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CASTLEMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Spring is officially here! We hope that all our students and families had a relaxing and enjoyable March Break. The arrival of warmer weather affords students the opportunity to be outside and active in their community. It is wonderful to see the students connect with new and old friends at recess as they engage in fun, safe activities. This physical activity holds many health benefits for students. We have purchased new outdoor play equipment to help students stay active during recess. We continue to encourage students and families to walk to school as another way to get regular exercise and to be eco-friendly.

The three months leading up to the end of June is a busy time for students. There are many exciting activities happening at the school such as Fun Fair, Grade 8 Graduation, Grade 8 trip to Brock University, Track and Field meets, Welcome to Kindergarten event, and Eco-School activities. The teachers are working hard to provide programs which support students' consolidation of skills and knowledge necessary for their grade level. This level of focus on instruction is especially applicable to the Grade 3 and Grade 6 students as they will be participating in the EQAO test during late May and early June.

As we organize 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 Ministry and Board guidelines, individual needs, academic achievement, emotional and social development, behaviours, gender balance, English Language Learner and Special Education needs, and work habits. Teachers have the benefit of knowing the children they are currently working with and we rely on their professional decisions. We appreciate that parents/guardians also have valuable information to share with us. While we do not accept requests for specific teachers, as teaching assignments may change between now and September, if you have information or suggestions which will assist us in making an appropriate placement, please write a brief note to the teacher and the Principal by May 19th, 2017.

We welcome your input with regard to the learning style or classroom structure which you feel would be the most appropriate for your child's success. While we recognize that people may wish for their children to avoid a split grade, this is not always possible. Split grade placements are inevitable in every public school setting, and our teaching staff ensures that students achieve grade specific expectations within every placement. We do try, when possible, to avoid placing students in a split grade setting for two consecutive years. Requests will be accommodated only where the placement will enhance student learning. As always, the final decision for the placement of all students at Castlemore P.S. rests with the Principal, in consultation with teaching staff and parents. We ask that you have confidence in the professional judgment of your child's teacher and the school administration in making the best possible choice for your child next year.

Lastly, we would like to share with you some news about staffing changes in the office. Judy Ng will be moving to Aldergrove PS as she has accepted an EOAA position at that school. We cannot thank her enough for all she has done to help students, families, and staff members here at Castlemore PS. We will all miss her enormously. We wish her well as she begins her role! We are looking forward to welcoming a new member to the office staff in the near future.

Gwen Emmerson and Thang Tran

PRE-REGISTERED NEW KINDERGARTENERS -**PARENT INFORMATION SESSION -**THURSDAY, MAY 11, @ 6:30 - 8 P.M.



Full Newsletter Available Online OR check with the school office that your email address is on file to receive an email link copy.

Enter - http://castlemore.ps.yrdsb.ca/

Click - News & Events Select - Newsletters

STUDENT ABSENCE

Please call the office by 8:30 a.m. at 905-887-1543 for every student absence and/or late.

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Ápril 2 World Autism Day

6:30 p.m. - School Council Meeting April 13

April 5, 19 Pizza Days

April 12, 26 Sub Day April 18 - 22 Earth Week





PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENT FOR GRADE 3 AND 6 STUDENTS

We are preparing for our provincial testing which will take place for Grade 3 and 6 students between May 23rd and June 5th. A letter that will contain all the pertinent information will be sent home with those students. We ask parents to avoid making appointments for your children during this time to ensure their attendance at school. Teachers have been involved in preparation with their classes so that all students are as comfortable as possible with the process. We stress the importance of these assessments, however, we are sure to explain to our students that this is only one assessment they will participate in this year. Parents can assist with the preparation just like they would with any other school assignment or homework. Gr. 3 and Gr. 6 EQAO results do not affect report card marks.

YRDSB Policies and Procedures

Policies and procedures govern the operation of the Board and our school. To ensure they remain current, the Board reviews policies and procedures on a regular cycle. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/ guardians, is an important part of the review process.

All policies available for comment are sent to school council chairs, and are posted on the <u>Board website</u> along with information about how to provide feedback. The policies and proposals currently available for comment include:

The following policies with investigative components:

- Professional Misconduct and Progressive Discipline
- Respectful Workplaces and Learning Environments
- Supporting Community Concerns

A proposal for next steps on the process for addressing concerns raised by students, staff and community members.

To learn more, visit www.yrdsb.ca/aboutus/policy/



April is Autism Awareness Month April 2nd - World Autism Awarenes Day



At Castlemore, we celebrate by wearing blue and by raising a flag. Around the world, many famous buildings, choose to "light it up blue" or raise a flag to spread awareness and celebrate Autism, specifically early diagnosis, early intervention, acceptance, and support. We know so many people in our school who have Autism and we celebrate their strengths and achievements every day. Our Spirit Committee did an excellent job sharing information about Autism, and encouraging us to wear blue on April 3rd! Visit www.autismspeaks.ca to learn more about Autism.



PLANNING FOR 2017–2018



Our preparations for the 2017-2018 school year are underway, and our success depends on accurate projections of the school population.

Do you have a younger child at home whom you have not yet registered?

Do you have new neighbours who need to register their child?

Are you moving to another address within our attendance area? Please check with our Office for required paperwork. Are you moving out of our School area?

If you are moving out of our school area, please complete the form below and return it to the School as soon as possible

My child(ren), (current grade), will not be attending Castlemore Public School in September 2.	(name(s), who is/are in grade(s) ptember, 2017.		
We will be moving to	(please provide name of new school, if known).		
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date		

KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 8 REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2017-2018 year began in January. Children born in 2013 are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September, 2017. Those born in 2012 who are not currently attending public school are eligible for Senior Kindergarten in September, 2017. (Please note JK students presently at CPS do not have to re-register for Senior Kindergarten.). For <u>new students</u> born 2004-2011 entering Gr. 1-8, please drop by the office to pick up and complete a registration form. Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The following original documents are required for registration:

- Birth Verification of student, which may include, but not limited to, birth certificate; statement of birth; birth registration; refugee claimant form; permanent resident card; confirmation of permanent residence (not application for); baptismal certificate; passport; citizenship card; First Nation, Métis, Inuit ancestry; record of landing; substitute registration of birth or adoption; or other Ontario government sanctioned document approved by the superintendent of schools
- Custody/Adoption documentation if applicable
- Proof of Residency of the student two documents, one from each of the categories below showing the home address;
- Category A notice of tax assessment, current rental/lease agreement, agreement to purchase including proof of purchase provided before the pupil attends the school, or property tax bill, and
- Category B— utility bill, bank statement or other official document

If you have neighbours who live within our school boundary, and who have not yet registered their school-aged children at Castlemore, please ask them to register ASAP. A Kindergarten parent information session for pre-registered students will be held on Thursday, May 11th, 2017 from 6:30—8:00 p.m.

Student Busing Eligibility



Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/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.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

Bikes and Skateboards at School



Students and parents are reminded that while we do encourage all students to walk, bike, skateboard or roller-blade to school, we have some safety rules regarding their use.



Please remember the following:

- 1. Students are to wear the proper safety gear including: helmet, wrist and knee guards, etc.
- 2. Students are to either lock their bike to the fence beside the school parking lot area or on the bike rack located on the northeast corner of our school. Students can carry their skateboard and/or roller-blades into the school and lock them in their locker.
- 3. Once on school property, students must dismount from their bike or walk and carry their board or rollerblades. For the safety of all, they are not allowed to use these items on the school property.

LOST AND FOUND



Parents are asked to check the Lost & Found items to see if there are any items belonging to their children. These items have been placed on tables near the school library. There are a number of jackets, snow pants, sweaters, gloves, and water bottles. Please note that all remaining items will be sent to a local charity mid-April.

YRDSB SURVEY FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

We will be inviting parents/guardians to participate in a survey May 1-19, 2017. This survey provides an important opportunity for parent/guardian voice. Results will be used to guide planning to support student achievement and well-being.

You may complete the survey online or on paper. The online survey will be available in English. Paper surveys will be available from the school office in English, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hebrew, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Sri Lankan Tamil, Urdu and Vietnamese.

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.

Information about how to access the online survey will be sent home with students at the end of April. Please contact the school if you have any questions.



Parking Lot and Kiss n' Ride Safety



Student safety is a priority at Castlemore PS. In an effort to maintain student safety in the parking lot, we are asking students and families to use the designated crosswalk. Crossing at points other than the crosswalk may not permit the same level of visibility that motorists require to safely maneuver their vehicle through the parking lot. Please use the sidewalk when walk around the parking lot area.







The Kiss n' Ride continues to be a busy area during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. To keep this area safe for students and families, please be mindful of the following points:

- If you need to exit your car, please find a safe and legal parking spot.
- If you are walking, please do not cross in the driving portion of the KISS and RIDE area. Please use the sidewalks and locations with crossing guards.
- Please pull up your car as far as possible to allow other drivers to use the Kiss and Ride area
- Students are to exit the vehicle on the side adjacent to the sidewalk
- Please use the outside exit lane following drop off
- Please drive carefully and watch for pedestrians

HEALTHY SCHOOLS



Tips for a Healthy Smile!

Oral health is important to overall health.

Here are some tips for a healthy smile.



Tips for brushing:

- □ Don't rush your brush; brush twice a day for two minutes, especially before bedtime
- Rinse your mouth with water after meals and snacks to reduce acid and remove food debris
- ☐ Wait 30 minutes after meals/snacks/beverages before brushing
- □ Brush gently
- □ Use a fluoridated toothpaste
 - Children under three years of age or who cannot spit should use non-fluoridated toothpaste or plain water unless advised otherwise by their oral health professional

Tips for flossing:

- ☐ Floss daily
- ☐ Floss before brushing

Tips to help lower acidity in your mouth:

- □ Rinse with water after eating/drinking; especially after consuming acidic foods/drinks or those containing sugar
- ☐ Chew sugar free gum
- ☐ Use a straw if consuming drinks high in sugar, like juices, sodas and sports drinks

(to minimize exposure of teeth to sugar)

Oral health is linked to overall health

☐ Visit an oral health care professional regularly



Visit <u>york.ca/dental</u> to learn more about York Region Public Health Dental Program services provided to children 17 years of age and under.

1-800-361-5653 TTY 1-866-252-9933 **Community and Health Services**

Public Health

York Region Health Connection

www.york.ca





Helping kids eat well and perform better.

WELCOME SPRING!

Spring is in the air! Celebrate the arrival of Spring with our annual Spring Special and enjoy our April specials and combos for the whole month!

2017 Spring Special

Butter Chicken with Basmati Rice and a mini Vanilla Cupcake topped with a fresh Strawberry.

*Gluten-Free option available.



April Features

Available as an entrée only or as a combo

Chicken Shawarma in a whole wheat pita

(Shawarma chicken strips, shredded red cabbage, cucumbers, lettuce and a creamy cucumber dressing wrapped in a pita)

*Halal option available.

Falafel in a whole wheat pita

(Crispy falafel, shredded red cabbage, cucumbers, lettuce and a creamy cucumber dressing wrapped in a pita)



Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at www.kidskitchen.ca

Orders are accepted until 10am the previous business day (on Friday for Monday orders).

Spend more quality time with your kids. Leave the lunches to us!

905.944.0210 | www.kidskitchen.ca | information@kidskitchen.ca







The York Region District School Board Summer Institute is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Programs are offered at in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

YMCA Before and Aftercare programs available at all locations

YMCA Before and After Care Registration

Weekly Sessions July 4, 2017 to August 11, 2017

For registration information and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit www.yrdsb.ca and select programs and services.

Summer Institute Site

Armadale S.I.

Crosby Heights S.I.

Discovery S.I. (located at Teston Village P.S.)

Lakeside S.I.

Lake Wilcox S.I.

Maple Leaf S.I. (located at Glen Cedar P.S.)

Milliken Mills S.I. (located at Highgate P.S.)

Oscar Peterson S.I.

Sixteenth Avenue S.I.

Unionville Meadows S.I.

Woodbridge S.I.

Address

11 Coppard Ave., Markham

190 Neal Dr., Richmond Hill

80 Murray Farm Lane., Maple

213 Shorecrest Rd., Keswick

80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill

915 Wayne Dr., Newmarket

35 Highgate Dr., Markham

850 Hoover Park Dr., Stouffville

400 Sixteenth Ave., Richmond Hill

355 South Unionville Ave., Markham

60 Burwick Ave., Woodbridge

For additional information please email performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca or call 905-884-2046 ext. 240.





Simplified Chinese

约克区教育局的暑期学院是一个提供学术,休闲娱乐和体育活动的课程,它是本着安大略省幼儿园到8年级的儿童和青年课程所特意连接开设的。

从2017年7月4日至2017年8月11日,地区内11所小学每周都提供课程。

课程计划和注册信息均可在约克区教育局网站

http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.aspx 查看。

如需要更多資料可电邮到 performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca 或致电 905-884-2046 暑期学院办公室分机 240 查询。

Hindi

यॉर्क क्षेत्र के जिला स्कूल बोर्ड के ग्रीष्मकालीन संस्थान एक कार्यक्रम है जो बाल विहार से ग्रेड 8 के बच्चों के लिए औंटारियो पाठ्यक्रम के साथ लिंक, शैक्षिक, खेल-कूद और पुष्ट कार्यक्रमों और गतिविधियों को प्रदान करता है।

साप्ताहिक सत्र पूरे क्षेत्र के 11 प्राथमिक विद्यालयों में 4 जुलाई 2017 से 11 अगस्त 2017 को पेशकश किए जाये गै।

ग्रीष्मकालीन संस्थान कार्यक्रम और पंजीकरण के बारे में सूचना YRDSB वेबसाइट पर कार्यक्रमों और सेवाओं के तहत उपलब्ध है।

http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.aspx

अधिक जानकारी के लिए ईमेल: performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca या 905-884-2046 ext 240 पर ग्रीष्मकालीन संस्थान कार्यालय से संपर्क करें।

Tamil

யோக் பிராந்திய கல்விச்சபையால் மழலையர் முதல் தரம் எட்டு வரையான மாணவர்களுக்கான கோடைகால வகுப்புக்கள். இதில் கல்வி, பொழுதுபோக்கு, மற்றும் விளையாட்டு நிகழ்ச்சிகளுடன் ஒன்டாரியோ பாடத்திட்டத்திற்கமைய நடாத்தப்படும்.

ஆடி 4 2016 முதல் ஆவணி 12 2016 வரையுள்ள காலப்பகுதியில் வாரந் தோறும் 11 ஆரம்பப் பாடசாலைகளில்

இயங்கவுள்ளது.

பதிவு தகவல்களை பெற விரும்பினால் யோக் பிராந்திய கல்விச் சபை இணையத்தளத்திற்கு சென்று திட்டங்கள் மற்றும் சேவைகள் பகுதியை பார்க்கவும்.

http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.aspx

ஏதேனும் கேள்விகள் இருப்பின் மின்னஞ்சல் மூலமாகவோ அல்லது தொலை பேசி மூலமாகவோ தொடர்பு கொள்ளவும[்] மினன் ஞச் ல்: <u>performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca</u> 905-884-2046 ext. 240.



DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2017-2018

Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

So what are you waiting for?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 15 languages at 4 high schools.

Learning another language...

- · can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: http://www.ilea.ca 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	Level 2 (Grade 11)	Level 3 (Grade 12)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
		Prerequisite: Level 1	Prerequisite: Level	MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S
ARABIC	LYA BD	LYA CU	LYA DU		Saturday		
CANTONESE	LKC BD	LKC CU	LKC DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD	LYF CU	LYF DU			Saturday	
GERMAN	LWG BD	LWG CU	LWG DU		Saturday		
GREEK	LBG BD	LBG CU	LBG DU		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	LIG CU	LIG DU	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD	LKJ CU	LKJ DU			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD	LKK CU	LKK DU		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	LKB CU	LKB DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	LKM CU	LKM DU	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED			LKB DUE	Saturday			
ADVANCED PLACEMENT							
PUNJABI	LIP BD	LIP CU	LIP DU	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD	LRR CU	LRR DU		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD	LWS CU	LWS DU		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	LIT CU	LIT DU	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	LIU CU	LIU DU	Saturday			

Register online via Career Cruising commencing May 1st, 2017.

- · Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- · Students who have pre-registered in class will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course locations will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class



Career Cruising On-line Grade 8 International Languages Credit Continuing Education - Quick Tip Sheet

For York Region District School Board Grade 8 students, you must use the Career Cruising Course Planner to register for International Languages Credit Program offered at Saturday School or Tuesday Night School. Career Cruising can be accessed wherever you have Internet access.

How to access and register for Continuing Education courses:

- 1. Go to www2.careercruising.com/default/cplogin/YORK
- Login in by entering your username (YORK-XXXXXXXX where XXXXXXXXX is your 9-digit student number).
 When logging in for the first time, the password will be the student's birth date using the format mmddyyyy. The
 system will prompt the student for a new password after successfully logging in the first time.
- To retrieve a lost password, click on the words "Forgot my username and/or password" found under the login box.
 On the next page, enter the email address that you originally entered when you first logged in to the portfolio home page.
- 4. To register for the Continuing Education course you wish to take, on the left hand side of the screen under

 what do you want to do?

 click on

 ConEd
- 6. Choose the "Continuing Education Type" from the drop down menu International Languages Credit Program
- 7. Choose the Discipline from drop down menu.

On the right hand side under the heading

8. Using the drop down menu under "Discipline", Select - Classical and International Languages next select the course you wish to take and click on it. (All the Courses which are available will listed by Code course and Languages Name). Ensure that you have selected the Level 1 course in your desired language.

Course / School	Credit	Туре	Grade
LIGAD1 Gujarati, Level 1 Middlefield International Languages Night School Sa	1	Academic Regular	n/a
LIGBD1 Gujarati Middlefield International Languages Night School Sa	1	Academic Regular	n/a
LIGDU1 Gujarati, Level 4 Middlefield International Languages Night School Sa	1	University Regular	n/a

- 10. The Coned course will now appear listed in the column before **Year 9 called Previous**.
- 11. Once you have registered you must click on the the sign off sheet and get your parent to sign for parental approval. Return sign off sheet on first class of International Languages Credit School Location.

-1- March 2017



Monday, April 10, 2017

PARENTS' Support Group

Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult?

Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- · meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
 - · find encouragement and emotional support
 - learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
 - learn how to access resources in the community

When	Second Monday of every month NO pre-registration. Free childcare sign up parentengagement@kinark.on.ca Meetings run every month all year. Chapter leader email york@pcmh.ca	Second Tuesday of every month NO pre-registration info@theyorkcentre.ca Meetings run every month except August.
Time	6:30-8:00pm	7:00- 9:00 pm
Where	Aurora Kinark Office at 24 Orchard Heights Blvd. Unit 101A Aurora. (Entrance is at east side of grocery store down the hill) Free parking & very close to Yonge St. for public transit.	The York Center at 11225 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill. Free parking.

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit www.pcmh.ca.



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				SUNDAY, April 2 is World Autism Day
3	4	5	6	7
Wear blue - support Autism	Gr 5 - Swim - Birta Pizza Day		Gr 6 - VIP	Gr 8 - VIP
CD3	CD4	CD5	CD1	CD2
10	11 ♦Passover/Pesach Gr 5 - Swim - Birta Sub Day	12	13 ♦Vaisakhi 6:30 pm - School Council Meeting	14 ♦Good / Holy Friday NO SCHOOL
CD3				
17 Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL	JSK - SIS - Jacobson / Wong Gr 4/5 - Swim - Birta Pizza Day	19	20 ♦Ridvan	21
	CD2	CD3	CD4	CD5
24	25 Gr 5 - Swim: Birta Gr 4 - 8- Area Band Concert Sub Day	26 JSK - SIS - Spada / Manhas	27 SK - SIS Suganth	28
•		Area Jr. Basketball		-
CD1	CD2	CD3	CD4	CD5

CD = Cycle Day

Or Days = NO Kids Kitchen

♦ = Faith Day