

COLEDALE COUGARS

Coledale Public School
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School Council Meeting: January 19th 2016

Principal's Message

I reflect upon the accomplishments of Coledale students since September, I am proud of the leadership, initiative and teamwork they have demonstrated. Our annual drive was an amazing success with our students and parents donating over 450 lbs of food to the Markham Food Bank, which supports our Markham Community Centre. To the incredible generosity of our students and community we have created a partnership with our local fire department, who assisted our students' efforts by delivering the food on their behalf.

Our students, your children, are generous, globally aware and are the foundation and driving force of so many wonderful programs that are part of our day at Coledale. I could not be prouder of our students or of their accomplishments as they continue to raise in their efforts to support local agencies.

Through their ongoing fundraising efforts and pizza days School Council has recently purchased new instruments for the music program, hands on math manipulatives for classroom learning, as well as computers and iPads which will be placed in our classrooms. The School Council has also generously donated funds to every homeroom class, to support the Scientist in the Classroom Program. Thank you to our School Council for supporting our school goals.

Always, we would like to thank our parent community for their continued and ongoing support as we move forward with new initiatives and renewed energy in the New Year.

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."

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 and fires innovation and builds community. We look forward to having your child join our school community working with you toward his/her success. Kindergarten Registration for the 2016-2017 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;

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.

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.



Interested: Lunch Assistant

If you are interested in being a school lunch assistant, (permanent or as a supply) please contact the school at (905) 940-0123 or e-mail craig.barton@yrdsb.ca for more information.



UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADE 8 PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION NIGHT

You are cordially invited to join us on
Thursday, January 14, 2016
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Presentation for grade 8 students and their parents/guardians beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the large gymnasium.

- Meet UHS Guidance Counsellors
- Meet UHS student ambassadors
- Learn about secondary school graduation requirements
- Find out how to make appropriate course selection decisions
- Q & A session

A similar presentation will be made in Cantonese and Mandarin in the library.

Self-guided tour of Unionville High School.

- Visit department areas throughout the school
- Meet with department representatives

For more information please contact:
Unionville High School Guidance Office
201 Town Centre Blvd., Unionville, ON L3R 8G5
905-479-2787, ext. 458
or visit:
www.unionville.hs.yrdsb.ca

Guidance Counsellors:

Gabrielle McGill, Department Head
Ann Choi
Michelle Farwell
Stephanie Hawkins
Vernon Robichaud

Administrators:

Maureen Weaver, Principal
Sonya Borrell, Vice Principal
Krista Pummell, Vice Principal

Ride

Drop off is VERY busy in the morning! We have several vans and busses accessing the school to drop off students. Parents familiar with morning traffic know just how congested traffic can be in front of the school.

We encourage students to walk to school. If you are driving your child to school, please use the bus loop. Please be patient, drive slowly and be careful. Parents should not park their car unattended at any time. When dropped off, encourage your students to walk to the bus loop where a teacher is on duty from 8:40-8:55. Do not encourage your students to walk to the bus loop. Please have them cross at the crosswalk where staff is on duty.

Please pay close attention to street signs as there is very little parking available at 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!

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 (where their 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 bring the card 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:

1. Student's age (Birth Certificate/Passport)
2. Legal documents related to custody arrangements if applicable
3. 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.

School Bus Cancellation Notice

For the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, excessive snow, ice and/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 consultation with 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 in these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries.

As a result, the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology is limited.

Where possible, 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) 940-0123 and leave a message.

It is important to note that research indicates that significant absence from school has a negative impact 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 work for students for extended periods of absence from school. As a result we would ask you to consider carefully before withdrawing your children from school.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		(Day)			1	2
3	4 (Day 2)	5 (Day 3) 	6 (Day 4) 	7 (Day 5) 	8 (Day 1) Gr 1-3 Skating	9
10	11 (Day 2)	12 (Day 3) 	13 (Day 4) 	14 (Day 5) 	15 PA Day	16
17	18 (Day 1)	19 (Day 2) School Council 	20 (Day 3) 	21 (Day 4) 	22 (Day 5) Gr 1-3 Skating	23
24	25 (Day 1)	26 (Day 2)	27 (Day 3) 	28 (Day 4) Teacher Appreciation 	29 (Day 5) Gr 1-3 Skating	30