



COPPARD CHRONICLE

December 2016



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Important Dates:

December 1, 8, 15 & 22 Pizza Lunch

December 6—Subway Lunch

December 14- Winter Concert

December 23- 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 2017!

Best wishes to all and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday January 9th, 2017.

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The Coppard

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.

Message From Our Trustee

As we near the end of 2016, I hope everyone has had a great school year so far and found opportunities to get involved with the life of the school.

It is wonderful to have opportunities to see not only what our students are learning, but to see how they are learning – collaborating and problem solving, using technology in exciting new ways, and engaged in hands-on activities.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated staff members, students, families and community members across our Board. Thanks to all of the great people we have in our system, we continue to advance student achievement and well-being.

Our Board continues to have a strong commitment to creating welcoming, inclusive learning environments that enable all of our students to thrive. Engaging families in your child’s education and the school community is in an important part of creating that environment.

There are resources for families available on our Board website at www.yrdsb.ca/parents, including information on Board programs and supports, and tips for parents to support your child’s learning at home and at school.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2017. I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends.



*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, as usual, here at Coppard Glen P.S. we would 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.



Remembrance Day Assembly

On Friday, November 11th, the choir sang *Pacem* beautifully, in Latin it means peace . It was a soft and lyrical piece which allowed us to reflect upon the sacrifices that so many soldiers have given for our freedom.

The grade 1 and 2s French Immersion performed, *In Flanders's Field*. The grade 2s presented a slideshow commemorating soldiers who fought for the peace and freedom. We displayed many wreaths carefully and creatively put together by students in many classes.



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!



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. Ing



Next School Council

January 10, 2017

Meetings start at 6:30pm
in the library.



School Council Executive for 2016-2017:

Chair: Arun Arunthavarajah

Secretary: Aravinthan Shanmugarajan

Treasurer: Alifa Somani

COPPARD GLEN PIZZA LUNCH THIS MONTH

WILL BE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER
1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd



COPPARD GLEN SUBWAY® LUNCHES

We are excited to offer SUBWAY® lunch on **TUESDAYS** once a month on:

December 6, 2016 January 7, 2017 February 7, 2017

March 7, 2017 April 4, 2017 May 2, 2017

June 6, 2017

Please come into the office and pick up an order form as soon as possible. Order forms were due into the office October 26, 2016. There still time to order for 4 subway days later in the year.



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 **Friday, January 20, 2017** for the 2017-2018 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca.



Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, 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 19, 2017 at 7 p.m.** Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2016 (<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 20, 2017. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2017, 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 20 and February 12, 2017. 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.





Well-Being At Coppard Glen PS

“Early to bed and early to rise, makes
man healthy, wealthy and wise”

~Benjamin Franklin “

TALKING SLEEP Sleep and Your Child

Sleep Tricks and Tips for Preschoolers

- Preschoolers typically sleep 11-13 hours each night
- Maintain a regular and consistent sleep schedule
- Have a relaxing bedtime routine like reading a book before bed

Your child should sleep in the same sleep environment every night, in a room that is cool, quiet, dark and with no TV or technology

Sleep Tricks and Tips for School-Aged Children

- Children aged 6-13 need 9-11 hours each night
- Even though there is an increasing demand on homework , sports, extracurricular activities, and social events, it is important to stick to bedtime routines
- Watching TV close to bedtime has been associated with bedtime resistance, difficulty falling asleep, anxiety around sleep and fewer sleeping hours
- Avoid any caffeine before bed
- Emphasize need for regular sleep
- Make child's bedroom dark, cool and quiet

Keep TV, computers and all other electronics out of the bedroom

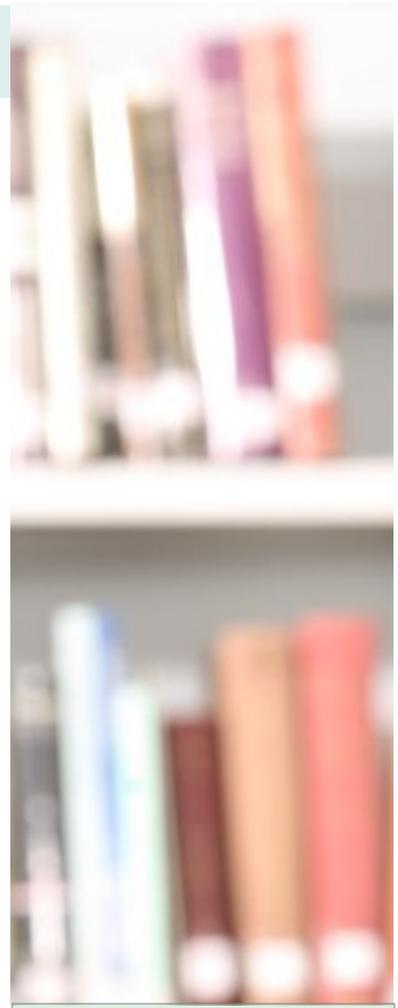
All information above is from sleepfoundation.org

More Sleep Talking...

- 1-3 year olds need 12-14 hours per day of sleep
- While toddlers need up to 14 hours of sleep a day, they only get about 10 hours
- Most children from 21-36 months of age still need a nap a day
- 3-6 year olds need 10-12 hours per day of sleep
- Bedtime should be between 7pm and 9pm
- Wake up time should be around 6am to 8am
- 7-12 year olds need 10-11 hours per day of sleep
- 12-18 year olds need 8-9 hours per day of sleep

Sleep needs to remain just as vital to health and well-being for teenagers as when they were younger

All information above is from WebMD



“THE GREATEST WEALTH
IS HEALTH.” ~UNKNOWN

NOTES:

- Stay tuned for another piece in our next Monthly Newsletter
- If you have any questions about Mental Health at Coppard, please feel free to contact Mrs. Armenis at ext. 206

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 300 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, 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.

Markham District High School



● Upcoming School Council Presentations and Events

MDHS School Council is pleased to be hosting a number of upcoming informative events and presentations. These events are open to students, parents and administrators. All local area schools are invited to attend. Events take place in the MDHS school library. Additional details are provided below:

<i>Event</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>
Student Advocacy Cards	<i>Learn more about the new Advocacy Cards program and gain a better understanding of how you can support your son or daughter to advocate for their learning needs in the classroom environment. This session is for both parents and students and will directly follow the School Council</i>	November 28th 7-8:30 pm
Supporting Community Concerns	<i>Learn about the board's policy on how they support community concerns, The policy and procedure reinforces the importance of high standards of practice with regard to service provision by the Board. A workshop on effective approaches to advocating for our children, school and community.</i>	January 23rd 7:00 pm
Supporting High School	<i>A session for parents targeted on providing strategies to support your son or daughter with high school Math.</i>	February 6th 7:00 pm
Social Media Branding	<i>This session is open to both parents, students and teachers to gain an understanding on how social media can be used to portray who we are positively or negatively. As well, a brief discussion on the dangers of social media. Presented by Socially Active</i>	March 20th 6:00-8:00 pm
YRSDB Mental Health Strategy (Tentative)	<i>Session for Parents and Teachers to be held immediately following School Council meeting scheduled from 6:30-7. The focus will be on the board's strategy. Presented by Mental Health, YRDSB</i>	May 15th 7:00 pm



2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  Pizza Lunch	2	3
4	5	6  Subway Lunch	7	8  Pizza Lunch	9	10
11	12	13	14	15  Pizza Lunch	16	17
18	19	20	21  CaReS Assembly 9:15 a.m. & Winter Sing-A- Long	22  Pizza Lunch	23  Christmas break! Winter Break Begins	24
25 Christmas & Chanukah Begins 	26	27	28	29	30	31  Happy New Year's Eve!

**WINTER
BREAK**

See you back on January 9, 2017