



# THE CEDARWOOD TIMES

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## HELLO FAMILIES!

Dear Cedarwood Families & Community:

It was great to know that so many of our families were able to connect virtually with our staff during our recent Curriculum/Meet the Teacher evening. While we aren't always able to "get together" as we usually have done in the past, we are continually developing skills to be together in an online format. Teachers would have had the opportunity to share an overview for the year by grade or cohort and to establish the communication plan between home and school to ensure the ongoing success for our students.

Our highest priority for our students and staff attending Cedarwood P.S. in the face to face environment is everyone's safety and well-being. We regularly review our processes with students and staff, which include mandatory proper wearing of masks and PPE where appropriate, dedicated doors and stairwells for each cohort, staggered recess and lunch times outside to reduce the number of students on the yard, dedicated zones on the yard for each cohort, limits to number of students in the washrooms, reminders to wash and sanitize hands, frequent sanitizing of high touch points by our caretaking staff. We ask everyone's support by asking that everyone conduct a daily health check prior to coming to school and remain home if you are unwell. Please see the attached Ministry of Health Covid 19 checklist to support this process in this newsletter. Please realize that decisions related to possible Covid 19 cases and actions are made by the York Region Public Health and that enquires should be directed to them.

As we approach this winter season, we remind parents that students must be sent with appropriate clothing for the outdoors. **This includes a hat, mitts/gloves, boots and a warm coat/snow pants.**

It is advisable for students to wear layers to stay warm and to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet. **Please make sure all articles of clothing are labelled to avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found.**

**All students are expected to go out for every recess and to last the duration of 40 minutes.** The administration decides at the time of each recess whether students will remain inside or go outside for a full or shortened recess period by keeping a close eye on weather conditions, including temperature and wind chill. We would ask that parents be sensitive to the demands placed on the school secretaries and not call to inquire about indoor recess, but rather that **parents send their children dressed for outdoor play.**





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We are working collaboratively with staff and our students towards the building of an Anti-Racist learning environment for all. Guided by the YRDSB's Indigenous Education and Equity Strategy, we are striving to ensure everyone's mental health and well-being are supported by a culture that promotes a Caring Community in which barriers are recognized and addressed, inequities are eliminated and all members of our school community are valued and included. This includes our students, families and staff who are currently learning in the Elementary Virtual School. We look forward to the day when we can all be learning under one roof in an environment which is free of forms of colonial oppression and where all identities are valued and included.

Families will have the opportunity to engage in Parent-Teacher conferences and/or Student-Led conferences on the evening of November 12th, 2020 or morning of November 13th, 2020 (PA Day). These conferences will, once again differ from previous years in that they will be virtual. Please ensure you have access to your EDSBY account in order to schedule a time for the conference. Families will receive their child's progress report on November 19th as a follow up to the conferences. This report will provide an assessment to date of a student's progress in each subject with some suggested next steps for continued success. We wish you continued health and wellness.

Sincerely,

G. Young  
PRINCIPAL

P. Walker-Enniss  
VICE PRINCIPAL



## HEADS-UP ON HEAD LICE

**We no longer do mass screening of students at the school, but instead opt to check heads on an as needed basis (i.e. teacher notes student scratching). It is therefore very important that parents/guardians make screening a regular part of their weekly hygiene routine.**

**It's that time of year again to remind your children not to share personal articles of clothing such as brushes, combs, hats, sporting helmets, scarves, coats and headphones. Please encourage your child to keep hats and scarves in coat sleeves or pockets at school. Head lice are common in school age children. They are not considered to be a communicable disease and do not cause illness, however they are a nuisance and can spread easily. Anyone can get them.**

# COMING SOON

1. NOV. 4: **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING (6-7:30 PM)**
2. NOV. 11: **REMEMBRANCE DAY**
3. NOV. 12 & 13: **STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER VIRTUAL INTERVIEWS (PROGRESS REPORTS)**
4. NOV. 13: **P.A. DAY**
5. NOV. 18: **GRADE 8 VIRTUAL GRADUATION**
6. NOV. 18 & 19: **REPORT CARDS GO HOME**

# HALLOWEEN REMINDERS FOR FAMILIES

**THIS YEAR, HALLOWEEN WILL LOOK DIFFERENT FOR YORK REGION FAMILIES. IN LIGHT OF COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS, DOOR-TO-DOOR TRICK-OR-TREATING IS NOT RECOMMENDED BY ONTARIO'S CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR MODIFIED STAGE 2 AREAS, INCLUDING YORK REGION. THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS REMAINS A TOP PRIORITY. FOR STUDENTS WHO WISH TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN AT SCHOOL, PLEASE KEEP THESE REMINDERS IN MIND:**

- **WHEN PLANNING COSTUMES THAT NO REPLICA WEAPONS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED.**
- **COSTUMES SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS. SYMBOLS OR OBJECTS REPRESENTATIVE OF A PERSON'S CULTURE OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS SHOULD NOT BE WORN AS A COSTUME.**

*DUE TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS, PLEASE BE AWARE THAT:*

- **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE WASHROOMS TO CHANGE INTO COSTUMES.**
- **NO HALLOWEEN MASKS ARE TO BE WORN AND STUDENTS SHOULD ONLY USE SINGLE USE MAKE-UP (NO SHARING OF MAKE-UP).**
- **STUDENTS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR PPE FACE MASKS (GR. 4 - 2) MUST CONTINUE TO DO SO, AND STUDENTS IN YOUNGER GRADE (FDK - GR. 3) ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE TO WEAR THEIR PPE FACE MASKS.**
- **COSTUMES SHOULD BE OF SIMPLE DESIGN (TO LIMIT PERSONAL ITEMS BEING BROUGHT TO SCHOOL), AND TREATS CANNOT BE SHARED.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO STAY SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN AND FOR ALTERNATE HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES, PLEASE VISIT YORK REGION PUBLIC HEALTH WEBSITE.**





CLASS of 2025

## Interested in the International Baccalaureate Programme?

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme is student-centred with a focus on developing intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills for students who live, learn and work in a rapidly changing world. The Programme emphasizes critical, compassionate thinking, community involvement and intercultural understanding. It is founded on international standards and assessment. Students who complete the Programme earn **both** an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and an IB Diploma.

We invite current **Grade 8** students to find their area IB School on the [YRDSB School Locator](#)



**IB Application Information** will be available on Thursday, October 22, 2020

The 5 York Region District School Board schools offering the IB Diploma Programme will be posting all relevant information about the IB Programme and the application process on the IB page of their school websites.



### Registration Window

Registration **BEGINS** Monday, October 26 @ 9:00am  
Registration **CLOSES** Wednesday, November 11 @ 11:59pm

For more information, please follow the hyperlinks to the IB webpage of your designated IB Home School:

**Alexander Mackenzie**

High School  
(Richmond Hill)

**Bayview**

Secondary School  
(Richmond Hill)

**Milliken Mills**

High School  
(Markham)

**Maple**

High School  
(Maple)

**Dr. G.W. Williams**

Secondary School  
(Aurora)



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For additional information, please visit [www.yrdsb.ca/IB](http://www.yrdsb.ca/IB)



# Sankofa Mentoring Program

FOR BLACK YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12-18

*"Bridging the Past with the Present*

*...Navigating the Present into the Future"*

- MENTORSHIP • LEADERSHIP • CULTURAL EXPERIENCE
- FIELD TRIPS • LIFE SKILLS • RETREATS • SELF-AWARENESS
- CAREER EXPLORATION • ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The **Sankofa Mentoring Program** is rooted in an African Rites of Passage framework that highlights the principles of Unity, Self-Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, Faith and Self-Respect.

WHEN WE MEET:

**Now Open for New Registration  
(Space Limited)**

**Virtual Program/ Workshop  
(Due to Covid-19)**

For more information please contact the **Program Manager** at [Pgmgr@yorkregionaacc.ca](mailto:Pgmgr@yorkregionaacc.ca) or call **647 807-2016**.

[www.yorkregionaacc.ca](http://www.yorkregionaacc.ca)



## **Renewed Computer Technology Program - Wonderful Opportunity for your families**

**As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed** Computer Technology (RCT), families with children enrolled in our Board have the opportunity to purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost.

Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at the school and either receive government assistance payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards\*.

**RENEWED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY FLYER  
TO ACCESS THE OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE CLICK THE LINK ABOVE.**

**To view the RCT Tech Program Flyer translations in simplified Chinese, Tamil, Farsi, Hindi, please see the email attachments.**







# WEAR A MASK

All students in grades 4-8 must wear face masks. Students in Grades JK-3 are highly encouraged to wear a mask. Please make ensure your child wears a face mask everyday and carries extras.