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E-BULLETIN #3

UPDATE November

Upcoming Highlights...

November 5

Booking of Parent—
Student—Teacher
Interviews/Conferences
Online
yrdsb.edsby.com

November 11

Remembrance Day
Assemblies



November 14

Parent-Teacher Inter-
views / Student Led Con-
ferences 2:45pm-8pm

November 15 P.A. DAY

Student-Parent-Teacher
Conferences /Parent In-
terviews (daytime) 8-
11am

***No School for Stu-
dents**

November 19

Immunizations Gr. 7 Stu-
dents & Gr. 8 Girls

November 20

*Picture Retake Day
*6:30pm MCI Gr.8
Parent/Student Info Night

November 28

Student Success
Assemblies-**Courage**:
8:30 a.m. - Junior/Int.
10:15 a.m. - Primary
*Families are welcome to
attend

**SCHOOL COUNCIL
Meeting #2 in the Li-
brary: 6:30-8pm**

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Dear Cedarwood Families,

Our partnership continues to evolve as each month passes. Students, staff and families have been working together in October to support academic success and well-being.

During the October 21 PA Day, staff engaged in professional learning around Anti-Black Racism. YRDSB continues its journey to build equitable environments where all our students can be safe and learn. Among the key actions of the Directors Annual Plan to raise the achievement and well-being of all the students—including an understanding of historically and presently marginalized communities. To this end, staff at all YRDSB schools were **intentionally** learning about how to continue building relationships with the communities we serve, **actively** dismantling existing systemic barriers and **directly** addressing disproportionalities and disparities.

Thank you to all families that attended the Parent Engagement Feedback workshop in October. Our next steps are to offer students the opportunity to share their voice and their experiences, then implement actions that will support our students directly.

As of November 4, a Mobile Usage Policy will be introduced in all YRDSB schools. The letter is included in our newsletter and will be shared via Inform as well. While we already have a cellphone policy in place at Cedarwood, this further clarifies the usage of personal devices on Board property.

Progress Reports will be sent home on Wednesday November 13. These will provide students and parents with an indication of progress to date towards the achievement of learning expectations. They will be a great starting point for the conversation during the Parent-Teacher Interviews or Student Led Conferences. We look forward to having our Parent-Teacher Interviews and Student Led Conferences on Thursday November 14 (evening) and Friday November 15 (morning). Please **schedule your time using the ESDBY (yrdsb.edsy.com) as of November 5**. If you experience technical difficulties, please contact Ms. Kang in the office.

We also welcome families to attend the second School Council Meeting on November 28 at 6:30pm in the library. Sunita Nair (our Council Chair) will share her learning from the East Parent Council Forum which she will be attending on Monday November 11th. Thank you Sunita for your leadership.

Working together we can build Cedarwood as a place to support all our learners on their path towards academic and well being success!

Gary Young

Fatima Jessa

Principal

Vice Principal

Once again, Cedarwood will be participating in a "**Bag2School**" initiative. The textile industry is the second greatest polluting industry in the world after only oil. Currently 85% of textile waste is disposed of in landfill yet is almost 100% recyclable. Please drop off any unwanted clothing (men's women's and children's, including all footwear and outerwear, belts, purses, handbags, linens and towels) by **NOVEMBER 12th** in the pod beside the daycare room near the office. Thank you for supporting our school initiative.



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Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Nov 3-10 Treaty Recognition Week Nov 3-10 Holocaust Awareness Week Nov 17-23 Bullying Prevention Week </div>						
3	4 Milne Trip Gr. 7's	5 Milne Trip Gr. 2's Beaver Computing Challenge	6 Milne Trip Gr. 2's Take our Gr. 8's to High School VIP Gr. 6's	7	8	9
10	11 Remembrance Day Assemblies 8:30—Primary 10:15 - J/I	12	13 Jr. Achievement for Gr. 5 & 6 Progress Reports go home	14 Parent-Teacher Interviews - Student Led Conferences 2:45-8:00 pm	15 Parent-Teacher Interviews - Student Led Conferences 8:00-11:00 am P. A. DAY	16
17	18	19 Immunizations Gr. 7 Students & Gr. 8 Girls VIP Gr. 6's	20 Picture Retake VIP Gr. 6's MCI Parent/Student Info Night Int. Boys Area Volleyball @ Armadale	21 Int. Girls Volley Ball Tournament @ Armadale Public School	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Courage Assemblies 8:30 am—J/I 10:15 am—Primary School Council Meeting #2 -6:30 pm -All Welcome	29	30

Dear families of CEDARWOOD P.S.,

It is important to us that we provide a caring, safe and inclusive environment in our school that supports the academic achievement and well-being of all students. To support this environment, the Ontario Ministry of Education has revised the provincial Code of Conduct (Policy/Program Memorandum No. 128) to include a restriction on the use of personal mobile devices during instructional time as of November 4, 2019.

The revision states that the use of personal mobile devices (i.e. cell phones) during instructional time is not permitted unless under the following circumstances:

- for educational purposes, as directed by an educator;
- for health and medical purposes;
- to support special education needs and/or English-Language Learners.

We recognize that learning can be enhanced by technology and we have created opportunities in our classrooms to leverage digital tools to enhance teaching, learning and communication. Each school has its own guidelines about mobile devices.

As shared in the [Guide to the School Year 2019-20](#), it has always been our policy that cell phones and other personal communication devices must be turned off and kept out of sight during all instructional periods, except with the clear permission of the principal or the classroom teacher. Additionally, camera and/or video functions on mobile devices are not permitted for use on school property without clear permission from the principal or teacher. At no time may mobile devices be used in washrooms or changerooms.

Infractions will be dealt with as student discipline, under [Caring and Safe Schools Policy](#) and its related procedures. Check with the school's main office to find out if students may bring mobile devices into the classroom, use them in school, or if they must leave these items in their backpacks/lockers. Students are responsible for the care and security of their personal devices. The school is not responsible for any damage, loss or theft.

For more information on why the Ontario Ministry of Education is making this revision, please see their [Cellphones and Other Personal Mobile Devices in Schools: Questions and Answers guide](#).

Thank you for helping us create a safe, respectful and inclusive school community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school's administration.

Parent/Guardian EDSBY Accounts

Please ensure that you have an EDSBY account and that you know the login/password.

Hotmail Accounts

Please note that "hotmail" email addresses may not be compatible with school/board communication. If you have a hotmail address on file, please see the office to submit an alternate email address if you are able or to arrange a "test" email from the office to ensure you are receiving school communication.



Mrs. Belanger's Class has begun their WE SCARE FOR HUNGER CAMPAIGN

It runs from October 24th to November 8th. Classes are encouraged to bring canned foods and all food will be donated to our local food bank. (Please note that all items are non-perishable, and are brand new.) Thank you for your contributions!



Library News

By now, your child's class has already visited the Library several times. Please take time to enjoy the library books with your child by reading with your child or having your child read with you! Remind your child to return his/her library book(s) every week.

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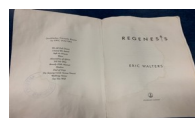


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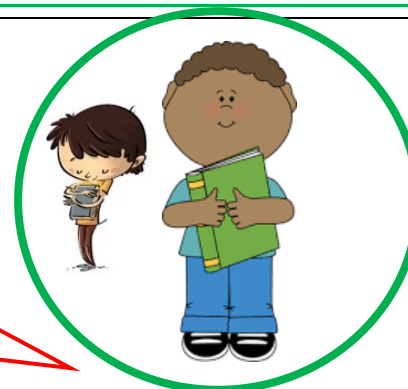


**Please
help your
child take
care of the
library
books!**

so you know...



stains = mould!



OFFICE TELEPHONE IS FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY:

Please ensure that your child knows who will pick them up and make arrangements before school starts.

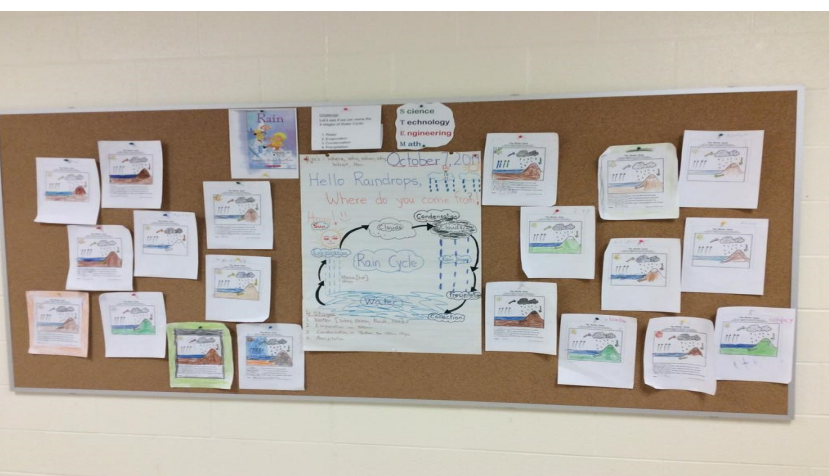
If you drop off your child's lunch, please do so just before 11:50 am the children only have 20 minutes to eat before they go out to play.

Ms. Abi & Ms. Yip

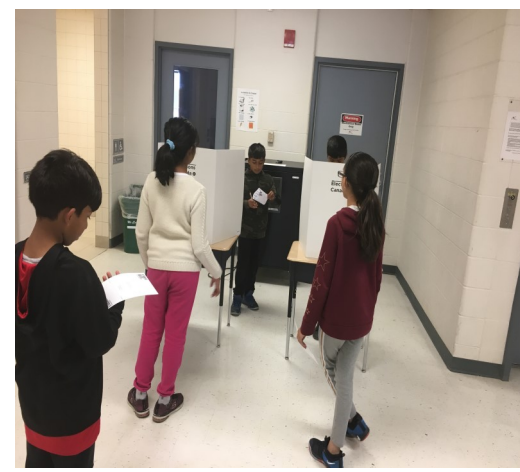
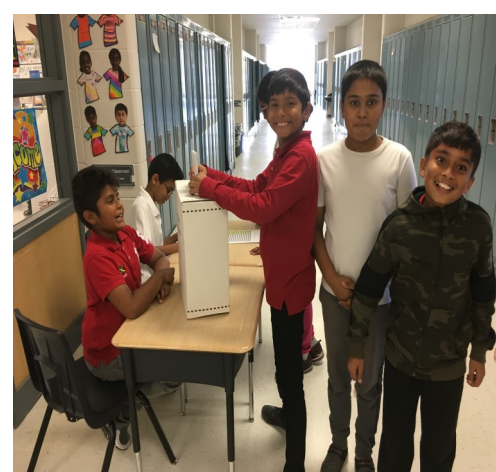
During a gloomy rainy day, our curious students looked up at the sky and came up with their new inquiry topic asking "how does rain fall down?" From this spark of interest, we began our investigation by discussing the water cycle. The terms we explored were collection, evaporation, condensation and precipitation.

We began scaffolding their learning by introducing a hands-on experiment. We brought in a kettle from the staff room. We then placed hot water in a bowl and covered with a plate. We asked the students (bringing in critical thinking), "what do you think will happen?" We were able to record their thinking by using the sentence starter ... "I think...I see....I feel...."

We then explained how the collection of water evaporated on the plate. When we lifted the plate, there were drips of water (precipitation) on the plate which is the condensation. And this is how we made rain cycle in our classroom.



Ms. Hamawi's Grade 5 class—Government and the Federal Elections.



Cedarwood's Student Success Nominee's

The following students have Demonstrated...

RESPONSIBILITY:



- Ms. Kannapiran: **Ariana; Aaratti; Brayden**
- Ms. Katz/Mrs. Abbasi: **Kimi; Aarav; Kundhavi**
- Ms. Gombilla/Ms. Husain: **Ashvika; Ahmed; Virraj**
- Mrs. Bhayat/Ms. Bidos: **Emma; Akshaya,; Charlotte; Nitya**
- Mrs. Kerr/Ms. Visvalingam: **Romisha; Kirishan; Selena**
- Mrs. Abichandani/Ms. Yip: **Varsha; Printhati; Sahibjot; Ivy**
- Ms. Zaki: **Camille; Hashir**
- Mr. Yap/Mrs. Paul: **Arna; Austin**
- Ms. Shama: **Akshaya; Tiya; Rian**
- Mrs. Karna: **Vicky; Santhosh**
- Ms. Kassabian: **Manha; Sky; Lucas; Atchaye**
- Mrs. Park: **Chesny; Jayden**
- Mrs. Kumar: **Vennpa; Prithvi**
- Mrs. Bala: **Abisha; Tiffany**
- Mrs. Parsons: **Anushka; Venusha**
- Mrs. Belanger: **Krishika; Sneha**
- Mrs. McDonald: **Nicole; Haya; Ria**
- Mr. Nana: **Anujan; Naomi; Akshaya; Sasidhar; Mae; Breanna**
- Mr. Kassardjian/Mrs. Kim: **Thamana; Harichandra**
- Ms. Patel: **Dhani; Asmeha; Mathuran**
- Ms. Hamawi: **Matthew; Bhala; Dua; Arya**
- Mrs. Anderson: **Sachin; Maira; Anoch; Riya**
- Mrs. Alexan: **Armaan; Aashka; Hinthusan; Vivien**
- Ms. Yeung: **Noah; Krishanth; Nithushaa**
- Mrs. Thompson: **Rudra; Oviya; Karen; Mithushaa**
- Mr. Chen: **Fizza; Sultan**
- Ms. Rasaratnam: **Sujana; Alisha; Alex**
- Mr. Teeuwen: **Raafay; Abisha; Alvina**
- Mrs. Irani: **Keya; Maha; Ruksan**
- Mr. Hunt: **Ashish; Jeremy; Janavi; Janani; Niharikkaa; Richy; Danyal; Maddex; Deepta**
- Mr. Malo: **Aayan; Haley; Tavleen**
- Mr. Sasaki: **Akshat; Anamika; Mysha**
- Ms. Nandakumar: **Jacob; Claire**
- Mrs. Gulamali: **Dhruv; Rosalyn**
- Mrs. Colabawalla: **Ashwin; Sadaf; Aatman**
- Mme. Jean-Philippe: **Vaishnaja; Agilan**

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN OUR MILK & SNACK OR PIZZA PROGRAM!

Please connect with the office for more information

ECO THEME NOVEMBER—WHAT'S IN WHAT'S OUT:

We are encouraged to *Rethink* their actions before disposing of an item. That is, stop and consider the impact every disposal action will have on the environment and the world around us. It is important to be well-informed about what goes in the Blue Box for recycling, the Green Bin for composting, the garbage bin for landfill. Putting items in the Blue Box or Green Bin that shouldn't be there can ruin an entire batch of recyclable and compostable material that will end up in landfill. Please contact www.markham.ca (ENVIRONMENT) for more information.

Cold and Wet Weather

As we approach the 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 (morning recess 20 minutes, lunch recess 40 minutes). The break is a wonderful opportunity to stretch and get a movement break. As per Board policy, weather conditions are monitored daily to ensure safety of students.

Thank you for your support!



HEAD LICE:

We encourage you to check your child's head routinely. If your child has nits (eggs) and or live lice, we request that you notify the school and apply treatment as soon as possible. Your child can continue school when they are free of live pediculosis and when treatment has begun.

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.

Definition:

Nits (Eggs): Nits are half the size of the head of a pin and shaped like a tear drop. They are creamy colour and found close to the scalp, on the shaft of the hair. They resemble dandruff but are attached to the hair by a cement-like material and are very difficult to remove. It is usually the eggs that are noticed first.

Pediculosis (Head Lice):

Head lice are tiny (3mm long) wingless insects with flattened bodies. They cling to the hair by means of six legs. They live mostly behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. The female lays tiny, creamy colour eggs called nits.

A Facts of Lice printout is available in the office from the Canadian Pediatric Society or on line at https://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/head_lice

For further information about head lice, please contact York Region Health Connections at 1-800-361-5653.