



Cedarwood P.S.

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October Highlights...

October 22
PA Day
October 23, 30
Pizza Day
October 24
Picture Day
October 30
Student Success Assemblies:
10:15 a.m. Grade ¾ - 8
1:00 p.m. Kindergarten - Gr. 3
October 31
Non-Uniform Day

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your ongoing support during the month of September as we worked through our re-organization process. This was the result of increased student enrollment which is a reflection of our growing community. Staff worked collaboratively to ensure a smooth transition was in place for all of those students whose classroom changed as a result of re-organization.

We would also like to take this opportunity to share some of the wonderful co-curricular opportunities that are currently available at Cedarwood P.S. for our students. As parents and guardians, this information may be helpful to you as you discuss your child's learning and well-being. We value co-curricular experiences at Cedarwood P.S. and we are thankful to our staff for volunteering their time to make these experiences happen during recess breaks and before and after school.

- KM Club (Gr. 1-8)*
- Intermediate (Gr. 7/8) Girls' Volleyball*
- Intermediate (Gr. 7/8) Boys' Volleyball*
- Intermediate (Gr. 7/8) Running Club*
- Robotics Club (Gr. 4-8)*
- Lego Mechanics Club (Gr. 4-8)*
- Taking Charge of Me Club (Primary/Junior)*
- Drama Club (Gr. 7-8)*
- Student Leadership Teams:*
 - Eco Club (Gr. 1-8)*
 - Healthy Schools Committee (Gr. 4-8)*
 - Change Makers (Gr. 4-8)*

Our Student Success Assemblies are also an opportunity for students to engage in life at Cedarwood. Students in Grades 5-8, including members of the Drama Club, created an impactful experience at our September 27 Student Success Assemblies sharing the history of residential schooling, colonialism, and a closer, deeper look at Cedarwood's Land

Upcoming Events

November 23
Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening)
November 24
Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences (daytime)
November 26
Fall School Council Forum Milliken Mills High School for interested School Council Members (evening)
November 28
Grade 3 and 6 EQAO Family Information Night
November 29
School Council Meeting
6:30-8:00 p.m. (Library)
December 12
Winter Concert (daytime and evening performances)

Make a Commitment to Walk
IWALK month starts **October 3, 2018**. International Walk to School Month (IWALK) is an annual mass celebration of active transportation taking place around the world every October. The benefits of walking include:
Helps prepare children for learning
Keeps students physically and mentally fit
Builds friendships
Improves air quality and the

Acknowledgement through multimedia, drama, and music. We thank students and staff for creating this experience for us along with our families who were able to join us for the assemblies. Please note that Cedarwood families are always invited to attend and participate at our Student Success Assemblies.

We wish to acknowledge all of our students and staff for their support of this year's Terry Fox Run held on Friday, October 12. We recognize and appreciate all of our families for their donations to the Terry Fox Foundation. Our school community has raised almost \$1300 to date in support of cancer research through the Terry Fox Foundation. Contributions continue to be accepted.

On behalf of all members of the Cedarwood P.S. community, we wish to acknowledge and thank everyone for their concerted efforts in ensuring everyone's safety on the way to school in the morning and home again in the afternoon. Everyone's commitment to driving at a safe speed, following the directions on traffic and stop signs, and being courteous to other drivers and staff have made for a safe and pleasant beginning and end of the school day. Please remember to turn right along Elson Street when leaving the Kiss and Ride in the morning and there are no U Turns permitted on Elson Street in the vicinity of the school.

As we head into November, the agenda is full of events so please mark your calendars! We look forward to seeing you at various events!

Mr. G. Young
Principal

Ms. A. Porter
Vice-Principal

On Behalf of the Cedarwood P.S. Staff

environment
Creates safer neighbourhoods
Join the movement! We encourage all our students to Walk or Wheel to school!

October 31st-Halloween

Please note that this year students may choose to participate in a "non-uniform day" on October 31st. We recognize that there are many students who do not participate in Halloween and as such, activities associated with the event will not be the focus of our school day. Students who are planning to dress in costume while at school on October 31st must comply with the **York Region District School Board's CARING AND 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 and support.

Every Student Counts Survey - November 2019

In November 2018, York Region District School Board will invite all students to participate in the **Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS)**. The purpose of this census survey is to better understand YRDSB's diverse student population as well as students' experiences in school and outside of school. Families with a child in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be invited to complete the survey online with their child at home. Students in Grades 7-12 will be invited to complete the survey online during class time. If you are a parent/guardian of child(ren) in Grades 7-12 and do **not** want them to participate in the survey, please contact CCI Research at 1-866-450-4907.

The surveys are voluntary and confidential. Information about the surveys and the process is available at www.yrdsb.ca/escs. This important initiative will help us work together to create equitable and inclusive school environments.

The logo for the Every Student Counts Survey features the words "every student counts" in a white, sans-serif font, slanted upwards, set against a red rectangular background. Below this, the word "survey" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

COMING **NOVEMBER 2018**

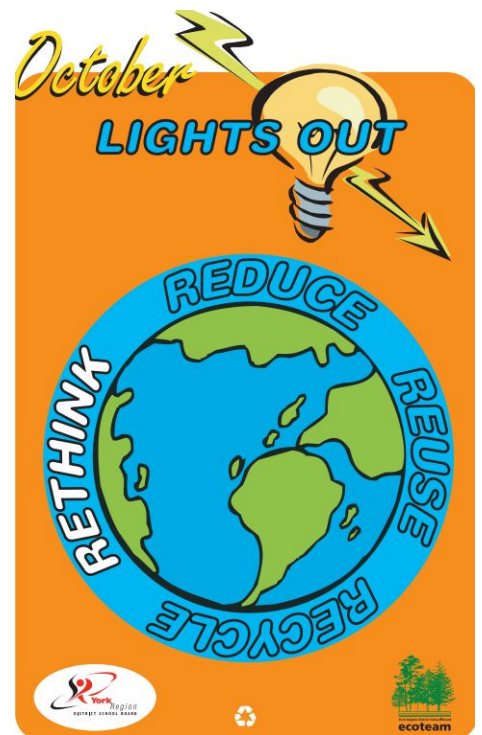
GO GREEN... Students who stay at school for lunch are encouraged to participate in Cedarwood's litterless lunch policy:

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.

Let's work together to reduce the amount of waste in our landfills!

OCTOBER ECO MESSAGE IS... LIGHTS OUT !

This month we are challenged to **Rethink** our use of lighting. Simply turning lights off when not in use is one very effective way to reduce energy consumption and help the environment. A significant savings in energy is achieved when lights are turned off in classrooms during the lunch period. An effective strategy is to assign someone the responsibility (e.g. an 'energy monitor') for turning lights off in classrooms during recess and lunch periods. This can easily be achieved in the workplace as well.



As of October 17, 2018, it will be legal for individuals **19 and older** to buy, use, possess and grow recreational cannabis. It remains illegal for anyone under the age of 19. This is the same as the minimum age for the sale of tobacco and alcohol in Ontario. **Regardless of age, cannabis is not allowed on school property or at school-related events at any time.**

It is illegal for **anyone** regardless of age to smoke or vape any substance, including cannabis:

- at school, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds
- on children's playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds
- in child care centres, or where an early years program is provided
- in places where home child care is provided – even if children aren't present*

*Please note that these are the provincial regulations and by-laws could be different at a municipal level.

There will be consequences for students if they are believed to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or cannabis. Suspension will be considered. There are exceptions if the medicinal use of cannabis is outlined in the student's Health Care Plan. If a student gives alcohol or cannabis to anyone under the age of 19, the school will contact police, suspend the student and consider expulsion.

In YRDSB, we want families and students to be informed about the facts of cannabis legalization. To support this learning, you may find the following resources helpful. You can also request a hard copy through the school office.

[Cannabis: What Parents/Guardians and Caregivers Need to Know](#)
[Cannabis Talk Kit: Know How to Talk With Your Teen](#)

We will continue to provide students with information and support to make positive and healthy decisions. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school's administration.

Cedarwood's September STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following students have demonstrated... **R E S P E C T**

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| Prashar Gomes: Akshaya; Jasper | Takahashi: Misha; Ali; Narkeasha; Mohammed |
| Chen: Mahi; Khadija, Ashish | Nandakumar: Aliyah; Janavi; Karthik |
| Campbell: Arubaayan; Branitha | Shama: Viyaan; Diya; Crystal; Anand |
| Bhayat: Aatheesh; Anjanan; Emma | Parsons: Sahar; Jacob |
| Johnson: Yuvika; Jarien; Qasim | Hunt: Asad; Anamika; Alamdar |
| Abichandani: Akshayan; Ahian; Kaessana; Kingsley | Sasaki: Kamal; Birnavan; Joshua; Raghavi |
| Paul: Hannah; Aishnaah | Teeuwen: Milind; Abu-Baker; Mythili |
| Park: Sonny; Mya | Malo: Piranave; Anjanan; Harini |
| Katz: Agamvir; Jayden | Cheng: Sagar; Jenuja |
| Zaki: Vivi | Colabawalla: Sirraaj; Shomiyaa; Nikolaos; Sheeraz |
| Belanger: Nicole; Haya | Cornell-Neary: Arubaayan; Branitha |
| Kassabian: Pari; Shathun; Melody | Nicholson: Hinson; Farah; Rajveer |
| Ganeshan: Krishika; Danya; Diya | McDonald: Season; Arya |
| Nana: Abina; Vivien; Umama | Kassardjian/Bailey: Laya; Dinason; Praneetha |
| Gurpersaud: Bisama; Ramiyaan | Hamawi: Akshayan; Sujana; Abishana |
| Mawhinney: Alex | McGraw: Birnavan |
| Anderson: Rudra; Iniyall; Rithisha | Yeung: Kavina; Bosco; Ruksan |

NEW! Pathways Planning and Course Selection Platform: Grades 7 - 12

The York Region District School Board will be providing your child with an engaging and new interactive online education and career/life planning platform starting in November 2018. Career Cruising will not be available to students after November 15, 2018. Students will be notified via their GAPPS account email of the steps required to save information, that has been stored in their Individual Pathway Plan (IPP,) from Career Cruising into their GAPPS account.

This new platform will include a number of beneficial resources to support your child as they progress from grade 7 to 12, including:

- ✓ **Who Am I** – 6 unique assessments for self-exploration and discovery (including Learning Styles, Myers-Briggs Personality, Holland Interests, Knowledge, Motivations, and Compatibility)
- ✓ **High School** – A tool to visually plan courses, track progress toward graduation, and instantly identify post-secondary eligibility for opportunities in all pathways
- ✓ **Post-Secondary** – A database to explore post-secondary opportunities and compare detailed information on apprenticeships, college programs, university programs and workplace sectors across Canada
- ✓ **Goals** – An interactive goal setting tool to set S.M.A.R.T. goals and action plans
- ✓ **Occupations** – A database of over 500 occupations to compare comprehensive information on jobs
- ✓ **Resumes & Cover Letters** – Interactive tools to record personal experiences, build resumes and write cover letters
- ✓ **Money** – An engaging budget-making tool to help students track income and expenses and develop financial literacy
- ✓ **Job Search** – A tool to explore real-world job postings that relate to occupations of interest
- ✓ **Portfolios** – A portfolio builder to create multiple portfolios and share it with parents, teachers, or future employers

Schools will be receiving more information regarding the transition to this new platform in the coming weeks and will continue to provide students and parents/guardians with updates.