

# COLEDALE COUGARS

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**School Council Meeting: November 17th 7:00PM**

## **Principal's Message**

As the Holiday Season approaches, I am reminded by the kind, caring actions and thoughtful demonstrations of student voice that is seen on a daily basis throughout our school. In November students and teachers presented a thoughtful Remembrance Assembly. Every student was given a poppy in honour of our Canadian soldiers and Canadian Peace Keepers. Classes made poppies and wreaths to decorate the school and the ceremony was filled with music, poetry, tableaux and power point presentations.

Coledale Student Council is currently organizing the holiday food drive. They have been busy recording the amount of food that has been brought in by the classes and have created a display in the front hallway. The fundraising division from the Student Council are currently selling popcorn on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be donating a portion of their profits to a charity of their choice. Every day we celebrate our students at Coledale and how they contribute to the school culture of equity and inclusiveness.

The staff at Coledale Public School would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful Coledale community for their ongoing support and commitment to education. We are thrilled with the strong partnerships we have created and know that by working together we will achieve the best outcomes for all of our students. The staff at Coledale wishes you and your family a relaxing, enjoyable holiday filled with quality family time.

### Our Coledale Mission Statement

**“Our mission is to foster high standards of academic excellence grounded in development of responsible and respectful citizens, dedicated to making positive contributions to society.”**

## Wade's visit to Coledale Public school

Wade, author of the series *And Then it Happened*, visited our junior classes on January 2, 2015. It was quite an interesting and fun experience! Here are some things a

is tall and very muscular, sort of resembling Mr. Clean - not exactly what comes to mind when people picture a writer! He used to work as a prison guard and got his start writing about the prisoners were sleeping. He and his wife work together to make their stories. He has written a total of 12 books so far! They average about 5-7 rewrites for each book and publish about one book per year.

Back to his visit, he talked about how anyone can be a writer if they have creativity and a hard work ethic. He showed us a fun demonstration where he had the students come up and fill some info about their dogs - what their annoying habits are and how they like to do their "business." He then read us the info, but changed the word "dog" to "cat" and it was hilarious! He demonstrated another prank where he picked up a volunteer using a roll of toilet paper! One of the best moments was when he made the teachers say a tongue twister and they all said it correctly! He also read us a story he is working on about a rather famous teacher, and we thought maybe we could name her in honour of our very own Mrs. Wade. He said, "Elsayed!" At the end, some lucky volunteers even won a copy of one of his books. Thank you, Mr. Wade!  
By: Zaneer Vade

## Immersion Registration

**Immersion registration will take place from January 15 - February 12, 2016**

Registration sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at [French Immersion](#) on January 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 15, 2016. In order to complete the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students enrolling in 2016, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school (or child currently attends) and request an Office Index Card - short version. The card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then must bring along with one piece of identification showing their address to your [designated FI school](#) to register between January 15 and February 12, 2016. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrolment information or to pre-register. Families registering students who currently attend a YRDSB school will need to complete [full registration paperwork](#) at the designated FI school. Information required for registration includes:

Child's age (Birth Certificate/Passport)  
Legal documents related to custody arrangements if applicable  
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 or proof of purchase provided before the pupil attends the school, or property tax assessment

Category B - utility bill, bank statement or other official document.

## **Kindergarten Registration**

York Region District School Board welcomes you and your child to our schools. We are proud to be one of Ontario's top achieving school districts and to provide quality educational programs for all our students. Kindergarten is a big step on the journey of learning and this is an exciting time for you and your child. We strongly believe that building strong partnerships with our parent community is a main factor in achieving success; and encourage you to engage in your child's education.

York Region District School Board's mission is to advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community. We look forward to having your child join us, working with you toward his/her success. Kindergarten Registration for the 2015-2016 school year will begin on January 15, 2016.

**Documents for Registration can be found at:**

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/Kindergarten/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Required Documents:**

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;

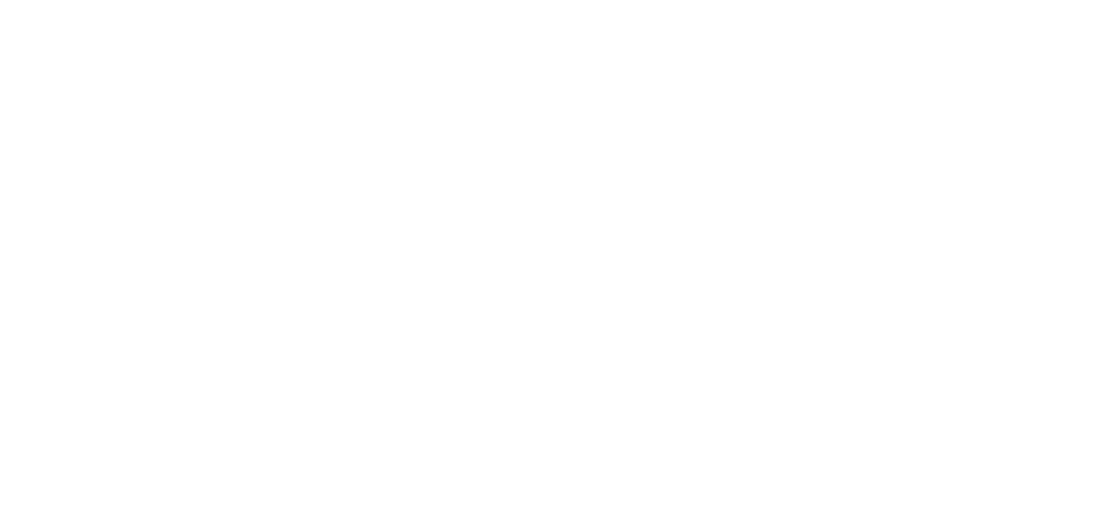
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Category B - utility bill, bank statement or other official document.

If you have questions about registration, please contact your local school.

## **Dress Warmly for Cold Weather**

Our students will be expected to be outside before, during and after school in all weather conditions. Students need to come to school dressed to play outside during recess. Boots (for rain or snow), rain jackets, hats, mitts, scarves and snow pants will help make recess an enjoyable time. To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found Bin, please be sure to label all articles of clothing.



## Bus Ride

The bus loop is VERY busy in the morning! We have several vans and busses accessible to drop off students. Parents familiar with morning traffic know just how congested the bus loop is in the morning in front of the school,

We strongly encourage students to walk to school. If you are driving your child to school, please do not enter the bus loop. Please be patient, drive slowly and be careful. Parents should not park their car or leave their car unattended at any time. When dropped off, students are to walk back of the school where a teacher is on duty from 8:45-9:00 . Do not encourage students to run across the bus loop. Please have them cross at the crosswalk where staff are on duty.

## Bus Ride

Please pay close attention to street signs as there is very little parking available in front of the school. Many drivers have been served with parking tickets for parking illegally on the street.

Please remember: the best way to get to school...  
is to walk!

## Intermediate Volleyball Team

Congratulations to the Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team on a great season. The boys played a great year and competed well against the top teams in the area. At the area tournament the Cougars played some great volleyball showing their skills and representing the school well. The team was in a very tough pool but managed to win two out of four games. They were competitive throughout the season even beating the eventual winners of the area earlier in the season. The entire team should be proud of their efforts and a special thanks to the team manager, Coach H, Carter Y, and Jason L for the leadership and determination.

GO GO COUGARS

from Mr. McMahon



## TAILS & DREAMS

's edition of the Intermediate Girls' Volleyball Team proved just as feisty and competitive as the previous year's as they once again finished a strong 4<sup>th</sup> overall in our Area. Coaches and Mr. Papa are very proud of the girls for their persistence on the court, and of each other. They practised and played hard, and wore their uniforms and hats with pride. Team members are: Samantha S, Samantha S, Angela C, Carly F, Kaitlyn W, Mellisa L, Ashley W, Arthi S, Malaika S, Emily L, and Ivory H. Way to go girls! Our school community is proud of the way you carried yourselves on and off the court! GO GIRLS!



## Lost & Found

Lost and found items will be on display in the front hall during the week of December 7th to 11th. Please stop by and see if there are any items that look familiar.

Unclaimed items will be donated to Goodwill over the next 30 days.



**parents of female Grade 8 students and parents of all students:**

As a reminder of the upcoming immunization clinic planned for our school, York Region Public Health will be visiting our school on **December 10th** to offer immunizations for meningococcal disease (grade 7 students) and HPV human papillomavirus (grade 8 students) as part of their school immunization clinic program. If you would like your child to be immunized, ensure York Region Public Health has your completed consent form mailed to them before the day of the clinic. If you have not already mailed in a completed consent form to York Region Public Health, you can download and print an immunization consent form from the [School Immunization Clinics page](#) on [york.ca](#). The completed consent form can be brought to school with your child the **day of the clinic**.

For any questions regarding vaccines or the school immunization program you can call York Region Public Health's Immunization Program at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73452. Visit [york.ca/immunizations](#) for more information.

**THANK YOU!**

We would like to thank the Coledale community for their support this year at the 'Movie Night in the Air'. It was wonderful to see so many families on Thursday and Friday. All of the proceeds from the event will go towards our library collection!

**HOLIDAY CONCERT!**

Our school's annual Holiday Concert will be held on Thursday December 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM. We will have a great time singing, dancing, and watching drama and dance presentations to welcome in the new year. This year there are presentations from the Grade 7 and 8 bands, the primary and intermediate choirs as well as songs, poems, dances and videos from 2Ciappa, 3/4 Marshall, 4/5 McAdam, 5 Dimitropoulos/Neuman, 5/6 Elsayed, 6 Hoogerhout, 7McGuire and 8Papa. We hope to see you all out for what promises to be a wonderful evening.

## Coledale Parents Advisory Council (CPAC) Updates

Dear parents,

We are very happy to report CPAC progress to-date in the 2015-2016 school year:

[Completed: Parent Council member and executive member election in September]

[Establishing child minding service and translation service during council meeting times to better assist parents]

[Identifying Volunteer Groups to oversee Milk and Pizza Programs as well as Spring Picnic and Dance-a-thon]

[Initiating launching of simplified Pizza program and milk program]

[Securing over \$18,000 in funding Support for Musical Instruments, Chromebooks & iPads, Math Manipulatives Program, Scientists in School & 2 New Tents for our Outdoor Sports Teams.

Upcoming CPAC meeting dates are Jan 19, Feb 16, Apr 19, May 17 and Jun 21. We have seen an increased participation in the Parent School Council so far this year and we would love to have even more parents attend ! We encourage you to join these meetings to find out more about what's going on at school and work together to make Coledale a more inviting, engaging, productive and fun-filling environment for students and parents. If you don't have the time to attend the meetings, we also have many opportunities for you to volunteer at our many programs that run during the school year.

Please contact the parent council for more details. Our email address is [coledale.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:coledale.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca).

## Coledale's Holiday Food Drive is a Huge Success!

The holiday food drive for the Markham Food Bank was organized and run by the fundraising division of the student council. The students challenged all classes to participate in the worthwhile cause. The food was counted by the fundraising committee, on a regular basis, and the results were displayed on a chart in the school. When the food drive was over, the fundraising committee, counted the contributions from each class room and the top classes were in place going to Ms. Young's class with 154 cans, Ms. Neumann/Dimitropoulos class with 147 items and Ms. Dell-Bonner's class with 127 cans. Congratulations to all students at Coledale who generously contributed to the Markham Food Bank and helped to support our food drive. Way to go Coledale!!



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## School Bus Cancellation Notice

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For the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, excessive snow, ice, fog, rain, or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate transportation arrangements.

When morning bus routes begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. Please communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after the approval of the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on current weather conditions, precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

The following:

Decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and minibuses.

If bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduling of tests involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.

**Bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities.**

Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students from these municipalities are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. Therefore, the authority to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.

Where bus service is cancelled, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, buses will not be available in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will need to be transported home.**

Parents and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations for the most current cancellation information:

640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM



# Absences

Please call the office for every student absence and/or late. This may include illness, appointments, personal reasons etc. Please call (905) 294-5563 and leave a message.

It is important to note that research indicates that significant absence from school has a detrimental effect on student performances. It is for this reason that we discourage extended absences. If your child is away from school for an extended period of time this will undoubtedly create gaps in their learning. It is not expected that teachers provide for extended periods of absence from school. As a result we would ask you to consider carefully when withdrawing your children from school.





## UPDATE

**KID'S KITCHEN** CO.

Our Annual Seasonal Favourite is back!

### **The 2015 Winter Holiday Lunch Special**

**Roast chicken leg, Steamed veggies,  
Mashed potatoes with gravy & a Mini red velvet cupcake**

Available EACH day we service your school from **December 1<sup>st</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>**



**UPDATE**



We have added a vegetarian option to our Lunch combo for December:

**Salisbury steak with steamed veggies**

or

**Cheese ravioli with tomato sauce**

Many more choices available on our regular menu

Ordering is easy!

Visit us at [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca) to place your orders online.

Order up till 10am the previous business day.  
Valid credit card required.

Enjoy more quality time with your children.  
Leave the lunches to us.

905-944-0210

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