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## MARCH 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2 MSH—Mrs. Grossman  Intermediate Music Retreat	3 Arts Presentation—GR K-3
6 GR 7 Parent Info Night at 6:00 pm in the Library	7	8 Sub Lunch 	9 MSH—Mrs. Stoyls	10
13	14	15	16	17
<b>MARCH BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED</b>				
20	21	22	23 MSH—Ms. Kitchen  Pizza Lunch 	24
27	28	29	30 Pasta Lunch 	31

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**Principal: Alison Hall**

**Vice-Principal: Christina Di Stefano**

Message From the Administration Team



The Internet is a wonderful educational tool that students are increasingly expected to use as part of their learning. We are all aware that the online world also has a darker side. As parents in these modern times, it is our responsibility to protect our children from online as well as off-line dangers. How can parents today monitor their children's internet usage?

### **Do you know where your child has been online?**

Your first task is to check the browser history on the computer. All browsers save a record of all the sites that have been visited. Using Explorer, you can access the history by using the "Tools" menu. Alternatively, you can press Ctrl+H while the browser is active, and see the history that way.

Children can easily delete items from the history, so other ways of monitoring your child's usage can be considered.

### **What are other ways of monitoring a child's Internet usage?**

- **Safety Web**

This site monitors your child's activity on social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. To use Safety Web, you just need your child's email address, and the service automatically detects the other accounts connected with that address, such as Facebook, etc. By showing parents what information their child is sharing online, Safety Web opens the door for discussions about the importance of protecting privacy online.

- **Social Shield**

This site monitors your child's social networking accounts and lets you know if someone suspicious (Adult or another child) tries to connect with your child. There is a cost for this service.

### **Talking to Your Child about Internet Safety**

If you see something that concerns you, it's a good idea to talk with your children about the importance of protecting themselves online. It is also useful to let your children know why you don't want them visiting certain sites, and what kind of behavior is appropriate on social networks.

Please try to limit solitary sitting time to a maximum of two hours daily, and keep computers, tablets and cell phones in a supervised area – not bedrooms.

We are vigilant at school whenever students are online, and will inform parents if there are any concerns.

Alison Hall & Christina Di Stefano

## **Good-bye Mrs. Lomanno and Welcome to Mrs. Di Stefano**

On March 1st, we said goodbye to Mrs. Lomanno who has been our Vice Principal for 3 years. We are proud to say that she has been promoted as Principal of Sam Chapman P.S. She has served our community in so many ways during her time with us, and she will be missed as part of our administrative team.

We are very happy to welcome Mrs. Di Stefano, former Central Park teacher, who has joined us at Central Park as our new Vice Principal. Mrs. Di Stefano has been part of the administrative team at Mount Joy P.S. in Markham for over three years. With her history and familiarity with Central Park, we are sure the transition will be a smooth one.

Mrs. Di Stefano is available for phone calls and “drops ins” to say hello and would welcome any calls or questions regarding concerns you might have.



Mark your calendars for Central Park's Talent Show happening on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

More details to follow!

*On April 12th, 2017 in our Library*

*Starting at 6:30 pm, a special School Council Presentation on  
Mindful Parenting*

*Bring your children and pizza will be provided*

*Learn about*

*How parents and guardians can support their kids and teens in managing stress and anxiety. The session will also provide valuable self-care practices for participants.*

## March 2017 Trustee Greeting

With spring approaching and the hours of daylight increasing, now is a good time to enjoy the outdoors and our natural environment. Did you know that our Board has five [outdoor education centres](#), and students have opportunities to visit them and other outdoor learning spaces throughout their schooling? This is part of our commitment to giving students an opportunity to learn in and about the natural world. This learning supports students in gaining a deeper appreciation for nature and the importance of environmental sustainability.

“Modelling continuous environmental sustainability” is one of the goals outlined in our [Board of Trustees’ Multi-Year Plan](#). We believe that we all have a role to play in reducing waste and protecting our environment. Our students, staff members and families continue to show leadership when it comes to supporting student learning and initiatives to reduce our ecological footprint.

Spending time outside as a family also provides a great opportunity to support and enhance your child’s learning outside of school. Whether visiting a park or museum, reading with your child in your home language or asking questions about their day at school - know that there are many ways you can support their education and that you are making a difference.

I hope you all have a happy and safe March Break and enjoy the warmer weather ahead.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3-5	Grade 7s at Lake St. George
April 5	Arts Presentation for Grades 4 to 8
April 6	Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off Assembly
April 12	Sub Lunch ( <b>order deadline is Monday, March 20</b> )
April 12	Arts Presentation for Grades 4 to 8
April 12	School Council Meeting at 6:30 pm—Mindful Parenting Presentation
April 14	Good Friday - School Closed
April 17	Easter Monday - School Closed
April 19	Talent Show—More details to follow
April 21	Pasta Lunch ( <b>order deadline is Monday, March 20</b> )
April 25	Pizza Lunch ( <b>order deadline is Monday, March 20</b> )
April 24-26	Scholastic Book Fair
April 26-28	Grade 8 Trip to Montreal
April 27	Jump Rope for Heart Activity Day



**Kindergarten Registration Began on  
January 20, 2017**

Kindergarten registration began on January 20, 2017 for the 2017-18 school year and is ongoing. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for Kindergarten.

Our Welcome to Kindergarten information session for parents with their child is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at 6:30 pm. An invitation confirming that date will be sent by email in April.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

**April 24, 25 and 26**

**(details to follow)**



**How can I get news about Central Park?**



***Follow us on Twitter @CPPS Markham***



***On the Web @<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/centralpark.ps/Pages/default.aspx>***



***Or email us and give us your address - we will send you email updates and monthly newsletters!***

**York Region Health Student Immunization**

If parents/guardians or students receive a letter from York Region Public Health requesting immunization information, here's what to do:

Update York Region Public Health on your child's immunization status in one of the following ways:

Online at <https://eimmunization.york.ca>

- Fax documents to 905-895-6066 or 1-866-258-2026
- Mail immunization information to Immunization Services, Box 147, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456

## Reporting Absences

To ensure the safety of our children, it is critical that parents contact the school office, on a daily basis when your child will be absent or late for school. The voicemail line is available 24 hours per day at (905) 940-1444.

If our Safe Arrival is not able to locate information regarding the student's absence in a timely manner, the York Regional Police will be contacted. Your child's safety is our most important priority.



## EQAO Provincial Testing for Grades 3 and Grade 6

All students in Grades 3 and 6 will be participating in the 2016 Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics this spring.

Please avoid making out of school appointments for your child between Tuesday, May 23 to Monday, June 5, 2017.



## LOST & FOUND

Our Lost and Found continues to accumulate a large number of items. Please ask your student to stop by the front lobby and check for any items you may be missing at home. All items that are not collected by the March Break will be donated to a local charity.

Please remember to label your children's clothing to enable us to return the lost items.



## Lunch Drop Off

A reminder to parents dropping off lunches for their child(ren), a parent volunteer receives the lunches at the front entry doors between 12:40 to 12:55 each day.

If you are not able to come at the above time, there will be a cart outside the front entrance where you can drop the lunch. Please remember to clearly mark the lunches with the student's name.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.





## Parents for Children's Mental Health

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# Monday, March 13, 2017

## PARENTS' Support Group

Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult?

### Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
  - find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
  - learn how to access resources in the community

When	Second <b>Monday</b> of every month NO pre-registration. Free childcare sign up <a href="mailto:parentengagement@kinark.on.ca">parentengagement@kinark.on.ca</a>  Meetings run every month all year. Chapter leader email <a href="mailto:york@pcmh.ca">york@pcmh.ca</a>	Second <b>Tuesday</b> of every month NO pre-registration <a href="mailto:info@theyorkcentre.ca">info@theyorkcentre.ca</a>  Meetings run every month except August.
Time	6:30-8:00pm	7:00- 9:00 pm
Where	Aurora Kinark Office at <b>24 Orchard Heights Blvd. Unit 101A Aurora.</b> (Entrance is at east side of grocery store) Free parking & very close to Yonge St for public transit.	The York Center at <b>11225 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill.</b> Free parking.
Next Meeting	<b>Monday, April 10, 2017</b> Guest Speaker Topic: successfully working with your child's teacher	To be announced

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit [www.pcmh.ca](http://www.pcmh.ca).

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# Character Trait of the Month ~PERSEVERANCE~

**SCHOOL TRUSTEE:**  
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At the end of every month we stop to recognize the character of our students. Each month we focus on one particular character trait and during the whole month we look for students who are exemplifying that trait. Our March Character Matters is **PERSEVERANCE** -  
  
“**We stick to a goal and work hard even in the face of obstacles and challenges. We complete all tasks and assignments.**”

## STUDENTS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED FAIRNESS IN JANUARY

<u>Primary</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>
Chloe, Ruyi, Kelvin, Eunice, Bryant, Kali, Annabel, Dawn, Mia, Helen, Annie, Emily, Kody, Vanessa, Emily, Ayden, Abby, Frank, Jack, Hanna, Richard, Anycka	Chase, Jehanne, Gian, Malik, Cristiano, Brooke, Leon, Alexander, Rex, Annika, Chloe, Jonathan, Victoria Vicki, Daniel, Michael, Justin	Yang Jun, Nathan, Amy, Jacqueline, Emily, David, James, Mary, Jessica, Jason, Cathleen, Emma

## STUDENTS WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED INITIATIVE IN FEBRUARY

<u>Primary</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>
Hailey, Katelyn, Jessie, Eason, Claire, Kevin, Ethan, Cynthia, Sophie, Karmen, Andrew, Ethan, Akira, Eric, Kevin, Elsie, Ethan, Demetri, Grace, Sana	George, Grace, Vivian, Alec, Gary, Laura, Andy, Ricky, Oscar, Evan, Orzela, Mark, Charles, Soham, Isabella, Husna, Angela, John, Daniel, Cedric, Frederick	Acharan, Yunis, Stanley, Bryan, Issa, Annabelle, Rodney, Isaac, Naveen, Jessica, Christina, Allen, Daniel

## School Council Corner

### Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, April 12
- Wednesday, May 10
- Wednesday, June 14

Please join us!

