



COPPARD CHRONICLE

December 2017



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Important Dates:

December 7, 14, 21—Pizza Lunch

December 5 and 19—Subway Lunch

December 11—CaRes Assembly 9:10am

December 22— Winter Break starts

December 25—Christmas Day &
Chanukah Begins

December 26— Kwanzaa



Inspire Learning!

OUR SCHOOL...

- Promotes learning in a caring and safe environment.
- Strives for excellence academically, socially, emotionally and physically.
- Has high expectations and standards.

THE COPPARD GLEN PUBLIC SCHOOL community believes in success for all students. It is committed to developing within each student the attitudes, knowledge and skills needed to be a contributing and responsible member of Canadian society.

Dear Families,

Thank-you to those of you that came to attend our Parent/Teacher interviews last week. We know that you have received strategies for supporting your child's emotional, social and academic growth. It's important that we work together to ensure students follow through on any goals they may have set for Term 1. Here are some further tips to help you support your child's reading and writing development, and specifically, ways to help your child build an appreciation for words and language.

- Tell family stories about yourself, your child's grandparents and other relatives.
- Ask lots of questions to your child so that your child knows you are interested in what he or she is thinking about.
- Encourage your child to tell you what he or she thinks and feels about a variety of topics.
- Read all kinds of materials; stories, informational books, magazines, online articles
- newspapers (in English or your First Language).
- Discuss the main ideas in an information piece, such as a newspaper article.
- Visit the local library, look at books, videos, magazines and the Internet. Get a library card to borrow books.

We would also like to take this time to extend a Merry Christmas to our families observing this holiday over the winter break. We wish a very happy and healthy new year to all the students and families of Coppard Glen. Have a wonderful and safe holiday break and we will see you in 2018!

Best wishes to all and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday January 8th, 2018.



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Character Trait for December is "Empathy"

We strive to sense and appreciate the emotions of others, and to "stand in their shoes." We demonstrate appreciation of and concern for their feelings. We try to understand issues from their perspectives even though we may not agree with them personally.

Our next CaReS Assembly is December 11th at 9:10am in the Gym. Future Assemblies are:

January 23	February 26	March 21	April 19	May 17	June 20
9:10 am	9:10 am	9:10 am	9:10 am	9:10 am	9:10 am

Message From Our Trustee

In November, about 1,000 students, staff members and community partners came together from across the Board to form a Ring of Peace and stand together against hate, discrimination and intolerance. The student speakers at the event shared meaningful messages about the importance of feeling welcome, valued and respected.

At York Region District School Board, we are committed to listening to the voices of our students and communities. We will continue working with our school communities to ensure our schools provide safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for everyone.

Last month, our annual Quest conference brought together educators from across Ontario, Canada and around the world to share, learn and discuss how to foster well-being in schools. Some of the themes covered included equity and inclusivity, and safe and caring environments.

It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about some of the positive things happening in our own schools and other districts. In recent months, we have had several international visitors come to our system and schools to learn more about the work in our system to support student achievement and well-being, including Qatar, the Netherlands, Texas and the United Kingdom.

We are pleased to have these opportunities to continue highlighting and sharing the great things happening in our schools thanks to our outstanding students, staff members, families and community partners. Your engagement makes a difference in our schools and I encourage you to continue getting involved in the life of your child's school.

As we enter the holiday season, I am once again impressed by the generosity of our school communities and our students' commitment to helping others.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2018.

Message from the Principal: Fundraising Report for Coppard Glen, 2017-2018

In consultation with our staff, school council and parent community we have prepared a draft fundraising plan for the 2017/18 school year. Our key areas of focus for this school year are:

Technology: Chromebooks, iPads and website licensing to support literacy and math skill development

Teaching and Learning: Junior/Intermediate math games and puzzles, math manipulatives to support comprehensive math programming, resources to support problem solving in math and repairs to existing instruments

Safe and Inclusive Schools/Well-Being: Anti-bullying presentations, mental health and well-being presentations, guest speakers, Buddy bench and graduation awards/trophies

Physical Education and Outdoor Activities: Tournament fees, activity bags for classes and outdoor classroom

Our School Council, Student Council and community are, and continue to be, an integral support to meeting our fundraising plan.

Our 2017/18 initiatives to support the plan will be; Pizza/Sub lunches, Movie Nights and our Play-a-Thon.

We thank you all for your continued support in meeting our goals!

Remembrance Day Assembly

On Friday, November 10th, the staff and students of Coppard Glen got together to commemorate all of the brave men and women who have and continue to serve and protect this country so that we can have freedom and a safe place to live.

The Senior Band performed *O'Canada* along with the Primary Junior Choir who also sang a thoughtful song called *I Wish For Peace*. Grade 5 students presented *In Flanders Field* and the grade 1 and 2 French Immersion classes performed *Beau Coquelicot*. The grade 2 and 3 classes also sang an uplifting song called *Sing for Peace*. Beautiful artwork and wreaths creatively put together by students in many classes were also displayed.



Macklin House KidZone



Just a reminder to all families that Macklin House KidZone offers before and after school care to Coppard families. We open at 7 a.m. and offer extended hours after school until 6 p.m. Please contact us to be on our waiting list. Call us at (905) 472-6201, if you are interested or would like further information. We are open to new registrations!

Our Holiday Tree is now displayed beautifully in our front foyer. We encourage our students to make decorations for the season and decorate the tree with their class.

*In keeping with our community spirit, in keeping with our community spirit at here at Coppard Glen P.S. we love to help families who are of need. They will certainly need **new warm hats, mitts, gloves, scarves and socks for children and adults** for our cold winter ahead. Please help by donating and leaving your items on or around our tree.*

Thank you for your help with this very worthwhile cause.



Attention!

SAFE ARRIVAL REMINDER

Please remember to call our school office in the event that your child will be late or absent by **8:50 am**. One measure of keeping our students safe is to ensure we can account for any absences or reasons for being late to school. We would like to remind you that if your child is going to be absent or late for any reason, please contact the school immediately and report the absence. If we are not informed about the absence, we will make attempts to contact you to determine the reason for the absence. If we can not reach you, we will try the emergency contact numbers and failing that, we will contact our York Region Police partners to ensure your child is safe and accounted for. Please let the office know by calling 905-471-0419 if your contact information, including phone number, changes at any time throughout the school year. Thank you for your continued cooperation to keep our children safe and accounted for.



KEEPING KIDS SAFE

Drivers are reminded to keep our children safe near school buses:

Drivers should follow these tips:

- Stop and never pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing.
- Leave space around school buses and avoid blocking school bus loading zones so children can enter and exit safely.
- Be prepared to stop for a school bus at any time, not just during school hours.
- Always obey the rules of the road and watch for children, especially in school zones.
- Stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and school crossings.

Punctuality Matters



Supervision in our playground begins at 8:40 a.m. Our first bell rings at 8:50 a.m.,

when doors open to allow students to enter our school building. A second bell rings at 8:55 a.m. when students are expected in their classrooms and to be ready for morning announcements and O'Canada. After 8:55 a.m. students can only enter through our main doors and will be considered late. Students who arrive late to school must report to the office, wait until morning announcements are finished, and then sign in and receive a late slip. Prompt attendance at school is essential to maximize instructional time and to teach children the importance of punctuality and responsibility. Punctuality is a life long skill and we appreciate your partnership in building this essential skill for our students.

DONATIONS FOR ART CLUB

Parents, we are looking for recycled materials such as.....baby food jars, paper towel rolls, fabric remnants/pieces, discarded clean socks (you know the kind that come out of the dryer and the other one is missing), yogurt containers of all sizes and lids of all sizes (cream cheese, yogurt, Pringles, etc.)

Please drop your items to the office.

Thank you, Ms. Karshan & Ms. Nicholls



Next School Council

January 31, 2018

Meetings begin at 6:30pm in the library.

Future Dates:

Jan 31, Feb. 27, Apr. 25, May 30



School Council Executive for

2017-2018:

Chair: Aravirthan Shanmugarujan

Secretary: Karathika Piraveen &

Debbie Nicholls-Skerritt

Treasurer: Alifa Somani

COPPARD GLEN PIZZA LUNCH THIS MONTH

WILL BE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER

7, 14 and 21st



COPPARD GLEN SUBWAY® LUNCHES

THIS MONTH IT WILL BE :

TUESDAY DECEMBER

5 and 19th



Bussing for French Immersion Students

In order to ensure effective and timely communication for changes to bus routine, please let a member of the office staff know of any changes by **9am that day**. This way, the information can be communicated to the teacher before the instructional day begins and he/she can make adjustments accordingly.



Would you like to volunteer at school?



We are looking for people who can prepare the snack bins and shop for food for the snack program. If you have half an hour or more to spare, we need some helpers Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please contact Ms. Cracknell, Ms. Nicholls or let the office know.



Cold Weather is on the Way

The arrival of November signifies the onset of the cooler weather. Please remember to ensure your children are dressed warmly and prepared for outdoor recess each day.

Time is allocated for fresh air/exercise each day. It is important for the health and well-being of each student that they be able to release their energy through outdoor activity. Students need to come to school dressed to play outside during recesses (hat, scarf, 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 or 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.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 19, 2018 for the 2018-19 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website:

www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2018, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.



French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools on January 18, 2018 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2018 (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location. FI registration will begin January 19, 2018. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2018, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register between January 19 and February 9, 2018. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.





Kindergarten

Grade 1

Grade 2



DESPICABLE ME 3

DATE: Monday, December 4th

TIME: Dinner at 5:30pm, Movie at 6:15pm

LOCATION: Gym

A parent or adult guardian must accompany all children.

All orders were due November 29th. Please contact the office if you any questions.



Me to We Food Drive



The members of “Me to We”, together with Mrs. Smith and Ms. Braganza, would like to thank the Coppard Glen school community for your generous donations to our **“We Scare Hunger”** food campaign. We were able to collect over 500 food items for the Markham Food Bank!!

Our team members walked some of the food over to the Markham Fire Station which is a local food bank location. We encouraged our team members to think about how it must feel to be a person in another part of the world who has to walk great distances to work, find food, or carry water. This walk to the fire station has become a big part of our campaign over the years and we are so proud of our current members who said they would also like to take this symbolic walk together.

Coppard Glen, we definitely scared hunger!!



Student Transportation Services of York Region
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1
905-713-2535

School Bus Cancellation Notice

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

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 may not be 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.

When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.

Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.

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	105.9 FM	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto 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 @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	 <p>MOVIE NIGHT KG—Gr. 2: 5:30pm in the Gym</p>	 <p>Subway Lunch</p>	6	 <p>Pizza Lunch</p>	8	9
10	<p>CaRes Assembly at 9:10am in the Gym</p>	12	13	 <p>Pizza Lunch</p>	15	16
17	18	 <p>Subway Lunch</p>	20	 <p>Pizza Lunch</p>	 <p>Christmas break! Winter Break Begins</p>	23
 <p>31 Happy New Year's Eve!</p>	<p>25 Christmas & Chanukah Begins</p>  	26	27	28	29	30
						



See you back on January 8, 2018