COPPARD CHRONICLE

February 2018

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Important Dates:

February 2 – P.A. Day

February 6, 20—Subway Lunch

February 1, 8, 15 & 22 – Pizza Lunch

February 15—Reports Sent Home

February 19– Family Day, No School

February 26—CaReS Assembly @ 9:10am

February 27– Council Meeting @6:30pm

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 15. 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 19th. 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, 2018, please let them know that they may register now to begin school in September 2018.

On another note, we are looking for more parents to volunteer in many different capacities. One area we could use some help is with our morning Snack program. We would love to have some of you support this wonderful program that is offered to our students at no cost. It would be of immense help to have parents assist with the shopping as well as with the preparation of the snack bins that are delivered to classes.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

R. Ishtiaque and A. Matrakoukas

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Message from our Trustee

With report cards coming home, this is a good time of year to review your child's progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year.

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board Multi-Year Plan. In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting Board policies and the annual budget, and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the role of trustees with the next municipal election taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has 12 trustees, elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board, Advisory or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school.

I wish you all the best for a successful second term.

Juanita Nathan

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration commenced on **Friday, January 19, 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 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 Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program took place at French Immersion schools on **January 18, 2018 at 7 p.m.** Please visit YRDSB's website in February 2017 (**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 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. 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.

The Coppard Glen **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

Tuesday, February 27th, 2017

at 9:10 a.m.

This month's trait is **" Initiative"**

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 21st at 9:10 a.m.
- ✓ April 19th at 9:10 a.m.
- ✓ May 19th at 9:10 a.m.
- ✓ June 20th at 9:15 a.m.

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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 27th, 2018. Save the date and come help us celebrate with this year's grads!

Mrs. Kostash

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.

Macklin House KidZone

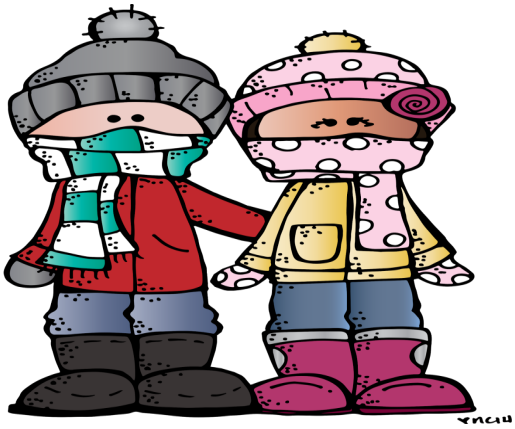
Just a reminder to all families that Macklin House KidZone offers before and after school care to Coppard families. We open at 7 a.m. and offer extended hours after school until 6 p.m. Please contact us to be on our waiting list. Call us at (905) 472-6201, if you are interested or would like further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

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 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.



Please don't forget to pack extra pair of socks. The floor gets wet when students change from their winter boots to their indoor shoes, their sock can become wet.

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.

Coppard Glen P.S. is an EcoSchool!

Here at Coppard Glen the environment 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!

School Cash Online

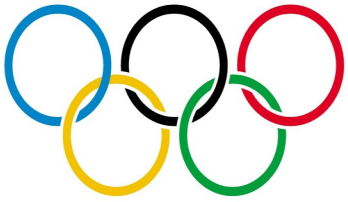
All YRDSB schools are now using School Cash Online as an online payment system. School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including yearbooks and field trips. Families may make payments using School Cash Online.

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.

A Message From Student Council

Thank you for supporting our pop tab initiative. Next week, members of student council will be collecting pop tabs from each classroom and make our first donation on behalf of the school. Please continue to bring pop tabs in for the remainder of the school year as we will make a final donation at the end of June.

The 2018 Winter Olympic Games will take place from February 9-25 in PyeongChang, South Korea. Student Council will be running various Olympic themed activities throughout the two weeks. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements!



Next School Council Meeting: FEBRUARY 27TH, 2018

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

Just a reminder of our upcoming School Council Meeting

Dates:

Apr. 25th and May 30th

Chair: Aravirthan Shanmugarujan

Secretary: Karathika Piraveen &

Debbie Nicholls-Skerritt

COPPARD GLEN PIZZA LUNCH THIS MONTH WILL BE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd

COPPARD GLEN SUBWAY® LUNCHES

We are excited to offer SUBWAY® lunch on **TUESDAYS** once a month on: Just a reminder of our upcoming Subway dates:

FEBRUARY 6 & 20, 2018

SUBWAY

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.

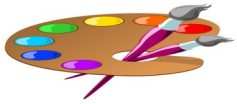
DONATIONS FOR ART CLUB

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



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.**

MACKLIN HOUSE KIDZONE

MARCH BREAK 2018
Are you in!?!?

March 12 – 16, 2018

Join the Kidzone for March Break 2018 and get ready to Create, Challenge and Engage!

Each day we will facilitate a variety of activities - we will create art masterpieces, learn how to sew, perform science experiments, learn how to cook, and get our dance moves on! The program includes a trip to Wizard World for Schoolagers and Markham Bowl for Kindergarten!

Adrienne Clarkson PS, Coppard Glen PS, O.M. Mackillop PS
Sam Chapman PS, Thornhill PS

Registration on First Come, First Serve Basis
Hours: 7:30 am – 6:00 pm
Fees
$43 per day with monthly set fee
$46 per day without monthly set fee
***3 day minimum**
Includes am/pm snacks and Lunch!

*Restrictions apply check with onsite supervisor

Wizard World Fun Park

FEBRUARY MOVIE NIGHT!!!!!

Coppard Glen Public School is excited to announce that we will be hosting movie night for the Grade 6 to 8 students!

FEBRUARY 12th: Grade 6—8
3:30pm to 5:45pm

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Please mark your calendar!!!

May 10th at 6pm

Join us in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Coppard Glen—
Stay tuned for exciting details!

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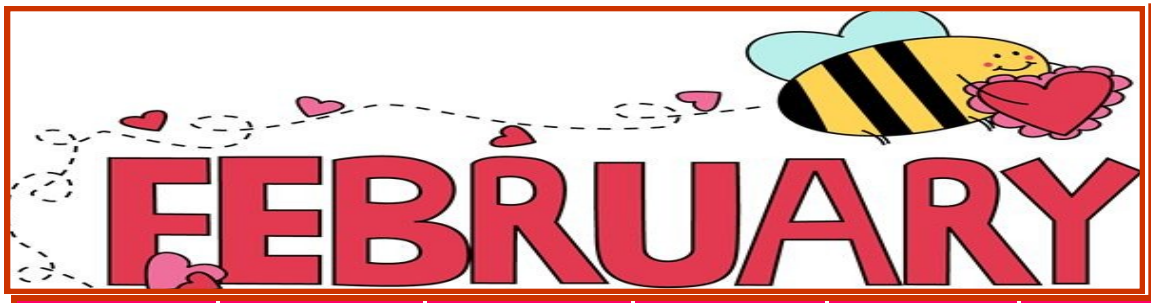

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pizza Lunch **LAST DAY!!Pre-Order for Milk & Cookie Sale!**	2 **P.A. Day No School**	3
4	5	6 Subway Lunch	7	8 Pizza Lunch Me2We—Delivery Milk & Cookie Day	9	10
11	12 Grade 6-8: 3:30pm to 5:45pm	13	14	15 Pizza Lunch	16	17
18 First Day of Lent (Eastern)	19 No School	20 Subway Lunch	21	22 Pizza Lunch	23	24
25	26 School Council Meeting at 6:30 pm	27 Coppard CaReS Assembly @ 9:10 a.m.	28			

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