



## Cedarwood P.S.

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### Dear Families,

What a pleasure it has been to begin the 2019-2020 school year! Our staff and students are busy getting to know each other, building inclusive classroom communities and lay the foundation for learning together.

This year we will continue to focus on the key YRDSB priorities of Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership. Our work at Cedarwood continues to focus on Mental Health, Mathematics and Equity. In addition, we value the feedback that was given to us from our families and Cedarwood community in the Town Halls this past spring. This will be analyzed with support from Scott Milne this fall. Scott is a Program Manager with Inclusive Schools and Community Services. Has a background in data collection and analysis. He supported the Town Hall meetings held at Cedarwood in the spring and will continue to guide us to better meet the needs of our families to build ongoing communication between home and school, and support our students to achieve their potential and academic success.

Our school will be in the process of reorganizing classrooms to meet Ministry guidelines. We have grown by more than 70 students since our projections in the early spring. We have new FDK, grade 2, grade 4 and grade 6 classrooms. Students that are moving will receive information this week, and will be welcomed in their new classroom beginning Tuesday September 24, 2019.

We invite all families to join us at the school on Wednesday September 26 at 6:00 pm in our gym for our Meet the Staff Night. Please refer to the schedule in this newsletter.

Looking forward to a positive and awesome year ahead!

**Mr. G. Young**  
Principal

**Mrs. F. Jessa**  
Vice-Principal

# SEPTEMBER 2019/20

## E-Bulletin #1

### Upcoming Highlights...

#### SEPTEMBER 18

Grade 8's at Cold Creek  
Conservation Area

#### SEPTEMBER 23

PA DAY (No School)

#### SEPTEMBER 25

Meet the Staff Night

#### SEPTEMBER 27

### RESPECT

Student Success Assemblies

Primary K-3 10:15 a.m.

Junior/Intermediate Gr.4-8 1:00  
p.m.

#### OCTOBER 3

School Council Meeting-6:30pm in  
the library-EVERYONE WELCOME!



## LEARN A LIFE SKILL!

Register for  
swimming lessons  
for your chance  
to WIN!

[markham.ca/swimming](http://markham.ca/swimming)



## Message from Our Trustee

I am so pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families to another school year. As your school board trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The [Board of Trustees](#) makes [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicates with the public, among other [responsibilities](#).

We are also responsible for setting direction for the school board, through our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). This plan sets out four priorities: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership.

As we start the new school year, I want to highlight the importance of relationships. We want to build and maintain relationships with our families that are built on trust, respect and responsive communication. To support that, I will continue to keep you informed of our work and priorities, and I encourage you to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns. You can also find the [message from the Chair of the Board](#) on the Board's website.

In addition, I invite you to share your feedback on our Board policies. Policies govern everything from field trips, school volunteers, equity and inclusive education, student discipline and much more, and we greatly value input from families on these important matters. We regularly post on our website the [policies that are under review](#) and available for comment as well as information about how to share your feedback. I hope you will take a look.

I know school staff are excited to welcome back students, and I look forward to meeting more of our families throughout the upcoming school year. I encourage you to build a relationship with the staff members and community at your school. There are so many [different ways to get involved](#) and support your child's education. I hope you have a great start to the school year and wish you a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

Juanita Nathan

## Dear Families,

York Region District School Board's **Elementary International and Indigenous Languages Program** is pleased to offer over 20 languages at 35 different sites from Tuesday to Friday evenings, and Saturday mornings. Our Board has one of the largest International and Indigenous Languages programs in the province with approximately 15,000 students who register each year.

Classes run 2.5 hours once a week for 30 weeks for Elementary SK-8 students who want to learn a new language or maintain their heritage language. The cost for the entire program is \$20.00. Program brochures will also be sent home from your child(ren)'s school.

We would like to share with you our program information:

- New student registration (New registrants must submit a copy of the Birth Certificate) begins at the language location during the specified registration hours listed on our brochure or on our webpage.
- Please note online registration through EDSBY is now closed so families must register in person.
- First day of classes begin at the language location during the specified dates and times listed on our brochure or on our webpage.
- Students pre-registered online through EDSBY are to attend the first day of classes at the language location during the specified dates and times listed on our brochure.
- Huron Heights Secondary School is a new language site opening for the 2019-2020 school year.

For elementary courses, registration times and locations, please see our [updated flyer](#).

For elementary program information, please visit:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/International-Languages-Elementary-Program.aspx>

If you require any further information, please contact us at: *international.languages@yrdsb.ca*

Thank you,

International and Indigenous Languages Program

## MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR AND CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Dear families,

**We are so excited to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year at York Region District School Board. We hope that you are looking forward to a year of learning, growth and discovery. It is important to us that all of our students and families know that they are a valued part of our school community. Each and every child has important and unique contributions to offer and we aim to create learning environments where they feel safe, respected and supported in making those contributions.**

**It is a privilege to work alongside families to support your children in exploring their interests, learning more about the world around them and reaching their full potential. We are more successful in doing that when there are strong connections between our schools and families, and we hope you will find opportunities to build those important connections throughout the year.**

**Our work to provide your child with the best possible education is guided by four priorities set out by the Board of Trustees in our Multi-Year Strategic Plan: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership. Our plans are available on the Board website or you can make a request through your school office.**

**As part of our commitment to build collaborative relationships, we will continue to keep you informed about our work at the board and important news and events through our website, social media and through your school. We look forward to connecting with you, and wish you a happy, safe and successful school year. Sincerely,**

**Louise Sirisko**  
Director of Education

**Corrie McBain**  
Chair of the Board

## MEET THE STAFF NIGHT Wednesday September 25th, 2019

Come and visit your Child's classroom!

Our staff want to meet with you!

6:00 pm -6:25 pm Introductory Assembly in the Gym

6:30 pm -6:55 pm Presentation #1 - *visit grade teams/classrooms*

7:00 pm -7:25 pm Presentation #2 - *repeat presentation by all grade teams*



**\*R E M I N D E R . . . ORANGE SHIRT DAY:**

September 30, 2019 is Orange Shirt day, however we encourage YRDSB staff and students to wear an orange shirt to recognize the resiliency and bravery of Residential School Survivors.

**ECO THEME SEPTEMBER...**


**(And all year too!)**

Litterless/Wastefree and Boomerang Lunch Programs are the preferred method of waste reduction and diversion. These programs can be a very effective means for reducing waste and they have an educational component:

**BOOMERANG LUNCH** programs provide students and parents an opportunity to see how much food is not being eaten and can therefore plan lunches accordingly.

**LITTERLESS/WASTE-FREE** lunch programs provide students and parents with the same benefit as the Boomerang lunch program but also provide students and parents an opportunity to realize the environmental and financial benefits of reusable containers vs. disposable packaging

# S E P T E M B E R

| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday          | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday |
|--------|--|------------------|---|---|---|----------|
| 22     | <b>23</b><br><b>PA DAY</b><br><b>No School</b>   | 24               | <b>25</b><br><b>MEET THE</b><br><b>STAFF NIGHT</b><br>6:00pm-7:30pm | <b>26</b><br>Area Cross<br>Country Meet                                       | <b>27</b><br><b>ASSEMBLIES</b><br>Pri-10:15 am<br>J/I 1:00 pm | 28       |
| 29     | <b>30</b><br> | <b>October 1</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br><b>School</b><br><b>Council</b><br><b>Meeting</b><br>6:30 Library | <b>4</b>  |          |

**Bill Crothers Secondary School Information Night**

Bill Crothers Secondary School (BCSS) is a system-wide school with a focus on healthy active living and sport. The school is open for Grade 9 to 12 students. Students and parents from across the region are invited to attend an information evening. Information will be shared regarding the vision, mission, schedule, programs, the transfer policy, and application process.

All information sessions will occur at Bill Crothers Secondary School, 44 Main Street, Unionville, Ontario, L3R 2E4 from 7 – 8:30 in the cafetorium and Gym A

**Thursday September 26, 2019 and Wednesday October 2, 2019**

**Meet and Greet – 6:15 – 7:00 pm    Presentation 7 – 8:30 pm**

Due to building capacity regulations, we request that only students and parents interested in attending BCSS for the school year 2020 - 2021, attend one of these evenings. Parking is limited so we ask that parents carpool or park at the GO Station or the PanAm center. Markham By-law officers regularly enforce the parking regulations on school property, so please abide by the posted parking regulations. Please respect our neighbors and **do not** park in their parking lots.



# CEDARWOOD LIBRARY



## September 2019

### Library Hours of Operation

**Open Book Exchange**  
Students with a Library Pass  
may exchange books

**Scheduled Library Classes**  
please check schedule  
provided by your child's  
Homeroom Teacher

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year! Beginning the second week of September, your child will be able to come to the library to learn skills, do research, participate in Makerspace activities, use technology, and of course, to borrow books!

Please review the Library policies with your child. I look forward to a great year working and learning with your child!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Chan  
Teacher-Librarian

### Library Policies 2019-2020

**BORROWING BOOKS:** Students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 can borrow one book at a time. Students from Grades 2 – 8 can borrow two books at a time. Students who have a weekly scheduled library time should return or renew their book during each library visit.

**LATE BOOKS:** If a book is not returned by the second week, a Late Notice will be issued to the student. No fine will be charged. However, it will be expected that the book be returned as soon as possible.

**DAMAGED / LOST BOOKS:** Books are examined when they are returned to the library. If there are spills (food/liquid), or major damage (e.g. teared/missing pages, damaged spines, etc.), or writing/drawing on a book that were not previously noted, your child will be given a Damaged/Lost Book Notice. The notice will indicate the type of damage and the amount for the **fine**. The fine will be equal to the cost of the book. Once a Damaged/Lost Book Notice is issued, the child will not be able to borrow any more book(s) until the fine has been resolved. If your child has lost a book, a Damaged/Lost Book Notice will also be issued. You will be responsible to pay the fine for replacing the book.