A Message from the Administrative Team

It has been a busy fall here at Buttonville Public School. In classes, students have been hard at work on their grade level curricular expectations working individually or in small groups to go deeper with their knowledge and understanding of a topic, apply this understanding and use this knowledge to analyze and evaluate information. As a whole school we participated in the Terry Fox and the We Scare Hunger Campaign. Buttonville students have been involved in a variety of activities including attending the Peace Tree Conference (5 students in grades 5 and 6 attended), grade 4 trip to TIFF, and the grade 7’s enjoyed their overnight trip to Camp Muskoka. There are many extra curricular and leadership opportunities for students here at Buttonville including: Intramural Soccer for grades 3 and 4, the IWalk program for students in grades 1-5 and grade 6 lunch monitors who support our Kindergarten to grade 3 students at lunch time. Intermediate Band, Junior Volleyball and Intermediate Basketball teams are also practicing this month.

November 16th - 22nd is National Bully Prevention and Awareness Week. While Buttonville PS engages in bullying awareness and prevention every week of the school year, we recognize this week as a valuable opportunity to raise awareness for students, parents and the local community. Everyone has a role to play in bullying prevention. You will find a bully prevention pledge on page 3, that you can talk about with your child(ren).

On November 12th, Buttonville students will bring home their Progress Report Cards. Progress Reports are an opportunity for teachers to share the development of learning skills and work habits as well as general progress in the subject areas with families. This year, all of our classes from SK to grade 8 will participate in Parent Teacher Interviews on the evening of Thursday, November 13th and the morning of Friday, November 14th. Parent Teacher Interviews are one of the ways for you to participate in partnering with your child’s teacher to support their learning. Before the interview, you may wish to review the progress report card and talk to your child about their learning experiences so far this year. Please see a Tips Sheet for Parent Teacher Interviews included in this newsletter. Parents and guardians of JK students will be invited to their child’s classroom for a classroom observation. These observations will take place later in November.

We look forward to your involvement in this process and know that you will take the opportunity to recognize and celebrate your child’s positive accomplishments in the first couple of months and help your child to set goals for the remainder of the term.

The safety of your child(ren) is very important to us at Buttonville. In order to keep all students safe we ask that you drop off students at the west entrance of our loop (Kiss and Ride) where there is a staff member supervising. We also ask that you do not enter into the staff parking lot to drop off students as this is not safe as we have had a few near misses. We have placed a staff member to supervise at the east end of the loop and request that you follow this staff member’s guidance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lori Higgins    Shelley Jones
Principal        Vice Principal
A Message from School Council

As you can probably tell by now, our school council is back up & running full force with all the activities that began last month & those scheduled for the month of November!! Sub & Pasta lunches started in October with approximately half of the student body taking part. Pasta lunch from Mother’s Deli begins Tuesday November 4th. Mr. Sub is scheduled for Tuesday November 11th, and lunch for Booster Juice is scheduled for Tuesday November 25th. It’s not too late to order if you would still like your child to receive one of these lunches. Order forms are available in the office. Please note however, that we submit our orders to these companies approximately one week in advance. So please give us plenty of time if you would like your child to receive one or all of these lunches as we have noticed many of these order forms are being handed back to the school later & it is challenging for us to meet all the deadlines. Also be advised that as winter approaches, buses may be cancelled due to the weather conditions & if that happens, Sub, Booster & Pasta lunches will be cancelled as well & reschedule at a later date to be determined. Popcorn & cookie sales started in October as well with the grade 8 students helping to sell. These items will be for sale every other week for $1 each, and are scheduled to be sold Thursday November 6 & 20 up & downstairs. Unfortunately we had to cancel our Halloween movie night as not enough RSVPs were received by the October 24th deadline. If you’re looking to do some Christmas shopping, Miko’s Annual Warehouse Sale (located at 60 East Beaver Creek) is going on right now. If you buy anything from them during November 19-30, please have your receipt stamped by the cashier and hand that receipt back into the school, as our school will receive 10% back from the total sales.

Our next school council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 4th at 6:30 pm in the staff room. All are welcome!!

Kerry Mallett & Peri Sygounas
Buttonville School Council Co-chairs

Rememberance Day celebrations

Students at Buttonville are preparing for Remembrance Day Services on November 11th, 2014. We will hold an assembly at approximately 11:00 am to mark this event. Students will be provided with poppies. Please remember to send $1 to school with your child as a donation to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund.

School Lunch Assistants needed...

We are currently looking to hire one School Assistant to support during our lunch hour which occurs from 12:25-1:25 p.m. This is a paid position for the hour worked. A School Assistant at Buttonville is responsible for supervising students during lunchtime and outdoor play time during the lunch hour. This position is open to an adult who has a vulnerable sector screening or is willing to get one and is able to commit to regular days. We would work towards accommodating schedules for those who are available for a few days per week. If you are interested in this position please contact Shelley Jones at the school or send an email to shelley.jones@yrdsb.ca
Cross Country

CONGRATULATIONS to the 117 Buttonville Grade 3 to 8 students who competed in the Area Cross Country Meet at Milliken Mills Park on September 29th! The students raced very hard and were great ambassadors for our school.

At the Regional Cross-Country Meet at Bruce’s Mill on October 10th we again had outstanding results. The Regionals are a very tough competition. All participants from Buttonville were in the top half of the finishers!! An honorable mention goes out to Sam and Sebastian who placed 8th & 18th respectively, as well as Layne who placed 11th. All Cross Country team members should be proud of their active accomplishments this season! We would like to thank Ms. Ellery for her dedication coaching the team.

We had 4 teams place 2nd at the Areas: Grade 5, 7 and 8 Girls, as well as the Grade 6 Boys. Congratulations to the following students in their individual performances: Beck Hansen-14th, Kate Griffin-11th, Sebastien Lionetti-3rd, Sam Lionetti-5th; Kristi Cheong-1st, Hannah Walji-12th; Anekka Broome-13th, Emilie Lu-16th, Layne Sleeth-1st; Sofia Pazienza-10th, Paige Snell-14th and Justin Campbell who came 8th.

Bully Prevention Week

In the Be Bold: Stop Bullying National Campaign, Facebook Canada in partnership with organizations including Family Channel, PREVNet, and Kids Help Phone and STOPcyberbullying.org is asking users to take a stand against bullying. The online campaign asks youth, parents and educators to take a pledge against bullying, share stories about their own experience with bullies and encourages Facebook users to start their own bullying-prevention groups. Below is the Be Bold: Stop Bullying Pledge that you can talk about with your children.

Be Bold: Stop Bullying Pledge

Bullying makes every day hard. It makes people feel isolated, unimportant and afraid to go to school. I have the power to stop bullying by getting involved in a few specific ways. Here is my pledge:

I will speak up - I will take a stand when I see young people humiliating or hurting each other. I will talk about bullying with my friends and the adults in my life, so everyone knows I think it's wrong.

I will advocate - I will stick up for others who might be in need of my help, and not just my closest friends.

I will be a role model - I will not use my phone or computer to spread rumors or say hateful things, and I won't ignore it when others are cruel and intimidating.

Stopping bullying begins with me. Taking this pledge can change someone's life in a meaningful way. I will forward it to my friends and family to help grow a community committed to ending bullying. I will speak up.
During the week of October 14th, Ms. Mockford, Ms. Kohli and Ms. Nadarajah’s classes went on a field trip to the Daily Food Bank. Our students sorted and packaged over 4000 lbs of food and that will feed approximately 305 people.

A big thank you goes to Ms. Billett for coordinating this trip and to the parents who volunteered to go along. We also wish to acknowledge the Daily Food bank volunteers for accommodating our students and providing us with the option of a healthy lunch, a tour of their facility with educational content and a variety of safe hands-on activities to help reinforce awareness of students to community needs and compassionate ways of volunteering or serving those in need, thereby reinforcing our Board’s Character Matters traits of Responsibility and Empathy.

At the food bank, there is a wall of honor. Our school has been on the Top 10 of Volunteer Groups for the past few years. We began at 9th place and in 2014 were placed 3rd. Below is a copy of the plaque that hangs on their wall.

We scare for Hunger

This year, our school has been working hard towards bringing the Me to We initiative to Buttonville PS. Several of the Buttonville students from K - 8 participated in the We Scare Hunger project. This is a short video giving some information about the campaign - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TySrPYqNzFE. This project involved having our Trick-or-Treaters' collect non-perishable food items. as well as candy on Halloween! We were also learning a lot about hunger at school to support our understanding of this project.

We have been seeing a lot of food arriving in our front lobby that our students have collected over the weekend. This begins our kick off to our Holiday food drive. Stay tuned for more details to come. Thank you so much for your help and participation in this initiative!
Terry Fox fundraiser

Congratulations Buttonville School and community for your dedication and passion towards The Terry Fox fundraiser. As Terry Fox said, “Even if I don’t finish, we need others to continue. It’s got to keep going with out me”. Buttonville’s organizing committee had a hefty goal of over $10,000 and we raised $8,640.63.

Thank you also, to Mrs. Ellery for dyeing much of her brown hair BLUE—she committed to doing this as an incentive for the students if they reached or were close enough to their set fundraising goal.

Secondary Grade 8 Information Nights for the 2015-16 School Year

Unionville HS — January 19, 2015 @ 7:00PM
Unionville ARTS — Flato Markham Theatre - November 4, 2014 @ 7:00PM
PE Trudeau HS — January 19, 2015 @ 7:00PM
Congratulations to Rachel Cheng, currently in Grade 4 at Buttonville school who entered her drawing in the 2014 Markham Fair. Many students from Buttonville entered into the category and Rachel won First Prize. Well done!

The students at Buttonville enjoyed celebrating Halloween at school on October 31st. We enjoyed seeing all of the creative costumes during our Halloween Parade. Here is our Kindergarten Team in the spirit of dressing up as Minions from Disney’s “Despicable Me”.
Grade 4 trip to TIFF

On Tuesday October 21, 2014, the Grade 4’s went to the Toronto International Film Festival headquarters and participated in the ‘Film in a Day’ workshop. The students experienced the art of filmmaking first hand. They worked collaboratively and wrote, pitched and shot a short film. They had the opportunity to use a variety of equipment including cameras, microphones, slates and computers. It was an amazing hands-on experience for all!!! Thank you Mrs. Murphy for volunteering on this trip.

Mathletics 2014

PEO York Chapter is Proud to Present:

AMD Mathletics 2014

YORK REGION STUDENTS:
You are invited to exercise your math abilities in a contest and apply your math skills to engineering problems for fun & prizes.
Saturday, November 15, 2014
Sir William Mulock Secondary School
705 Columbus Way, Newmarket, Ontario L3X 2M7

AMD Mathletics has two levels of competition:
- Junior level (9:30 AM to 1:00 PM) – Open to students that are currently in grades 6 and below (intended for grades 5 and 6 – based on grade 5 curriculum)
- Senior level (2:00 PM to 5:30 PM) – Open to Intermediate Math students that are currently in grades 7 or 8 (based on grade 7 curriculum)
- Each level includes an AMD session with an opportunity to win additional prizes

Registration fee is $15 per entrant. Online registration starts on Sunday October 26 at 8 AM and it ends when all seats are sold or Saturday November 8 at 5 PM whichever comes first.

For additional information and registration link go to the following link:
http://www.peoyork.com/mathletics
School Bus Cancellation

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following:

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be region-wide meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.

- School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather is not affecting all municipalities in York Region. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.

- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

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**TELEVISION**

CITY TV  CTV Barrie  CFTO TV  CP24  GLOBAL NEWS
Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher-interviews are held two or three times a year at the end of each term when report cards are sent home. They are opportunities for parents and teachers to talk together about how to help each child succeed in school. They are very short – usually 10 or 15 minutes. It’s important to prepare before the interview to make the best use of that short time. If you need more time, schedule another appointment.

1. Prepare

Read your child’s report card.
Make notes about your questions and concerns.
Talk to your child about the report.
What do you want to ask the teacher? Make a list.

2. Ask Questions

Arrive on time. Bring your list of questions.
The teacher will review your child’s report card or show you samples of his or her work.
Tell the teacher what your child likes and dislikes about school. Let the teacher know if you think there is too much or too little homework.

Parent-teacher interviews are strictly confidential. Share personal information that might be affecting your child’s progress or behaviour at school (e.g., family illness, job search). This information will help the teacher understand your child better.

- What does my child do well?
- What skills does he or she still need to develop?
- Is my child getting extra help? In what subjects?
- What is your homework policy?
- How much time should my child be spending on homework?
- How does my child get along with the other students?
- How can I help my child at home?
- What is the best way to contact you if I have more questions?

Take notes so that you can share the comments with your child.

3. Follow Up

Talk to your child. Stress the positive things the teacher said. Talk about how you and the teacher are going to help with the things that need to be improved.

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**Cold Weather is on its Way!**

Please make sure your children dress appropriately for the upcoming cold weather. Warm boots, socks, pants, sweaters, coats, hats, mittens and scarves tucked inside the coat are very important for children of all ages to wear. Children will be expected to be outside during recess and lunch so please make sure they are dressed for the weather. As well, since we have almost 500 students here at Buttonville, and many children wear the same brands, colours and sizes of clothing, it would be very helpful if your child’s name could be printed in ink in boots and on labels of clothing. If your child has lost any items, please check our Lost and Found box located near the front foyer of the school. It is a good idea to send extra clothing with younger students as accidents do happen or they get wet on the way to school with rain and snow.

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### Upcoming Dates/Events (Please check our school website for regular Calendar updates)

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