

COLEDALE COUGARS



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A Message From The Principal

As we look back upon this year, we recognize that it has been a memorable one, full of wonderful and exciting learning experiences. The success of this year is due to the collective efforts of our entire school community, our staff and students. We would like to thank everyone involved and extend our sincere appreciation and congratulations for a great year.

We would like to extend our gratitude and a special thank you to our School Council for the endless hours of hard work they have dedicated to support the ongoing success at Coledale.

As the school year draws to a close we would like to thank a few of our staff members for all their contributions, as they leave Coledale to embark on new adventures. We wish Ms. Young all the best as she retires and begins a new chapter in her life!

Although it is hard to say goodbye we would like to both recognize and thank, our Long Term Occasional Teachers for their hard work and dedication to our students this year. Thank you Ms. Miller, Mr. Papadimitropoulos, Ms. Roediger, Mr. Ng and Ms. Egleston for your contributions to Coledale.

On behalf of the staff and students, we say goodbye to Ms. Payne, Ms. Sidana and Ms. Dell-Bonner who have accepted positions at schools within the Board. We thank you for your devoted service to the school, your enthusiasm and commitment to our students. You will all be missed.

At the Board meeting held on Tuesday, June 6th, it was announced that our Vice Principal, Ms. Anand will be leaving Coledale to take on the role of Principal at Parkview Public School. I have greatly appreciated working with Ms. Anand this year. She has contributed a great deal to Coledale in her short time here and she will be missed and we wish her much success.

We welcome Ms. Ponikvar to Coledale as well as Coledale's new Vice Principal Ms. Jones.

Congratulations to our grade eight graduates as you move on to the next stage of your lives. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

To those who are returning, have a safe and restful summer holiday; the Coledale staff looks forward to seeing everyone back in September.

Catherine Arnold
Principal

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

As we near the end of the school year, I want to thank you for all that you do to strengthen our schools and communities. This is a good time to celebrate your child's achievements over the past year.

One of our goals in the [Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#) is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture of caring and learning." That includes a culture that emphasizes engagement and positive relationships among all the members of the school community – students, staff members, families and community members.

You, as parents/guardians, are our most important partners when it comes to education. The support you have provided to your child throughout this past school year will help to strengthen our schools and make a difference to your child's learning.

I encourage you to continue engaging your child in learning throughout the summer, and to help them to see the connections between what they are learning in school and the world around them. There are so many opportunities to do this over the summer, whether that's planning a budget with your child, enjoying the natural beauty in York Region, reading a book or visiting local sites. Whatever your plans are this summer, I wish you all a successful end to the school year, and a safe and enjoyable summer.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Trustee Billy Pang

Spring Fling 2017 was an overwhelming success and even a few rain drops could not dampen the communities and students enjoyment that evening. It also raised \$4,000 for the school. Our sincere thank you to all the families and students who participated, especially to our staff members, parent volunteers and students volunteers who supported Spring Fling. We are happy to see Coledale Alumni from Unionville High, and other high schools, and their parents coming back to create the fun and excitement for younger students. As always, your ideas and comments help us improve future Spring Fling planning. Please email springflingcps@gmail.com if you have any.

In order to seek parent and student input for planning school lunches next year, we brought in a few new lunch options such as Mother's Deli Pasta, Mi-Ne Sushi, Lunch Lady and LunchBoxOrders at our June 14th school council meeting . It was a fun-filled event and we thank all the families that came out!

As school year end is on doorstep, on behalf of all CPAC members, we thank all parents for your support and engagement in CPAC activities, and wish everyone a safe and fun summer!

Zhanyuan Hu and Lawrence Li
Co-chairs, Coledale Parent Advisory Council

June 29, 2017

Just a reminder to all parents/guardians that Thursday June 29th is the last day of school. Our last day of school is a half day and students will be going home at 11:55 a.m. Please make the necessary arrangements for supervision.

CURRICULUM CORNER

MATH AT HOME

You are an important partner in your child's mathematics education. When you find ways to engage your child in thinking and talking about mathematics, you are providing an important key for unlocking his or her future success. Today, critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning ability and the ability to communicate mathematically are essential skills. These processes are the foundation of mathematics instruction in Ontario schools." (Doing Mathematics with your Child K-6)

Do some math with your child every day. Reading, cooking, or playing basketball can provide opportunities to improve mathematical understanding and provide practice for children, rather than just doing a half-hour of drill practice of basic facts. Families should look for opportunities to do math that connects to meaningful activities for the child.

Here are some fun examples of activities that you can do at home with your child:

- Play board games, number cube (dice) games, card games, and dominoes, and solve puzzles together. In conversation, ask your child to tell you what he or she did to try to win the game or solve the puzzle. Then ask your child to tell you whether he or she would do the same thing next time and give reasons why or why not.
- Invite your child to save his or her change in a piggy bank or other suitable container. Identify coins and bills, and estimate and count money.
- Bake or cook together and follow directions for favorite recipes.
- Make a third, fourth, or half of a simple recipe or try doubling it.
- While baking cookies, let your child make an array of columns and rows of cookies and practice multiplication.
- Have your child estimate and count! Count everything (e.g., books, chairs, compact discs, towels, steps, tiles on a floor).
- Talk about math experiences in daily events (e.g., measuring laundry detergent, packing a suitcase, creating a grocery list, setting an alarm clock).
- Explore opportunities for your child to make connections with mathematics in daily routines (e.g., estimating the distance to a nearby location, measuring the time it takes to complete a chore). Be sure to talk with your child about the math connections in these activities.

A Guide to Effective Instruction in Mathematics K-6 Volume 4



ECO CORNER

The eco theme for this month is about "putting everything in its place". This idea comes from the concept of 4Rs. Each R represents a word: reduce, reuse, recycle, and rethink. By following the 4Rs, Coledale students can help to not only help keep the school and its grounds neat and tidy, but also to promote recycling practices. The recycling of products means less material ending up in landfills. The concept of reusing items is also gaining popularity. Many people are donating clothes, toys, and bicycles to charities so that these items may be used again by others. We show good environmental stewardship when we practice the 4Rs.



EQUITY CORNER



Thank you to all our student leaders at Coledale! Our student fundraising team, office helpers, door monitors and lunch monitors!

SPECIAL NEEDS TRACK AND FIELD

Last month York Region students participated in the York Region Annual Special Needs Track Meet held in Stouffville. Thankfully with wonderful weather, our many Coledale participants had a great day full of friendly races and competition. Many ribbons were won, successes celebrated and friends made! We are so proud of our Coledale students!



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Last month, the *Full-Day Kindergarten Team* welcomed our youngest learners who will be joining us in September. Families of our new Junior Kindergarten students participated in activities using books, magnetic numbers and letters, arts and crafts, music and movement, iPads and play dough. Families met our school administration, kindergarten teachers, Designated Early Childhood Educators. Every family received a Welcome to Kindergarten Bag, full with books, hands-on activities, a music CD and resources. We are looking forward to seeing our new students again in September. Thank you to our Kindergarten Team for organizing this evening!

SPRING FLING



Thank you to our School Council for organizing our annual Spring Fling! What a wonderful way to bring the Coledale Community together!

JUNIOR GAMES CLUB

Coledale's Junior Games Club has been a huge success this year! A special thank you to our Games Club leaders for all their hard work in teaching Coledale students the importance of collaboration and fun!



LIBRARY NEWS

A friendly reminder to search for your library book(s) as we are hoping to have all library books returned by Friday, June 23! Students have enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a book tasting in the library. They have read a variety of titles from various genres. Many are excited to continue reading these books over the summer (when they visit the local library). MPL offers many programs over the summer. Please check their website or drop into your neighbourhood library!



LEARNING ALONGSIDE OUR STUDENTS

Our modern learning team had the opportunity to work with a guest speaker and learn alongside our students and parents. It is through actively listening to our students that we can create learning environments that meet their needs.



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AT COLEDALE



VOLUNTEER TEA

Coledale hosted our annual Volunteer Tea on June 20th at 3:30pm in our library. We would like to thank all our volunteers for all that they have done throughout the year to support our Coledale community. Thank you for your time, dedication and all your hard work!



SUN SAFETY

The weather is getting warmer each day and soon we will have very hot days on the playground at Coledale. In order to stay safe in the sun all students should: wear clothing to cover their arms and legs, wear a wide-brimmed hat and apply sunscreen SPF 30 or higher before coming to school in the morning. Students should not wear clothing to school that is revealing or provocative. Midriiffs and undergarments must remain covered at all times and shorts should be mid-thigh in length. **Tube tops, halter tops, and other tops with narrow shoulder straps or “spaghetti” straps are unacceptable .**

A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH

In the 2017/18 school year, York Region Public Health will visit all elementary schools to provide school immunization clinics to **Grade 7** students. The clinics offer vaccines for Hepatitis B, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and Meningococcal A, C, Y, W-135 at no cost.

Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, meningococcal vaccine is required for school attendance, unless an exemption is filed with public health. Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines are recommended, but not required for school attendance.

Parents of students entering Grade 7 in fall 2017 will receive consent forms in the mail in June. Please complete the consent form and return it to York Region Public Health to allow your child to participate in the immunization clinics. Detailed instructions can be found on the forms and accompanying letter. If the consent form is not completed, your child will not be able to receive vaccines at the clinic.

Parents and guardians who do not consent should still complete the forms and return them, indicating that you do not authorize York Region Public Health to immunize your child.

Visit york.ca/immunizations and click on School Immunization Clinics for more information.

Did you know? If your child has missed a required vaccination on Ontario’s routine immunization schedule, he/she can receive the vaccine at one of York Region Public Health’s Community Immunization Clinics. These evening clinics are offered throughout the summer, giving students the opportunity to catch up before returning to school. Visit york.ca/immunizations and select Community Immunization Clinics to learn more.



A MESSAGE FROM TRANSPORTATION SERVICES



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SEPTEMBER SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION NOTICE

Each summer, Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR) makes adjustments to bus route schedules to accommodate new students and new school openings. **As a result, some students may experience changes in their bus schedule or route number.** Please confirm bus information for September by checking www.schoolbuscity.com as of August 21. If you are unable to find the information you require, please contact your school.

During the first two weeks of school, students should arrive at their bus stop *10 minutes early*. After this, students are asked to arrive 5 minutes early as each bus route develops its regular routine and service times

Transportation Eligibility

In accordance with Board policies, transportation is provided for students who live within their designated Home School attendance area and outside their grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone. Transportation eligibility changes throughout a student's school career. **Please note students currently in Grade 3 and Grade 8 who use school bus service may see a change in their eligibility as they transition to Grade 4 and Grade 9.**

Eligibility JK- Grade 8

- All YRDSB students in JK - Grade 3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are **not eligible** for transportation.
All YRDSB students in Grades 4 - 8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are **not eligible** for transportation.

Eligibility Grade 9-12

- All YRDSB students in Grades 9 - 12 who live within a transit served area are **not eligible** for transportation.

Parents of students entering Grade 4 and Grade 9 may confirm their transportation eligibility by accessing the Find Your Bus Stop tab at www.schoolbuscity.com. Students not eligible for transportation who wish to obtain York Region Transit information should visit their website at www.yrt.ca or phone 1-866-668-3978.

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Helpful Student Transportation Tips for Parents and Guardians

Please consider the following helpful tips and suggestions when preparing for your child to ride the bus to and from school:

Often parents want to drive children to school on the first day. STS recommends that if you drive your children to school the first day, you also pick them up from school.

Communicate any changes to daycare locations to your child's school prior to the start of the school year to ensure your child is placed on the correct bus

Ensure your grade JK-3 child has a Safe Rider sticker affixed to their backpack to help ensure they are dropped-off at the correct bus stop location.

JK, SK and Grade 3 students must be met at the bus stop by a parent/guardian.

Keep current phone numbers and emergency contact details with the school office.

Record the bus company name and route # for your child and keep in a safe and accessible place.

Have an alternative arrangement for your child should unexpected circumstances such as traffic delay or any other emergency occurs.

Student Transportation Services of York Region would like to thank you for your cooperation as we continually focus on providing safe, efficient transportation for students

