



Cedarwood P.S.

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<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/cedarwood.ps/Pages/default.aspx>

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Administrators' Update Reflections...

As we approach the Winter Break, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all students, families, staff and community members for making Cedarwood P.S. such a warm, welcoming and inviting place to be! We are grateful to our students for their commitment to leadership and to school spirit. We are thankful to our parents, grandparents, and caregivers for all of the support you provide in helping your child have a great day at school. We recognize the many preparations and the support you provide at home and we appreciate your partnership. We would also like to express our gratitude to our incredible staff who work tirelessly to ensure Cedarwood P.S. is a safe, welcoming and inclusive space, who make Cedarwood a beautiful and inviting space, and who ensure students experience rich programming and a wide range of co-curricular experiences.

Our School's Journey Toward Truth and Reconciliation

Our school's commitment to [Truth and Reconciliation](#) is a top priority. Recently, our Drama Club shared an original presentation at the YRDSB Quest for Well-Being Conference on November 14, 2018. Through "devised theatre", our students shared an overview of Canada's past with respect to Indigenous Peoples and shared a glimpse into our very troubling history of Residential Schools. Our students used their voice to share this truth so we can move forward in a good way, in front of hundreds of people. Audience members were moved by our students and our school's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. We thank you for your support as we continue to learn more and do more about this and expand our knowledge and practice with respect to Indigenous Ways of Knowing, Doing and Learning.

School Communication

We would also like to take a moment to highlight the ways in which we communicate with our school community.

- ❖ School Sign: Our sign is updated monthly with key dates and our monthly character trait.
- ❖ Email: We send out reminder emails and various flyers along with our E-Bulletin. Please contact the office if you have not been receiving email communication from the school.
- ❖ School Website: Please consult our school website for pertinent information, including the monthly calendar.

Upcoming Highlights...

December 12

Winter Concert Performances:
10:15-11:00 a.m. Grade K-3
1:00-1:45 p.m. Grade 3/4-8
6:30 p.m. Evening Concert
*Families are invited to daytime and evening performances

December 18

JUNIOR SWAG Workshop
Gr. 7-8

December 21

Student Success Assemblies
8:30 a.m. K-Gr. 3
10:15 a.m. Gr. 3/4-8
*Families are invited to attend

December 24-January 4

Winter Break (No School)

January 7

Back at School

January 17

School Council Meeting
6:30-8:00 p.m. (Library)
---**ALL ARE WELCOME!**---
*Open to all parents and caregivers (students may attend)

January 18

Kindergarten Registrations

February 1

P.A. Day
(No School for Students)



- ❖ **Twitter Account:** Our Twitter account shares photographs and tweets reflecting staff and student learning. You do not need a Twitter account to view the Twitter feed. Please click [here](#) to see some of the great things that are happening at Cedarwood!
- ❖ **Hard Copy:** Occasionally, hard copy notices or letters are sent home. In an effort to be environmentally responsible, we try to reduce the amount of paper notices, as much as possible.
- ❖ **Communication with Your Child's Teachers:** If you would like to communicate with your child's teacher, please write a note in your child's agenda or phone the school to leave a voice message in the staff member's voice message system. Some teachers may have additional ways of communicating with their families. A staff list with phone extensions is available on our school website [here](#).

Finally, we would like to highlight the following information:

Cedarwood P.S. School Council

Our next School Council Meeting is Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Library. Please note that anyone is welcome to attend School Council meetings. You do not need to be a Council Member and you do not have to attend all of the meetings. Children are welcome to attend.

Volunteering at Cedarwood

If you would like to volunteer at Cedarwood on a trip or in a classroom, please see Ms. Mangos in the office to pick up a detailed volunteer package. As of January 2019, we will require a Vulnerable Sector Screening for all volunteers, including parent volunteers on school trips, in order to meet the requirements of our Board policy and procedure. A VSS can be obtained from York Regional Police.

Kiss and Ride Safety

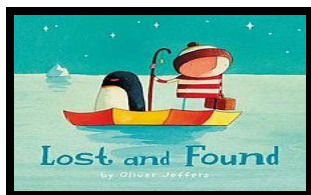
Please ensure that students have completely walked away from your vehicle prior to driving away. Please ensure that students are wearing a seatbelt until your vehicle comes to a complete stop and that booster seats are used where applicable. For everyone's safety, please have students exit the car on the passenger side. This may require arranging your vehicle so that infant seats for pre-school age children are located on the driver's side of the vehicle so that school-age children can exit on the passenger side.

We hope all of our Cedarwood Families and staff members have a safe, relaxing and very happy holiday during the Winter Break!

Mr. J. Young
Principal

Ms. A. Porter
Vice-Principal

On Behalf of the Cedarwood P.S. Staff



Please drop by the lost and found no later than December 21, 2018 to claim any missing items as they will be donated following this date.

Holiday Hero Tree Campaign

The Cedarwood P.S. Changemakers are collecting the following *NEW* items to be packaged for those in need, prior to the Winter Break:

- ❖ **NEW Adult Mittens**
- ❖ **NEW Adult Gloves, Hats, Scarves**
- ❖ **NEW Adult Socks**
- ❖ **NEW/Packaged lotion and lip balm**
- ❖ **Children's winter clothing items will also be donated**

If you would like to contribute, please drop off your donations to the front foyer.



Winter Clothing

As the cold, wet weather is here, please remember to...

- ❖ pack extra socks and clothing in your child's backpack
- ❖ ensure your child remembers their winter boots, winter coat, hat, gloves, and snow pants



Cedarwood P.S. Winter Concert

Wednesday, December 12, 2018



Daytime Performances

10:15-11:00 a.m. Grade K-3 Students Attending

1:00-1:45 p.m. Grade 3/4-8 Students Attending

Evening Performance

6:30-7:30 p.m.

*Families are invited to daytime and evening performances



Program

Junior/Intermediate Choir

Conducted by Ms. Panakos

Grade 5 Recorder Club

Conducted by Ms. Panakos

Intermediate Band

Conducted by Ms. Panakos

Room 112 Kindergarten Class

Conducted by Ms. Prashar-Gomes and Ms. Abbasi

Room 222 Grade 3 Class

Conducted by Ms. Nicholson

Room 223 and 225 Grade 3 Classes

Conducted by Ms. Parsons and Ms. Gurpersaud

Room 246 Grade 5 Class

Conducted by Ms. McGraw

Room 139 and 141 Grade 2 Classes

Conducted by Ms. Alexan

****Reminder About Volunteering in the School or on Field Trips****

If you would like to volunteer in a classroom or on a field trip, please obtain your **Vulnerable Sector Screening** from York Region Police by January 2019. Residents of York Region must bring two pieces of government-issued identification to obtain a PVSC. The identification must confirm your name, date of birth and address and one piece of government identification must include a photo (e.g., Driver's License & Passport).

Please bring a letter from the Cedarwood P.S. office along with your identification to:

Community Resource Centre/Customer Service

Unit#10720 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, ON

Monday to Friday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m./Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

1-866-876-5423 ext. 7655

Please note there is a fee to obtain a VSS from York Region Police.

Please see Ms. Mangos in the office for information and forms related to volunteering in our school or on field trips. Please call if you have any questions: School Office 905 294-5756.

Winter Math

Winter break is right around the corner! This is a great opportunity to take time with your child and connect math to the real world. Below are some ideas that will help get you started:

- Grocery shopping can involve money, budgeting, estimating, adding, subtracting, and measuring
- Cooking can involve weighing, measuring, ordering, estimating, adding, and multiplying
- Organizing for a party can mean matching numbers of people to plates, cutlery, area of tables, ordering food, and seating arrangements
- Going on a trip by car or plane involves time, distance, budgeting, speed, comparing various routes, and shape scavenger hunts
- Completing a half finished symmetrical design using playdough (e.g., half a butterfly, tree)
- Building a snowman can involve measuring, spatial reasoning, and estimating

These ideas will help your child see the importance of math in their everyday lives through fun and interactive ways.

http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/math/schoolleader/ideas_for_school_leaders.html

The Ontario Ministry of Education recently released information for families about *Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math*. You can access this information at

<https://math.thelearningexchange.ca/training/provincial-math-training-learning-modules/parents2/>

To find out what your child will learn in math this year or to find other fun activities that you can do together as a family, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Math/Pages/default.aspx>.

Be sure to also try our [Problem of the Month](#)

DECEMBER ECO THEME: REDUCE YOUR FOOTPRINT!!!

Our carbon footprint increases in the winter time. To Reduce energy consumption and stay warm, take the following actions:

- Keep heat in your homes by keeping exterior windows and doors closed.
- Ensure that weather stripping is in place around doors and windows.
- Ensure that all heating and cooling vents and radiators are clear of obstructions.
- Wear fall/winter appropriate clothing in layers to keep warm and comfortable.
- Use blinds to assist with heating and cooling.



The Eco Club will be holding a "Bag 2 School" fundraiser in January/February. Help your school and your planet by donating unwanted used clothing. The more we collect, the more funds we raise! You can donate ALL men's, women's and children's clothing (e.g., footwear, outerwear, hats, mittens, scarves, belts, towels, purses, backpacks & linens). Please start to collect these items in your homes in preparation for this initiative. The items can be brought to school beginning in mid-January.

YRDSB Human Rights Commissioner's Office

York Region District School Board is committed to creating safe, equitable and inclusive learning and working environments. As part of this commitment, the Board established a Human Rights Commissioner's Office (HRCO).

The HRCO was created in response to a growing awareness that a space was needed within the school board environment to effectively address issues of discrimination and harassment specific to the Human Rights Code.

The HRCO is an arms-length office for Human Rights Code compliance under the Board's Human Rights Policy.

The HRCO website provides the YRDSB community access to important information related to human rights, a confidential complaint reporting process and contact information for the office.

The website can be found at www.yrdsb.ca/hrco.

Cedarwood's Food & Nutrition Policy

If your child is celebrating a birthday and you would like to send something to school, please consider celebrating with non-food activities such as loot bags with non-food items such as pencils and erasers or picking your child's favourite book and having it read by a teacher. Please note that due to nut allergies and in honoring our nutrition guidelines, cakes, donuts, cookies, etc, will not be distributed to the other students in a class if they are brought to school by families.

If food is used in the classroom for any other occasion, it must be limited to healthy options such as vegetables, fruit, cheese, yogurt, whole wheat crackers etc. For further information, please see the Guidelines & Standards from the Ministry of Child and Youth Services for Healthy Lunches and Snacks.

Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 18, 2019

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 18, 2019 for the 2019-20 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2019, 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 your local school.



Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations Information Sessions

Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 17, 2019 at 7 p.m.



Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2019

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 18, 2019. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2019, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. This Office Index Card must be signed by the Principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register, between January 18 and February 8, 2019. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 8, 2019. Late registrations will be treated on a first- come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Accommodation Plan

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.



Healthy Eating, Healthy Minds

We know that healthy eating is good for a healthy heart, but did you know that good nutrition is also good for a healthy mind?

Choosing whole, unprocessed foods and including vegetables and fruits with every meal and snack may improve mood, alertness, concentration, performance, memory and the ability to acquire knowledge. It will also improve symptoms of stress, anxiety and depression in [adults and children](#).

Choose more of the following foods for a healthy mind:

- Vegetables and fruit, particularly dark green and orange vegetables and fruit
- Whole grains like oatmeal and barley
- Milk or fortified soy beverages, yogurt or other fermented foods
- Beans and other legumes
- Fish and lean meats

Healthy eating for mental health isn't just what you eat; it's also about how you eat! Planning, cooking and enjoying meals with family and friends, and teaching your children to cook, promotes social and emotional connections, which can help build positive mental health.

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Int'l Day for Persons with Disabilities H20 Presentation by Town of Markham	4 H20 Presentation by Town of Markham	5 H20 Presentation by Town of Markham	6 H20 Presentation by Town of Markham	7 H20 Presentation by Town of Markham	8
9	10 Human Rights Day	11 Gr. 6-8 M.C.I. Music Department Performance @ Cedarwood P.S.	12 Winter Concert 10:15 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	13	14	15
16	17	18 Junior Swag Workshop r. 7-8	19	20	21 Student Success Assemblies 8:30 a.m. Primary-Gr.3 10:15 a.m. Gr.4-8	22
23/30	24/31 W B	25 I R	26 N E	27 T A	28 R K To Jan.4/19	29 Happy New Year!



Cedarwood's November STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following students have demonstrated... **C O U R A G E**

Prashar Gomes & Abbasi: Fayee, Noor, Kimi	Takahashi: Misha, Ali
Chen: Carol, Niharikkaa, Roshan, Usman	Nandakumar: Rosalyn
Campbell & Arunasalam: Shelagh, Sanjam	Parsons: Sylvia, Andrew
Bhayat & Husain: Anjana, Claire, Doris	Hunt: Hamza, Raathan, Asad, Esau, Matt, Taanya, Ruttika
Johnson & Visalingam: Hamdan, Selena, Aroosh	Sasaki: Abinash, Arthika, Canish, Raghavi
Abichandani & Jangda: Saihari, Kingsley, Issac, Ishan	Teeuwen: Darsh, Dharnicka, Hasnain
Paul: Prajain, Shayna, Gurleen	Malo: Mahnoor, Abilash, Anushiya
Park: Shlok, Hashim	Cheng: Vaishnavi, Yahya, Yuxiang
Katz: Ira, Jon Luke, Rathush	Colabawalla: Rikshana, Tayshaun, Jasleen
Belanger: Pavishnaa, Hadi	Cornell-Neary: Ahmed
Kassabian: Kabir, Zala	Nicholson: Rajeena, Anujan
Ganeshan: Vivi, Zayd	McDonald: Romessa, Nuha, Yasiywini
Nana: Abina, Anoch, Miraya, Nayana	Kassardjian/Bailey: Rabia, Vihaan
Gurpersaud: Alena, Javeen	Hamawi: Andrew, Sajey, Aathisha
Mawhinney: Aninthithai	McGraw: Aathirayan, Fatima, Oviya, Vinith
Anderson: Preethan	Yeung: Arun, Alisha, Janani



School Bus Cancellation Notice

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

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. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries which prevents the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.

- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- **Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.**
- 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.**

A bus cancellation message will be available at www.schoolbuscity.com, by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on Twitter.

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

RADIO:

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

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