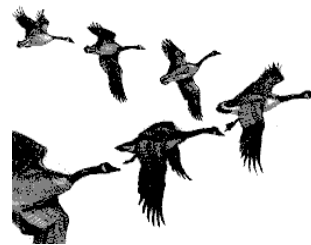


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September 2013

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## Administrator Notes

### Dates to Remember:

- September 16–1st School Council Meeting
- Sept. 23–P.A. Day
- Sept. 26–Terry Fox walk/run
- Sept. 30–CAS Assembly
- October 1–Photo Day

### WELCOME to our New Students and WELCOME BACK to our Returning Students

We are excited to have your children attending Charlton Public School. The school looks shiny and new from a summer of cleaning by our caretakers. We have all re-charged over the summer months and are very happy to see so many smiling faces.

This year is sure to be a great one!

### Student Success and Charlton Public School

Charlton students enjoy a considerable amount of success, both academically and socially. Our EQAO results are one indicator of that success. York Region consistently scores higher than the provincial average in Mathematics, Reading and Writing. Charlton consistently scores higher than both the provincial average and the York Region average. Early indicators are telling us that this year's results reflect the same

trend as we've seen in the past 5 years. This space is not large enough for me to give all the reasons why I believe this to be true.

However, I will say that one of the main reasons for our success is the quality of our staff. Charlton staff members are continually learning and implementing proven techniques to maximize the success of our students. Despite an ESL population that exceeds 40% of our student population, students are made to feel welcome im-



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Ritch McNaughton

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

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Joel Hertz

mediately on arriving at Charlton. They are given a tour of the school and are immediately connected to both a staff member and some students. Staff are in constant discussion about their students—what is working to engage them, new methods to try. Any issues a student may have, whether academically or socially, are recognized quickly and immediately addressed. We also ensure that students are given many opportunities for

physical activity through sports, games, dance and other forms of exercise. Looking after student well-being allows students to focus on their work to be the best they can be.

Another main reason for student success is the support we receive from you. A consistent message from both home and school is very powerful in a young person's life. Charlton parents have

been powerful partners in educating our students and your children.

The photo above is of a Newcomer's Program, in which families new to Canada learned about the education system. Typical of Charlton, 15 of our students hosted the program and were welcoming, responsible and charming. I count myself very fortunate to continue to be one of the Charlton family.

### **Charlton's School Council**

Charlton wants to continue the vibrant School Council this year that has been a characteristic of the school for many years. Study after study points to a strong relationship between parent involvement at school and student success. One of the ways you can be aware of what is occurring at Charlton, as well as offer advice to school administration, is to join School Council. Council efforts have been responsible for allowing students many varied experiences, from Rock Climbing to regular use of technology in classrooms and much in between.

"Act the way you'd like to be and soon you'll be the way you act."  
~Leonard Cohen, as quoted in our Student Agenda

### **Celebrating Student Birthdays**

At Charlton we celebrate student birthdays with a morning announcement and a ribbon students wear on their birthday (or the day after if on a weekend). If parents would like to celebrate further, we recommend a small token (special pencil or eraser etc.) to be given to other students. Due to the increase in student allergies and anaphylactic (life threatening) reactions, no food of any sort will be distributed to other students for birthday celebrations.

### **Did You Know?**

- Charlton received over 30 new computers over the summer, and about the same number of old computers 'left the building' in a rather large upgrade.
- Our tarmac was painted over the summer so that students can enjoy various games and activities during recess. Drop by when you have a chance to see the fresh paint. Our Kindergarten area looks particularly great!
- We now have Plexiglas basketball backboards in our gymnasium here at Charlton P.S. We look like a mini-NBA franchise now!
- Charlton hosted a Newcomer's Program last week welcoming new Canadians and

### **General Interest Courses**

YRDSB General Interest Courses have experienced a steady decline in client registrations for the past six years. As a result, YRDSB General Interest Courses have operated at a financial loss in 2011-12 and 2012-13. This information was brought forward and discussed at the Board Standing Committee Meeting on May 21. At the June 4, 2013 Board Meeting, the decision was made to discontinue General Interest Courses.

Thank you for your past support of YRDSB General Interest Courses.

Continuing Education Services

### **Welcome to New Staff**

We have some new staff to introduce to you this year. we have two Long Term Occasional teachers this year: Leigh-Anne Chittle is in this year for Lina Kliger, and Shawna Strom is in for the first part of the year for Michelle Aptekar. As well, Robyn Urovitz is our new Designated Early Childhood Educator (DECE) teaching in Ms. Kliger's Kindergarten classroom.

A BIG welcome to our new staff...please make them feel at home at Charlton!

some students move from one class to another. Though this is an adjustment for students, the curriculum they follow will remain consistent, and parents know that our youngest students are in class sizes that allow teachers to give them personalized attention in some of the most important years of their educational careers.

- explaining our school system to them (see photo p1). Over 25 families participated, some of them new Charlton families. From all reports, it was a fantastic success!
- Our 4 washrooms received fresh ceramic tiling over the summer. They look like new!