



Cedarwood PS

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PERSEVERANCE

IMPOSSIBLE?

I'M POSSIBLE!



FAIRNESS



E-BULLETIN UPDATE #7
FEBRUARY 2020

Upcoming Highlights...

February 14:

Spirit Day - Dress as your Dream Job or Role Model

February 17:

Family Day Holiday

February 18:

Fire Safety Presentation - Grades 3/4-4 @ 9:00 am

February 19:

Fire Safety Presentation - Grades 1 @ 10:00 am

February 20:

Fire Safety Presentation - Grades 2 @ 9:00 am;

School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm - Everyone welcome!

World Social Justice Day

February 21:

Fire Safety Presentation - Grades 3 @ 10:15 am;

Mother Language Day

February 27:

Graduation Photo Day;

Pink Shirt Day

Friday, February 28:

Int. Area Boys Basketball Tournament

Dear Cedarwood Families!

Staff and students at Cedarwood would like to share an expression of gratitude to our families that created a Thai Pongal display for us including the Kolam for our the front hallway. This, in addition to the posters on display from the International Languages program held at Cedarwood on Thursday evenings provided us with important learning during our Tamil Heritage Month. [Watch our students](#) in this video that was created by YRDSB in celebration of Tamil Heritage.

In addition, Ms. Chan, Ms. Ganeshan, Ms. Legault, and Ms. Kim supported our English Language Learners to share the Lunar New Year, and Thai Pongal festival with the entire school. Students visited all the classrooms and shared a Dragon dance and a Tamil dance as well as some key learnings about these celebrations. This provided a leadership opportunity to the students as well as a learning opportunity for all. See pictures on page 3.

As we continue our journey towards Equity and Inclusivity, we will celebrate and acknowledge the focus on Black Excellence during Black History Month in February. In further developing our sense of community, we strive to include and represent the multiple identities of our students throughout the year. February provides us our opportunity to center on and acknowledge, reflect, and celebrate the significant contributions made by African Canadians currently and throughout our history. Let us know if you can participate in sharing a narrative, or displays at Cedarwood.

Moreover, we will strive to share happenings that are occurring in our community from the affinity groups that are part of York Region District School Board. We will use our online Inform platform to share these events.

Cedarwood Parent Council invites you to join us on February 20 at 6:30pm in the Library. Parent Council invites families to **save the date for the movie night on Wednesday March 25 and Tuesday March 31**. Two dates are available to meet our family needs.

Working together to support and build our Cedarwood community as a safe, inclusive and welcoming community is essential in meeting our goal of students academic success and well-being.

Gary Young
Principal

Fatima Jessa
Vice Principal

Message from Our Trustee

As we enter another month of winter, this is a good time to be thinking about our health, well-being and the importance of self-care. We know that, like all of us, our students can focus better when they feel better. Our schools play an important role in health and mental health promotion and education, and fostering well-being and mental health is one of our [priorities as a school board](#).

There is a lot of work taking place in our schools and board to create [healthy schools](#) and promote [mental health](#) and well-being, including:

- Providing training and resources for educators on strategies to support mentally healthy classrooms for all students, including holding a mental health conference.
- Hiring identity specific mental health workers and developing partnerships with [community partners](#) to serve the diverse needs of our students.
- Developing a [Student Suicide Intervention Protocol](#) to help keep students safe in the event of suicidal thoughts or actions.
- Educating students about the risks of [substance use and misuse](#), including [vaping](#) and [cannabis](#).
- Providing strategies and supports for students in [preparing for exams](#) and [managing stress](#).

This commitment is also reflected in Board policy like the [Healthy Schools and Workplaces](#) policy and procedures. Setting policy, which governs the operation of the Board, is one of the [roles of trustees](#), and we greatly value the input provided by students, staff members, family and community members. I encourage you to look at the [policies under review](#) and share your feedback.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2020. At the Board meeting in December, trustees unanimously approved the addition of [new permanent Indigenous Trustee and Indigenous Student Trustee positions](#). We are committed to Indigenous Education in our Board and it is important that these voices are represented at the table. We hope to fill the positions as soon as possible and will share more information as it becomes available.

A [message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees](#) is also available on the Board website at www.yrdsb.ca.

Juanita Nathan
Trustee, Markham, Wards 7 and 8





**CELEBRATING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WITH A LION DANCE &
PONGAL, THE TAMIL HARVEST FESTIVAL**
A Big Thank You To
Ms. Legault, Ms. Chan, Ms. Kim and Ms. Ganeshan!

.... COLD WEATHER

Please ensure your children are dressed warmly and prepared for outdoor recess.

Time is allocated for fresh air and exercise each day. It is important for the health and wellbeing of each student to release their energy through outdoor activity and need to dress accordingly, i.e. hat, scarf, mittens/gloves, boots, snow pants, chap stick, etc. It is advisable to send an extra pair of clothes for your children in case they get wet/dirty. The school administration keeps a close eye on weather conditions, including wind chill. When conditions necessitate, students will remain inside for recess or reduced outdoor recess times.

If students are well enough to attend school, they will be expected to take part in outdoor recess/activities. Thank you.



HEADS-UP ON HEAD LICE...

Pediculosis or head lice is nothing to panic about. They may be a nuisance but they are not a health hazard. They do not spread disease.



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.

Please visit these useful sites:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/venturapark.ps/info/Pages/Headlice.aspx>

<https://newmarket.lice-crew.com/facts-faqs/#frequently-asked-questions>

FEBRUARY ECO THEME:



World Spay Day: Last Tuesday of every February

World Wetlands Day: February 2nd

World Day of Social Justice: February 20th

FEBRUARY



PERSEVERANCE (January)

*We stick to a goal and work hard even in the face of obstacles and challenges.
We complete all tasks and assignments.*

FAIRNESS (February)

*We strive to hear all voices. We are sensitive to the needs of each individual.
We treat each other as we wish to be treated ourselves.
We interact with others without stereotyping, prejudice or discrimination.
We stand up for human rights.*



5 DAY CYCLE CALENDAR

FAITH DAYS:

WICCA

(Gaelic):
Imbolc / Brigid's
Day - Feb. 1



HINDUISM:

Shivaratri -
Feb. 21



CHRISTIANITY:

Ash Wednesday-
Western-Feb. 26



BAHA'I

Intercalary Days
- Feb. 26-29



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 - Day 4	4 - Day 5	5 - Day 1	6 - Day 2	7 - Day 3	8
		pizza Lunch				
9	10 - Day 4	11 - Day 5	12 - Day 1	13 - Day 2	14 - Day 3	15
		pizza Lunch			Spirit Day	
16	17 - Family Day Holiday	18 - Day 4	19 - Day 5	20 - Day 1	21 - Day 2	22
		Fire Safety - Gr. 3/4-4 @ 9 am	Fire Safety - Gr. 1 @ 10 am	Fire Safety - Gr. 2 @ 9 am	Fire Safety - Gr. 3 -10:15 am	
		pizza Lunch		School Council Meet.-6:30 pm		
23	24 - Day 3	25 - Day 4	26 - Day 2	27 - Day 1	28 - Day 2	29
				Pink Shirt Spirit Day	Int. Area Boys Basketball	It's a Leap Year!
		pizza Lunch		Grad. Photo Day		