

COLEDALE COUGARS



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February 2016

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School Council Meeting: February 16th 2016

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Principal's Message

On Wednesday February 18th, your child will receive his/her full term mark based on the Ministry's "Growing Success" (<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/success.html>) assessment and reporting document. This report is comprised of four pages, with ample room for teacher comments on the learning strengths and next steps for your child, as well as their achievement levels. Learning Skills take front page on this report card format. The ability to succeed in these skills / habits is critical to growth and development in school and in life.

Developing learning skills and work habits is a vital part of each student's success. The staff at Coledale Public School is helping students develop their learning skills and work habits needed for success in school and adult life: responsibility, organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative, and self-regulation. The development of these learning skills and work habits begins early in a child's education. As students get older and advance through their grades, they develop these skills and work habits in preparation for postsecondary education and life in the work force. Teachers assess, evaluate, and report on the achievement of curriculum expectations and on the demonstration of learning skills and work habits separately. This allows parents and students to receive information that is specific to the two areas of achievement. As we approach the end of Term 1, staff and students will be working hard to consolidate the learning that has taken place during the first half of the school year. We will begin Term 2 in February with end of year learning targets in mind. Teachers will be focused on helping students monitor their progress toward achieving their learning goals.

Remember parents play a crucial role in their child's education. Many educational researchers have confirmed the link between parental involvement and academic success. Parents can extend the learning in the classroom by reading together at home, discussing the success criteria for homework assignments, and demonstrating an interest in their child's learning.

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."

PA DAY MAY 6TH 2016

As a result of provincial labour negotiations, a **P.A. Day has been added for all York Region District School Board elementary schools on Friday, May 6, 2016 and secondary schools on Friday, June 3, 2016.** You can see the full updated school year calendars on YRDSB's [website](#).

These additional P.A. Days are mandated by the Ministry of Education. On these dates, teachers will be taking part in professional development on provincial education priorities identified by the Ministry of Education.

Family Day, Monday,
February 15th - (no school)

A reminder to all parents/guardians that February 15th is Family Day, an observed holiday by the Ontario Government and therefore school will be closed that day. Please take the day to enjoy and spend time with your family.

School Council
Meeting
Tuesday, February 16th
7-8:30 p.m.

Report Cards
go home on
Friday February 19Th

Cold Weather is Here!

Students need to come to school dressed to play outside during recesses (hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, boots, etc.). It is advisable for children to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet. Being physically active during winter is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle.

The school administration keeps a close eye on weather conditions, including wind chill. When conditions necessitate, students will remain inside for recess. When conditions allow, reduced outdoor recesses may take place. If a student is well enough to attend school, then he/she will be expected to go outside for recess. We would ask that parents send their children dressed for outdoor winter play.



TEACHER APPRECIATION EVENT

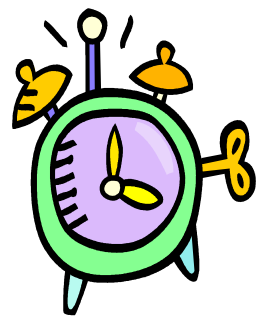
On January 28, CPAC had a successful "Refreshments for Teachers" event. Coledale teachers and staff members had a chance to enjoy Tim Hortons coffee, bagels, quiche, fruits and veggie dips. School Council wants to take this opportunity to show appreciation to Coledale staff for their great work, and further strengthen the communication and partnership between teachers and parents. The refreshments were well-received!



Huge thanks to Jennifer, David, June, Kathy, Nandita, Shirley and Pat who jointly made this event so successful and to our Trustee Billy Pang, Principal Ms. Arnold and Vice Principal Mr. Barton who offered their great support!

Attendance - Lates/Absences

If your son/daughter is absent from school, you **MUST** call to let us know before 8:30 a.m. We do have an answering machine, if you call during the evening hours. Please tell us their name, grade/teacher name and the reason why they are away!



Being on time and prepared for instruction not only supports student success and academic achievement, but it is also an expectation of the staff at Coledale. The school times are included below as a gentle reminder to everyone.

Entry Bell 8:50 a.m. Lunch 12:45 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Dismissal 3:25 p.m.

Message from our Trustee

Although winter still feels far from over some days, we are now halfway through the school year. With report cards coming home, this is a good time to review progress and celebrate what your children have learned both inside and outside of the classroom. This is also a good time to set goals for the months ahead.

One of our goals set out in the Board of Trustees' [Multi-Year Plan](#) is to “continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture of caring and learning.” Developing this supportive culture includes engaging parents/guardians and other members of the school community in public education and working together to create safe and supportive school environments that enable students to thrive.

As parents/guardians, there are many ways you can get engaged in your child's education and support their learning, including talking with them about school, communicating with teachers, attending school events or school council meetings, and volunteering in the school. However you get involved, know that you are making a difference.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish you all the best an enjoyable and successful second term.

Limited Class Interruptions

We value instructional time at Coledale P.S. Our office staff has been instructed not to interrupt classes unless there is an emergency situation. Please make arrangements, in advance, if your child is to be picked up for an appointment and provide a note to the teacher. As well, please make sure that any arrangements made for lunch or after school are done with a note so that calls do not need to be made into the classroom.

Your support in protecting instructional time for our students is most appreciated.

School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.

School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather is not affecting all municipalities in York Region. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.

Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM 640 AM 680 AM 860 AM 1010 AM 1050 AM
1540 AM 1580 AM

88.5 FM 89.9 FM 92.5 FM 93.1 FM 94.9 FM
95.9 FM 97.3 FM 98.1 FM 99.1 FM 99.9 FM
101.1 FM 102.1 FM 104.5 FM 100.7 FM 107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CFTO TV CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YCDSB and YRDSB on twitter.

Please note that school bus charters will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled.



KID'S KITCHEN Co.

Warm up with this special for the month of February...

The 2016 Mid-Winter Special

**Chicken parmesan with pasta in tomato sauce
& a homemade Chocolate cake cup**

Available EACH day we service your school from
February 1st to February 29th



Also available - our **Lunch combo for February:**
Meatballs with mashed potatoes
(also available with Veg soy meatballs or Halal meatballs)
Order as an entrée or combo.



Also back by popular demand and special request:
"Heaven in a Wrap" Beef Taco & Bean Taco
Available every day as of February.



Many more choices available on our regular menu.

Ordering is easy!
Visit us at www.kidskitchen.ca to place your orders online.

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

Enjoy more quality time with your children.
Leave the lunches to us.
905-944-0210 | www.kidskitchen.ca



UNDERSTANDING LEARNING DISABILITIES AND ATTENTION DISORDERS

了解学习困难症及注意力不足過動症

日期/Date: Tues. Feb. 9, 2016

時間/Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

地點/Location:

Milliken Mills
High School
7522 Kennedy Road
Markham, ON L3R 9S5

提供普通话和粤语翻译
Presentation will be
in English
with translation services
in Mandarin & Cantonese

可要求托儿服务
Child minding services will be
offered by request

报名及查询, 请致电
For more information and to
register, please contact:

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Presented by
Learning Disabilities Association of York Region
in collaboration with
Inclusive School and Community Services
York Region District School Board



讲座内容: Workshop Information:

The workshop will help parents and students better understand: 帮助家长及学生更了解:

- ◇ What are Learning Disabilities/ADHD 什么是学习困难症及注意力不足過動症
- ◇ How to teach self-advocacy skills 如何教孩子争取自己的权利
- ◇ Building resiliency and stress management skills, increase mental health awareness 如何教导孩子面对逆境, 处理压力, 和了解自己的心理及情绪健康状况
- ◇ Programming to support children, youth and families 学校提供给有学习困难症学生的服务

讲员/Presentation Speakers:

Renee Flannery (LDAYR) is a Resource Facilitator with the LDAYR. Renee has provided support and guidance to parents for over years.

Stephanie Gatti (LDAYR) is a Program Coordinator and Resource Facilitator at the LDAYR.

Parents Reaching Out Grants

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United Way
York Region
2016-2017



Think Autism

Do you want to learn more about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)?
Come to this informative presentation to learn the basics about
Autism, gain knowledge and learn strategies for common
challenges. Participants will learn more about features of ASD
including Social Communication, Restricted and Repetitive Behavior,
Sensory Differences, and more. This is a great first step in your journey
to becoming an Autism 'expert'!

Come find out on:

Tuesday March 1, 2016 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm!

Where?

Community Living York South (Markham Office)

5694 Highway 7 E., Markham, Suite 13

Speaker












Michael Morris-Kerry's Place Autism Services

For further information and/or registration, please contact Annie Zhang:
905-884-9110 EXT. 382 or Email: azhang@communitylivingyorksouth.ca

The Speaker will speak in English, but translations to Cantonese and Mandarin
will be available.

February 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 (Day 0) PA DAY	2 (Day 1) 	3 (Day 2) 	4 (Day 3) 	5 (Day 4) Primary Skating	6
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