



Cedarwood Public School

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A Message From The Administration...

As October progresses, the first number of weeks of the school year have been an exciting and very active time at Cedarwood P.S.! The Km Club and cross country team have had many of our students running daily, our Grade 4 and 5 students have been participating in the Cedarwood Flag football League (CFL), many of our Grade 3's have started Swim to Survive, and our Grade 1 and 7 classes presented engaging integrated Student Success Assemblies related to respect, the first touchstone statement, and Terry Fox's legacy. The Terry Fox Run was once again our charitable focus for the fall and was a very successful event. As a school community, we raised over \$1325 for cancer research. We thank the many staff members and students who helped to organize the run, and we thank the families who were able to contribute a 'toonie for Terry'. The funds raised will support Canadian researchers in continuing to look for ways to treat and find cures for the various forms of cancer.

The results of the Grade 3 and 6 E.Q.A.O. assessments from the 2013 – 2014 school year have recently been released and we were able to share them in detail with parents at the first School Council meeting of the year on Wednesday, October 1st. The general results are shared below but more detailed information can be found on our school's website. You can access them by following these steps. Go to www.yrdsb.ca, click on schools, drop down to 'find a school', click on 'school profiles', click on 'Cedarwood P.S.', then click on 'E.Q.A.O. Results'. We would encourage you to go to pages 7 and 11 respectively to see an accurate reflection of how our students did in Grades 3 and 6 once our exempted students have been removed from the data.

If you go to those pages, you will find the following percentages of participating students who achieved at level 3 or 4 in the tested subject areas:

		School (Cedarwood P.S.)	Board	Province
In Grade	Reading	73%	79%	72%
	Writing	88%	88%	80%
	Math	75%	81%	69%
In Grade	Reading	83%	88%	81%
	Writing	90%	88%	80%
	Math	74%	69%	56%

Overall, we are quite pleased with the results as they indicate that our students are continuing to make positive progress and that our focused school initiatives are helping our students to achieve to high levels. What was really exciting this year was the significant increase in numbers of students achieving at level 4 in both Grades 3 and 6. We look forward to using this year's data to inform our school improvement planning, particularly in the area of mathematics.

It was great to see so many families at our Meet the Staff Night. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to visit the spaces that their children are learning in and also to meet their child's teacher(s). We were also pleased to not have to reorganize our classes and to be able to remove the tentative label from our organization moving forward.

The first School Council Meeting of the year was relatively well-attended and the general members of council were determined. We will be deciding on the formal executive positions at our next meeting in November. We look forward to collaboratively working with the entire council this year! Our next meeting is being held on Wednesday, November 5th at 6:15 pm in the library. All interested parents are encouraged to attend.

As always, your child's teacher and the administration are available to discuss the needs of your child. Please call the school to arrange an appointment.

Paul Battler

Padmini Padiachy

Milliken Mills Track and Field Event

Our Area Cross-Country Meet was one to remember. Our students performed brilliantly! They demonstrated caring, perseverance, good sportsmanship, a commitment to fitness, and incredible school pride! The support the students gave each other (through cheers, words of encouragement, even stopping in the middle of a race to help a friend back to his feet) was something we were very proud of.

Congratulations Cheetahs on a job well done!

The following students will be invited to participate in the Regional Cross-Country Meet:

Atom Girls Race

Samira 4th place
Sabad 5th place

Junior Boys Race

Aaron 3rd place
Lakshayan 11th place

Intermediate Boys Race

Sharangan 4th place
Akshayan 6th place

Senior Boys Race

Miethunn 9th place



Our **Junior Boys' Team** (grade 6) will be invited to participate as well. As a group, they came in 2nd place overall. Way to go, Cheetahs!

OCTOBER'S CHARACTER ...

INITIATIVE

We act without being prompted by others. We are eager to do what needs to be done without having to be told to do it. We take the first step towards the achievement of a goal.

SEPTEMBER'S CHARACTER: RESPECT

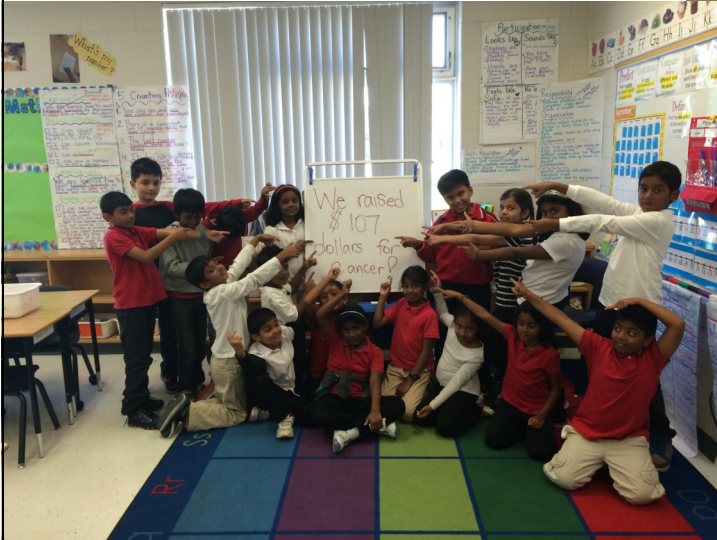
STUDENT SUCCESS CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO:

ABICHANDANI:	<i>Sheema; Waqar</i>	JEAN-PHILIPPE:	<i>Fatemah</i>	KASSARDJIAN
ANDERSON:	<i>Krishna</i>		<i>Nira</i>	IRANI
BALA:	<i>Suruthi; Abinesh</i>		<i>Arthika</i>	McDONALD
BHATT:	<i>Fahad; Jenivan; Tyler; Bhavna</i>		<i>Nandini</i>	HAMAWI
CHAN:	<i>Jomily</i>		<i>Shajja</i>	SASAKI
CHEN:	<i>Aliza; Arya; Umama</i>		<i>Dharini</i>	ANDERSON
COLABAWALLA:	<i>Naaz; Luxsan</i>			
DOBOSZ:	<i>Raghangi, Luxsana, Gunaseelan, Jeevantharan</i>			
FATIMA:	<i>Shahana; Noah</i>			
GANESHAN:	<i>Lulu; Sayana</i>			
GREWAL:	<i>Krishnan; Hadia</i>			
HAMAWI:	<i>Omar, Devesh, Celina</i>			
HUNT:	<i>Harris; Tarique; Sulojan; Antony; Neha; Neveta;</i>			
IRANI:	<i>Katrina, Jasleen</i>			
KASSABIAN:	<i>Mae, Hasan, Aariz, Justin H.</i>			
KASSARDJIAN:	<i>Joshua</i>			
KUTTY:	<i>Aliyah, Carol</i>			
LAZAREVSKI:	<i>Ajith, Piravin, Khushi, Ashmitha</i>			
MALO:	<i>Akshaayaa, Sakina</i>			
MAWHINNEY:	<i>Eshan, Shas\\mathy, Athikan, Vinushan</i>			
MCDONALD:	<i>Maitri</i>			
MORHOVITIS:	<i>Abina; Jothine; Salvan</i>			
NANA:	<i>Vithusha</i>			
PARSONS:	<i>Varsiyini; Saad</i>			
PAUL:	<i>Sajey; Vabi</i>			
PERSAUD:	<i>Aden, Aniyah, Mathuran</i>			
PRASHAR-GOMES:	<i>Shageeraa</i>			
SASAKI:	<i>Dilan; Sana; Thanush</i>			
SINGH:	<i>Abisha; Darsh</i>			
SZATMARI/KANARD-JANI:	<i>Arrabe; Pradeep; Esther; Lithush</i>			
DOMINGO:	<i>Shomiyaa</i>			
YEUNG:	<i>Varsan, Thardthan, Yamini</i>			
ZAKI:	<i>Ahmed, Athmika</i>			
GULAMALI:	<i>William, Dilan</i>			

TERRY FOX RUN 2014

"Even if I don't finish, we need other's to continue . Its got to keep going without me."

Terry Fox



Our annual Terry Fox event and fundraiser was a huge success. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to beat last year's amount by \$99.50 and raised \$1325.00 for a very important cause. Ms. Dobosz' class alone raised \$107.00. Way to go everyone!

Cedarwood has taken on the... "BOOK BUCKET CHALLENGE"

Engaging, Community Building, Connected to Global Community, Sharing and Celebrating Books

This idea comes from an article published in the Toronto Star:

<http://www.thestar.com/entertainment/books/2014/09/15/move-over-ice-bucket-challenge-for-the-book-bucket.html>

CELEBRATING THE POWER OF LIBRARIES *"LIBRARIES INSPIRE"* CANADA LIBRARY MONTH 2014

Starting October 1st, 2014 until October 31st, 2014.

Students, staff and our community can participate. Ask your teacher for a ballot form. Pick your favourite books that you have read and challenge someone to read them. Students can be challenged multiple times but need to submit a new list of books (see below for book list numbers per class).

Bring your completed ballot forms to the library and put them in the proper bucket (primary, junior, intermediate, staff, community).

Every day names will be drawn and shared on the announcements; every week names will be drawn for prizes and grand prizes will be given at the end.

Our goal is to have everyone participate.

ENJOY READING! Ms. Dimitriadis (Teacher/Librarian)

KINDERGARTEN CLASSES CHALLENGE OTHER KINDERGARTEN CLASSES

GRADES 1-2

BOOK LIST = 2 BOOKS, CHALLENGE 2 STUDENTS

GRADE 3-4

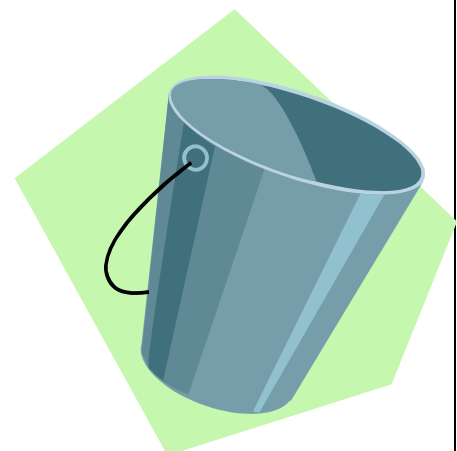
BOOK LIST = 3 BOOKS, CHALLENGE 2 STUDENTS

GRADES 5-6

BOOK LIST = 4 BOOKS, CHALLENGE 3 STUDENTS

GRADES 7-8

BOOK LIST = 5 BOOKS, CHALLENGE 3 STUDENTS



Thank you to our Cedarwood Community for participating in the Adopt-a-School program and helping us raise funds for our library!

Halloween

Each year, many of our students celebrate the long-standing tradition of Halloween. Students who participate and dress in costume must comply with the York Region District School Board's **SAFE SCHOOL'S POLICY #668.0.**

This states that costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are NOT in compliance!

Please note this applies to all students at all levels, including kindergarten.

Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to having a safe and pleasant Halloween! Specific details related to activities for the day will be communicated to your children in the near future.



GO GREEN...

Students who stay at school for lunch are encouraged to participate in...

Cedarwood's litterless lunch policy:

1. **Reduce** the amount of garbage that comes to school (**NO EXCESS PACKAGING**).
2. **Reuse** containers and bottles to transport lunch, snacks and drinks.
3. **Recycle** any appropriate items that are brought home each night.

Lets work together to reduce the amount of waste in our landfills!


Thanks,

Your ECO Team


Homework Tips To Maximize learning:

- Get enough Sleep. Eat regular Meals & Healthy Snacks
- Exercise regularly & Take short breaks during study time
- Set a consistent time when homework will be done
- Provide a quiet place free from distractions such as music, television, and devices
- Talk to your children about what they are learning in school. Praise & encourage them. Read with younger children. Check that homework is completed.
- Let your children help you in reading and writing recipes, newspapers, letters and shopping lists.
- Encourage your child to ask the teacher for help if they find the work difficult or confusing. Communicate with the teacher by way of a note in the agenda to stay updated.

October's CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, October 1
 **School Council Meeting**


Friday, October 4
Indigo Adopt a School Program to October 4
EID-UL-ADHA!
YOM KIPPUR

Monday, October 6
Milk Program Starts 
Snack Program Starts
Student Success Assembly
Grade 3...SWIM TO SURVIVE (and on OCT. 20)


Pizza Tuesday's Starting October 7

 Starting October 9

Thursday's SUBWAY lunches

Thurs., October 9 
Dental Screening
(JK, SK, Gr. 2, 4, 6, 8)

Monday, October 13
THANKSGIVING DAY!- no school

Wednesday, October 22
Picture Day 

Thursday, October 23
DIWALI!

Monday, October 27
P.A. Day—no school for students

