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YRDSB

Administrator Notes

New Year and New Weather

Welcome back, and welcome to 2014! There is much to share since our last newsletter, not the least of which is returning from our break to rather exceptional weather! Please see p2 for some of the strategies we use from the Board's cold weather policy that we follow here at Charlton.

End of Term 1

As we approach the end

of January, our Term 1 ends and Report Cards will soon be written and sent home to you (on Feb. 12th). Final evaluations occur this month for all students.

New Mission, Vision and Values for the York Region District School Board

After almost a year of consultation and organizational work, the YRDSB has just launched its new Mission, Vision and Values statements, as well as a new slogan for the coming

years. I shared this with staff this week, and would like to share with you.

Mission: To advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community.

Vision: To be a leader in public education by empowering all students to become engaged and caring citizens of the world.

Slogan: "Inspire Learning!" You will no doubt be hearing a lot more about this in the future.

Dates to Remember:

- January 13-School Council Meeting
- January 16-School Council Movie Night
- January 17-PA Day-no school.
- January 23-Grad Photos
- January 31-CAS Assembly
- February 3-Term 2 begins
- February 12-Term 1 Report Cards sent home

Principal:
Ritch McNaughton

Office Assistant:
Marg Speed
Cheryl Ebidia (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

Superintendent:
J. Parappally

Trustee:
Joel Hertz

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will start on **January 17, 2014** for the 2014-15 school year. Children who turn four or five years old during 2014, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca.

Mornings & Supervision – no earlier than 8:20 am please

Our staff is in bright and early getting ready for their busy day with your student(s). However, morning playground supervision does not begin before 8:20 am. Therefore, students should not be arriving to school before that. Thank you.

Why does Attendance matter?

Getting to school every day and on time is very important. Learning, both academic and social, happens

from the moment students arrive. By being on time and ready to learn, children acquire great habits (punctuality/responsibility) that will serve them throughout their lives.

Other things to consider: Much like when we grab a morning coffee with a co-worker, when kids are late they miss the important social time at the start of their day. The last minute rush can be stressful and can leave your student(s) arriving late to class feeling embarrassed or self-conscious, the wrong frame of mind to be starting their day. Additionally for students who miss even 5 or 10 minutes at the beginning of the lesson, learning can become more difficult because important concepts may have been missed. Late arrivals are disruptive to the routine of the classroom and to other students as well.

Frequent absenteeism can lead to gaps in a child's skills and

knowledge base and can cause the student to fall behind his/her peers. Imagine playing with Lego, you can't complete the tower without the proper base blocks can you? They may also miss important social opportunities increasing feelings of isolation and decreased self-esteem.

Tips for being on time

Mornings can be hectic so here are some tips for getting your child up and out the door on time: Get your child to bed at a reasonable hour.

- Set realistic and consistent schedules at home. Getting ready for school should be a part of the routine.
- Pre-plan to save time; pack lunches, choose and lay out clothes the night before.
- Minimize distractions like TV watching and computer games in the morning.
- If you find you are consistently late, try setting your alarm a few

Character Trait for January—Optimism

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

~Dr. Seuss

Charlton's School Council

Just a reminder to book the evening of Thursday Jan 16th as Charlton will be holding a movie night starting at 6:30pm. Entrance to the movie will be free and snacks will be also be available for sale. Details will follow in a flyer sent home in January.



Extreme Weather



Here are some of the Strategies we promote and follow. They are taken from the YRDSB Policy on Extreme Cold weather:

- Students with health concerns, such as, but not limited to, heavy colds, coughs and flu, which are serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until the condition improves.
- Students are to come to school ready for winter and prepared to be outdoors after lunch.
- When temperatures and/or wind chill reach minus 20 degrees Celsius, consider an indoor routine for recess/events.
- When temperatures and/or wind chill reach minus 18-19 degrees Celsius, consider a shortened outdoor routine for recess/events.
- Children need to be dressed properly for our invigorating winter days. It is advisable for students to bring extra pants and socks. A change is often necessary due to the wet and cold weather of the winter months. To avoid adding to the clothing collection in the Lost and Found, parents/guardians should be advised to label all articles of clothing, including but not limited to, boots, hats, mitts/gloves, scarves, and snow pants.
- Encourage physical activity, such as walking or playing, to increase metabolism – which generates more body heat.
- Children should be monitored closely for signs of frost-nip, frostbite or difficulty breathing.

Please note that we still require parents to call in their child's absence even when buses are cancelled. This is the only way we can ensure the safety of your child.



Locked School Doors



Beginning February 3, all school doors, including the front doors and doors to portables, will be locked 15 minutes after the morning entry bell. The doors will remain locked for the rest of the day. Anyone arriving at the school after that time must buzz in and sign in at the main office.

Measures will also be put in place for parents/guardians to buzz in and pick up students par-

ticipating in before and after school programs. More detailed information will be available in January. Measures will also be put in place to lock port-a-pack doors.

Our school continues to be a safe place where parent and community member involvement is welcomed and encouraged. This additional step will enhance the measures we already have in place, and ensure that all visitors sign in at the main office upon arrival.

Did You Know?

Charlton raised over \$1000 to send to the victims of typhoon Haiyan. Well done Charlton!!

We have been awarded a consultation with an outside artist to help our students compose and execute a piece of art for the school. Ms. Chan is co-ordinating...stay tuned for more information about this exciting new project!



**AUGHAN SECONDARY SCHOOL
GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY JANUARY 16, 2014**

Agenda

6:30 - 7:00 pm

Advanced Placement presentation by Lynda Robinson of AP Canada

7:00 - 7:30 pm

Principal's Welcome and Guidance Presentation

7:30 - 8:30 pm

Individual Department Open House Tours
Special Education Presentation