Running Club Gr. 8 Band 3:40 – 4:45 Rm. 216 	17 Special Needs Track & Field Meet @ Stouffville Track-all day Walking Wednesdays	18 Special Needs T&F Meet @ Stouffville Track-rain date Knitting Club	19 5K Running Club 
22 VICTORIA DAY NO SCHOOL 	23 5K Running Club Gr. 8 Band 3:40 – 4:45 Rm. 216 	24 Walking Wednesdays Play rehearsal 3-6PM	25 Grade 8 Drama Rehearsal Grade 8 Drama Presentation@6:30-8PM	26 5K Running Club 
Gr. 6 EQAO—TESTING				
29 Knitting Club Gr.6 EQAO catch up day Character Matters Assembly	30 5K Running Club Gr. 8 Band 3:40 – 4:45 Rm. 216 	31 Spirit Day-Wear Boxwood Colours Walking Wednesdays Walk-a-thon	JUNE 1ST.	
Gr. 3 EQAO—TESTING				
Upcoming Dates:				
<div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 10px;"> <p>June 2– P.A. Day (No School)</p> <p>June 5—Gr. 3 EQAO catch up date</p> <p>June 12– Area Track & Field</p> <p>June 20– Gr. 8 Graduation Ceremony</p> <p>June 22—Piano Recital</p> <p>June 23– Kindergarten Graduation</p> <p>June 27– Boxwood Day of Play</p> <p>June 29– Term 2 Report Cards go home</p> </div>				
				