



COPPARD CHRONICLE

February 2019



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Important Dates:

February 1 – P.A. Day
February 5, 12, 19 & 26—Pasta Lunch
February 7, 14, 21 & 28 – Pizza Lunch
February 12 – Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
February 13—Reports Sent Home
February 18– Family Day, No School
February 20—CaReS Assembly @ 1:45pm



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 Coppard Families,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the halfway point of the school year. As we transition to Term 2, teachers will be providing an assessment update to students and parents through the distribution of the First Provincial Report Card which will be sent home on February 13. These reports, as outlined in the Ministry of Education's Growing Success Policy, reflect student learning to date. Please note that student achievement of curriculum expectations, as well as learning skills, will be included on the report card. Teachers will also be sharing next steps for learning for each student to assist students, parents and teachers in working collaboratively to improve student achievement. We ask that you take the time to discuss the report card with your child(ren) in order to plan effectively for the second term of the school year.

Kindergarten registration began on January 18th. If you have a child who is turning 4 years of age, or you know someone (your neighbour, family or friends) with children turning 4 prior to December 31, 2019, please let them know that they may register now to begin school in September 2019.

This month's council meeting will be from 6:30—7:00 pm on February 12th. The meeting is being shortened so that we can host our ACTIVE SCHOOL's Kick off at 7pm. The Active School Initiative is based on increasing physical activity while also building community, caring for the environment and creating safer neighbourhoods. In addition, February 6th is WINTER WALK DAY across Canada and we encourage all families to dress warmly and celebrate this day by walking to Coppard.



Thank you for your ongoing support.

R. Ishtiaque and R. Beharry



Message from our Trustee

Welcome back. I hope everyone is feeling refreshed following the winter break, and that you had a happy and safe holiday season. While the weather may be colder, I also hope that you had time to enjoy this beautiful season in Ontario.

It is my honour to serve as your school board trustee and to uphold the [values](#) of York Region District School Board. The [new Board of Trustees](#) was sworn in on December 3, following the October municipal elections. Together, we look forward to moving forward the four priorities outlined in the [Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#):

- Foster well-being and mental health
- Build collaborative relationships
- Champion equity and inclusivity
- Empower ethical leadership

There are a lot of exciting things happening in our schools and classrooms to foster and support student well-being and mental health. Ask your child what's happening in their school, and how they take care of themselves. As adults, we often focus on the health and well-being of the children in our lives, but it's also essential that we take care of ourselves. Taking time to do the things we enjoy and nurture our own health is also important and helps to model a healthy and active lifestyle for our children.

An important part of my [role as a trustee](#) is to listen, and I look forward to connecting with members of our school community in the coming weeks and months. We will continue working to build collaborative relationships with our communities and to keep you informed about the things happening in the school board. I wish you all the best as we enter 2019.

Juanita Nathan

Board Vice-Chair

Trustee – Markham Wards 2, 3 and 6



Character Trait for February is "Initiative"



We act without being prompted by others. We are eager to do what needs to be done without having to be told to do it. We take the first step towards the achievement of a goal.

Coppard CaReS: Coppard Character, Recognition and Spirit Assembly

Wednesday, February 20th, 2019 at 1:45 p.m.

Every month at Coppard Glen P.S., we host our Spirit and Character Assemblies. We gather together as an entire school from Kindergarten to Grade 8, to show our school spirit by celebrating accomplishments and recognizing good character. We also have important messages presented from our student groups such as Student Council, Me to We and our Eco-Team. Parents are always invited to attend all assemblies. The dates for the remainder of the year for Spirit and Character assemblies are as follows:

★ **March 27th at 8:55 a.m.**

★ **April 25th at 11:05 a.m.**

★ **May 14th at 1:45 p.m.**

★ **June 19th at 8:55 a.m.**

Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registration commenced on **Friday, January 18, 2019** for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca.

Children who turn four or five years old during 2019, 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 Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program took place at French Immersion schools on **January 17, 2019 at 7 p.m.** Please visit YRDSB's website in February 2018 (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location. FI registration began on January 18, 2019. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2019, 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 18 and February 8, 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. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. More information is available on the

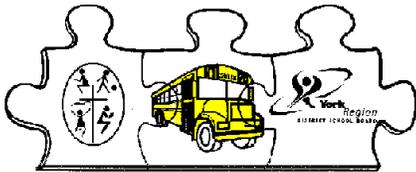
Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which 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.



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



Better Together!
Student Transportation Services of York Region

Student Transportation Services of York Region
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1
905-713-2535
FAX: 905-713-2533
Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

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



The Cold Weather is Here . . .

The arrival of February 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 wellbeing 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 (snow pants, 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.



NO VAPING

We want to remind students that the use of electronic products such as vaping, electronic cigarettes and cigars as well as cartridges of nicotine solutions and related products are not permitted on or within 20 metres of school property. This means 20 metres *beyond* the school boundaries as opposed to simply off of school property. [Health Canada](#) reports health risks associated with vaping particularly for young people.

This is in compliance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which is enforced locally by York Region Community and Health Services and the [Tobacco and Smoke-Free Environment Policy and Procedure](#). A progressive form of discipline, including potential suspension from school and [fines](#) (up to \$5,000), is in place for students who break the law.

Here at Coppard Glen the environment

Coppard Glen P.S. is an EcoSchool!

is very important to us. As an EcoSchool we have made a school wide commitment to protect, think and learn about our environment by joining a program called Ontario EcoSchools. Ontario EcoSchools is a province wide environmental educational program for Grades Kindergarten –12 that helps students teach to become environmentally responsible citizens.

Congratulations to Coppard Glen Public School for your many efforts to make our school and community a little more greener.

Way to go!!!



COPPARD GLEN PASTA LUNCH WILL BE SERVED EVERY TUESDAY THIS MONTH.



COPPARD GLEN PIZZA LUNCH IS SERVED EVERY THURSDAY THIS MONTH.

FORKS & SPOONS

Here at Coppard Glen we are an eco-friendly school. Lets all take care of the environment! Please make sure that your children have proper reusable utensils to eat their snacks and lunches. Thank you!



February 6, 2019 is Winter Walk Day!

Winter Walk Day is celebrated by schools across Canada on the first Wednesday of February each year. Walking and wheeling to and from school is fun every day, so we encourage you to journey outside throughout the entire month of February!



Winter Walk Day – February 6, 2019

School Cash Online

All YRDSB schools are now using School Cash Online as an online payment system. School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including yearbooks and field trips. Families may make payments using School Cash Online.

You can [register for School Cash Online](#) at any time. There is also a button on our school website. Once you are registered, you will be notified of any new items available for your child.



Free and Fun Elementary Reading Websites for Kids

Literacy Corner

Children build fluency in reading by practicing skills. Here are a few free and fun websites you can use with your children for practice at home.

Between the Lions, hosted by PBS Kids: <https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/bt107-ex/#.XFNW51lo5nc>

This is a website that contains a variety of reading games and interactive activities. There are read-along folktales and fables with a twist, song videos of letter sounds, and fun games to play. The games provide practice with the basic reading skills of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and text comprehension. *Appropriate for Grades K to 3.*



Starfall Learn to Read with Phonics, by Starfall Education: <http://more.starfall.com/?t=253895762&y=1>



This website contains an engaging group of games and activities. The stories and poems can be read by the narrator, your child, or your child with assistance. Your child can read the stories and click on a word if they need help. A variety of reading material is available. *Appropriate for Grades Pre-K to 2.*

Storyline Online, by the Screen Actors Guild Foundation: <https://www.storylineonline.net/>

Well-known actors of all ages read 24 popular children's picture books aloud. The actors read the stories with great expression, and the narration is accompanied by illustrations from the book. Each book has a number of accompanying activities. *Appropriate for Grades K to 3.*



Happy Surfing!
Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Kostash 😊
Coppard Glen Literacy Teachers

Next School Council Meeting: FEBRUARY 12TH, 2019

Chair: S. Narin

Secretary & Treasurer: L. Zhang

Just a reminder of our upcoming School Council Meeting

Meetings start at 6:30pm, in the library.



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



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!



It's Showtime!

Presenting an in-school Theatre Performance

Jay *VS.* The World *at* Coppard Glen P.S.
on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 *at*

WE NEED YOU!



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.



Parents are reminded that the school **needs to be notified of extended absences of 15 days or more**. Do not wait until the day before the absence begins to call or send a note to the school. **We have to send home the required instructional outline** for the appropriate grade in accordance with our Board policy. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Grade 8 Graduation



With the new year upon us, it is time to think about graduation for our Coppard Glen Grade 8 students. This year's ceremony and celebration will be held at the Shangri-La Convention Centre on Wednesday, June 18th, 2019. Save the date and come help us celebrate with this year's grads!

Mrs. Kostash



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 PA DAY TODAY!! No School	2
3	4	5 Lunch Lunar New Year 	6 WINTER WALK to SCHOOL DAY!!! Intermediate Boys Basketball at Armadale	7 Pizza Lunch	8 Spoken Word Quarter Finals-Bill Hogarth	9
10	11	12 Lunch Active Schools Kick-off SCHOOL COUNCIL Meeting at 6:30 pm	13 Term 1 Report Cards Go Home 	14 Pizza Lunch	15	16
17	18 FAMILY DAY No School 	19 Lunch	20 Wilclay Boys Basketball Tournament	21 Pizza Lunch	22 Area East B Intermediate Girls Basketball	23
24	25	26 Lunch Coppard CaRes Assembly at 1:45 pm 	27 Jay vs. the World Performance— Grades 3-6	28 Pizza Lunch		

FEBRUARY FAITH DAYS:

Feb.5 : Lunar New Year



Feb.9 : Vasant Panchami



Feb.26 to Mar. 1: Intercalary Days

