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CHARLTON P.S. NEWS



Message from the Principal's Desk

Happy New Year to all of our families! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday filled with the love of family and friends. Our Food Drive was an enormous success and we are very proud of our students who organized this initiative under the direction of Mrs. Antoniou and Mr. Kim. Thank you as well to our parents and students who donated generously. Charlton's acts of kindness and compassion did not end there. Mr. Vaz's, Mrs. Hill's and Ms. Fisher's classes took time from their busy school day to bring cheer to seniors in their community. After class discussions, the students learned about our senior population that live in nursing and retirement homes in our community. They talked about how it would feel to be away from family during the holiday season and what they could do to show respect and compassion to them. The students chose Season's Greetings cards and filled them with their best wishes and artwork. Cards were delivered by Mrs. Speed and Mrs. Bundy while Mr. Vaz's class delivered them in person along with friendship and song. As we enter the New Year, we look forward to continued messages of peace and acts of goodwill.

As we approach the end of Term one, we remain committed to our learning goals for the year. We remind all parents of the importance of being involved in your child's school life and to support them in setting goals that are achievable and attainable. We look forward to working together on these goals in partnership over the next few months. Both teachers and the administration look forward to your continued support.

Tina Diavolitsis

Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 20, 2017

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 20, 2017 for the 2017-18 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: 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. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

IMPORTANT

Our goal at Charlton is to have all students pay for all school events, Pizza and other school items online. Please visit <http://charlton.ps.yrdsb.ca/> to register today!!!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Parents, please ensure that we have the most up to date phone numbers on file so that we can reach you in case of emergency or at least leave a message. Many voicemail boxes have not been initialized and accessibility to our parents is very important to us.

Also, if your child will be absent from school, please call the school to let us know as this will assist us with our safe arrival program.

WELCOME BACK MS. WILKS!!!!!!



Parent Volunteers Needed to Support Charlton's Healthy Snack Program

We are still in need of parent volunteers to wash and cut the Healthy Snacks on Mondays and Tuesdays for 10 minutes anytime from 8:10-9:00 am

Grade 8 Parent Information Night

at

Vaughan S.S.

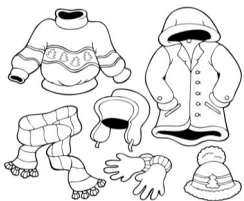


Vaughan's Grade 8 Parents' Night will be taking place on **January 18th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**. Parents are invited to attend to learn

IMPORTANT IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

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 or mail immunization information to Immunization Services, Box 147, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

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



Dressing for winter

Now that the colder temperatures have arrived please make sure your children come to school dressed for the weather. We monitor weather conditions daily and will keep students inside during severe weather. The rest of the time the students will play outside during morning and lunch recesses. It is helpful if you label these items so they can be returned if lost.

French Immersion registration will take place from January 20 - February 10, 2017

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at [French Immersion schools](#) on January 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 20, 2017. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2017, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office (where your child currently attends) and request an Office Index Card - short version. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to your [designated French Immersion school](#) to register between January 20 and February 10, 2017. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrolment information or to pre-register.

Families registering students who do not currently attend a YRDSB school will need to complete [full registration paperwork](#) at their designated FI school. Information required for registration includes:

- Proof of child's age (Birth Certificate/Passport)
- Any legal documents related to custody arrangements if applicable
- Proof of Residency of the student - two documents, one from each of the categories below showing the home address;
- Category A - notice of tax assessment, current rental/lease agreement, agreement to purchase including proof of purchase provided before the pupil attends the school, or property tax bill, and
- Category B - utility bill, bank statement or other official document.

WOULD YOU ENJOY COLLABORATIVELY LEARNING THE ONTARIO CURRICULUM THROUGH THE ARTS?

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an **Elementary Integrated Arts Program at Baythorn Public School**. If you are currently in grades **four or five**, you may apply for the **arts@baythorn program**, where you will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music in a **cooperative learning environment**.

To learn more about the **arts@baythorn** program, you and your family are invited to attend an information evening at Baythorn Public School on:

Thursday, January 19, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Applications will be available at bit.ly/arts_application2017 online after the January 19th, 2016 info night.

If you require further information, please call us at Baythorn Public School (905) 889-7992.

Kate Kurek
Principal

The Arts Team

Meytal Daniels
Vice Principal



VOLUNTEER



Ms. Wilks is looking for parent volunteers for the library. Duties would include completing data entry sheets, creating new spine labels, organizing shelves, creating a monthly theme book shelf etc. If you have an hour, or two to devote to the Charlton Library, please email Ms. Wilks at



We're starting our New Year off by celebrating healthy choices!

Our grade four students are taking the lead in spreading tobacco-free messages throughout our school as they learn about the health risks associated with tobacco use through their Health and Physical Education curriculum. Ask your children what they learned this week and start the discussion at home!

- Take advantage of opportunities to discuss the health risks of tobacco
- Talk about peer pressure and the role of the media
- Work with your child to practice saying 'no'
- Make the conversation meaningful by relating it to something they enjoy (e.g. the effects of smoking on their ability to play sports, dance, etc.)



Together we can make the healthy choice the easy choice!

For more information, visit **Health Canada** at www.hc-sc.gc.ca

1-800-361-5533
TTY: 1-866-252-9932

York Region Health Connection

Community and Health Services
Public Health

www.york.ca



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ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AND GOODWILL FROM CHARLTON PS STUDENTS



Students led a school wide campaign by gathering, donating, packing up, delivering and distributing food items for our annual food drive. We thank the thoughtfulness and generous contributions of our families. Mr. Kim's Grade 7 and 8 students spent the day demonstrating active citizenship and goodwill. Once again, Charlton's spirit and commitment to community service is reflective of the strong character attributes that make Charlton students kind and caring citizens. Thank you to Mr. Kim and Mrs. Antoniou for their sup-



Charlton P.S. is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

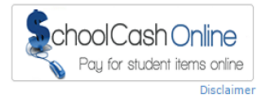
- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt.

To view a presentation about the program, go to <http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>.

Follow the easy steps on the next page to register and get started!

PLEASE NOTE: Your purchases will appear on your statement as "School Cash Online – YRDSB"



Step 1: Register

- Click on the School Cash Online button on our school's website at <http://charlton.ps.yrdsb.ca/> select the "Get Started Today" button.

Complete each of the three Registration Steps

***For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**

Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

Step 3: Find Student

NOTE: A STUDENT NUMBER IS REQUIRED

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

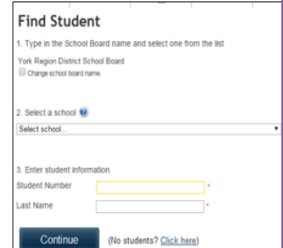
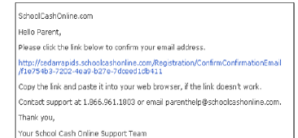
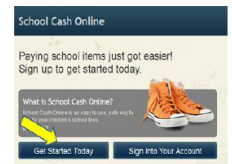
Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

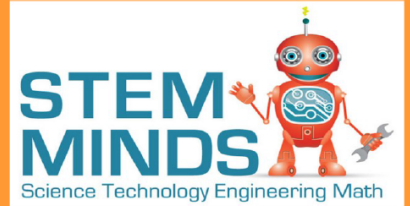
If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items For Students" option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com.





The Learning Disabilities Association of York Region presents:

STEM Minds Corp. Discovery Club

**Register Today! Students ages 6 — 14 years old.
8 weeks beginning Monday January 16th 2017**

LDAYR and STEM MINDS™ are pleased to operate a **Discovery Club** for students 6-14 years old, once a week from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

A **8-weeks session** from Monday January 6th 2017 — Tuesday March 7th 2017 at the Learning Disabilities Association of York Region.

The Discovery Club will provide children the opportunity to foster their creativity as they discover various tools and techniques while making **STEM**-based projects. Themed programs will be setup every evening to allow children to design, create, build and explore. Each session a new activity will be completed whether it be **Science**, **Technology**, **Engineering** or **Math** related. Children will discover their passion and open their mind to new ideas.

Location: Learning Disabilities Association of York Region
Loyal True Blue and Orange Home - 11181 Yonge Street. Richmond Hill, ON L4S 1L2

ROOM: Basement Room: B13

Dates: ¹•Mon Jan 16th 2017/ ²•Mon Jan 23rd 2017/ ³•Mon Jan 30th 2017/ ⁴•Mon Feb 6th 2017/
⁵•Mon Feb 13th 2017/ ⁶•Tues Feb 21st 2017/ ⁷•Mon Feb 27th 2017/ ⁸•Tues Mar 7th 2017

Time: 6:00pm — 7:30pm

Cost: \$220.⁰⁰ non-LDAYR Members
\$200.⁰⁰ LDAYR Members

For more Information or to Register contact LDAYR at:
905-884-7933 ext. 23 or programs@ldayr.org

Special Needs Information Fair

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017

1PM - 4PM

Angus Glen Community Centre

3990 Major Mackenzie Drive East

Markham, Ontario

(Please use lower library parking)

FREE
Open House



Everyone welcome: parents, families, caregivers, teachers, therapists and youth with special needs ages 0-21

Get connected and access information on various topics including but not limited to...

- Recreational activities
- Family resources
- Financial assistance
- Transition planning
- Funding options
- Therapy options

- Public and private services will be present
- Drop in - No need for registration
- "FAQs" sessions available to have individual questions answered with a CTN service provider
- FREE 2 for 1 coupon for City of Markham at admission
- Great Door prizes: program gift cards, t-shirts, gifts, special needs toys and equipment, planning guides, and therapy gift cards!

While we endorse your right to information, please note the Children's Treatment Network and our network partners do not endorse any specific therapy, product, treatment, strategy, opinions, service, or individual. It is important to do your own research and make your own informed decisions.

For more information contact Kelly Lapham 905-898-6455 ext.2248 • klapham@ctnsy.ca