

COLEDALE COUGARS

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School Council Meeting: November 17th 7:00PM

Principal's Message

You may be hearing your children talk about *learning goals* and *criteria*, and if this is unfamiliar language to you, the following information may be helpful.

Learning goals are brief statements based on the Ontario Curriculum that describe what students what they should know and be able to do by the end of a period of learning.

For successful learners, our students need to understand the learning goals and what achievement looks and sounds like. Teachers take time during instruction to make clear and transparent what students are to learn (learning goals) and what learning looks like and sounds like (success criteria).

Success criteria give students and teachers a common understanding about what good learning looks like. Students assess their work against the success criteria to determine what they have learned and what they need to learn next while teachers use this same evidence to provide feedback and determine next steps for instruction.

You might be teaching your child to pack his/her own lunch. Then, the goal might be, "I can pack a nutritious lunch for school." A checklist to help you determine if the lunch contents meet the criteria, and whether they are achieving the goal of packing a nutritious lunch.

AUTHOR VISIT AT COLEDALE!

On Friday November 12, 2015, Michael Wade will be visiting Coledale's Junior Division. Michael is the best-selling author of the series **And Then It Happened**. His humorous presentations focus on the power of words and the fun and importance of reading.

If you are interested in attending the author visit, please contact Mr. Barton for more information.

Students Vote!

is a parallel election for students under the voting age, coinciding with federal, provincial and municipal elections.

is to provide young Canadians with an opportunity to experience the voting process and develop habits of informed and engaged citizenship.

Student Vote programs have been conducted across Canada. In the last federal election, over 1 million students cast ballots from 3,750 schools.

Participation in Canada has been declining for decades at all levels elections, particularly among young people. It is also shown that habits of voting and non-voting persist over time, so if young people do not develop a good reason to believe that they won't become voters later in life.

By instilling the habits of informed and engaged citizenship at an early age, students will be better prepared to participate in our democracy when they graduate high school.

What happened at Coledale: Canadians from coast to coast elected The Liberal Party's Justin Trudeau as new prime minister - with Bob Saroya of the Conservative party elected to represent Markham--**Unionville's own MP.**

A majority of students polled at Coledale preferred Conservative Candidate Bob Saroya over Justin Trudeau. Markham--Unionville and The Liberals' Bang-Gu Jiang came out as the Student Vote winner.

For more information on the results, students are encouraged to check out the display outside of room 202 at StudentVote.ca

Limited Class Interruptions

Instructional time at Boxwood P.S. Our office staff has been instructed not to interrupt classroom instruction in any 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 are communicated and 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.

Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day assembly will take place on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 10:45a.m. in the gym. At that time we will recognize the people who have sacrificed for peace.

Our students will take part in a variety of performances and ways of recognizing the sacrifice and quest for peace in the world.

Parents are welcome to attend the assembly. Please sign in at the office when you arrive.



School Bus Cancellation Notice

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 schedules 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:

When a 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. Therefore, the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.

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) 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.



NOVEMBER 2013

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Saturday, November 14, 2015

Sir William Mullock Secondary School

705 Columbus Way, Newmarket, Ontario L3X 2M7

AMD Mathletics has two levels of competition:

- Junior level **(9:30 AM to 1:00 PM)** – Open to students that are currently in grades 6 and below (intended for grades 5 and 6 based on grade 5 curriculum)
- Senior level **(2:00 PM to 5:30 PM)** – Open to students that are currently in grades 7 or 8 (based on grade 7 curriculum)
- Each level includes an AMD session with an opportunity to win additional prizes

Registration fee is \$15 per entrant. Online registration starts on Sunday, October 24 at 8 AM and ends when all seats are sold or Saturday November 7 at 5 PM whichever comes first.

For additional information and registration link go to the following link:

<http://www.peoyork.com/mathletics>

