



# COPPARD CHRONICLE

February 2017



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**Important Dates:**

February 1 – Vasant Panchami  
February 3 – P.A. Day  
February 7 – Subway Lunch  
February 7 – Parent Council Meeting  
February 2, 9, 16 & 23 – Pizza Lunch  
February 20 – Family Day, No School  
February 27 – First Day of Lent (Eastern)



**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 16. 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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, 2013, please let them know that they may register now to begin school in September 2017.

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.

Finally, we are also looking for parents/guardians to work as occasional School Assistants supervising students during the lunch hour. This is a paid position and an important position that helps our school run smoothly. All those interested may contact the office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

*R. Ishtiaque and T. Evans*



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## Message from our Trustee

We are now halfway through the school year. This is a good time to reflect on all that your child has learned and to look at setting goals for the rest of the school year.

Our Board believes that student well-being and achievement go hand-in-hand. One of our goals set out in the [Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#) is to “continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture of caring and learning.”

The Ministry of Education has recently identified [four priorities for well-being](#): positive mental health, safe and accepting schools, healthy schools, and equity and inclusive education. As a Board of Trustees, we will continue to further work in all of these areas to support student well-being in line with these priorities.

There are many resources on the Board website to help support student well-being, including tips for [talking about mental health](#), [managing stress](#), [packing healthy lunches](#) and [addressing incidents of bullying](#).

Creating a healthy, safe and welcoming learning environment is key to helping our students reach their full potential. All of us have an important role to play in creating an environment that enables our students to thrive.

I wish you all the best for a healthy, happy and successful 2017.

Juanita Nathan

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration commenced on **Friday, January 20, 2017** for the 2017-2018 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://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 Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program took place at French Immersion schools on **January 19, 2017 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 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](http://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 28th, 2017  
at 2 p.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:

**Monday March 27th at 9: 15 a.m.**

**Friday, April 28th at 11:15 a.m.**

**Monday, May 29 at 2 p.m.**

**Wednesday, June 21st at 9:15 a.m.**

# Grade 8 Graduation

With the new year upon us, it is time to think about graduation for our Grade 8 students. This year's ceremony and celebration will be held at the Shangri-La Convention Centre on Thursday, June 27th, 2017. 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!





## 5 Days Of Awesome!



Join the KidZone for 5 days of awesome this March Break 2017.

Each day we will facilitate a variety of educational and fun activities including Science experiments, Art creations, Sporting activities and Cooking activities.

**The School Age group will visit Wizard World for a day of carnival fun and the Kindergarten group will visit Markham Bowl for a day of bowling!**

### Activities will include:

Science  
Discovery

Art  
Creations

Culinary  
Lessons

Sporting  
Events

### Fee Schedule:

\$45 per day \* 3 day minimum

\$40 per day with set monthly plan \* 3 day minimum

(Inclusive of trip and all snacks and lunches) Limited Spaces!

Registration on first come, first serve basis. All fees are non-refundable.

[www.mhdc.ca](http://www.mhdc.ca)

**Create. Challenge. Engage**

## Cold Weather is on the Way

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**

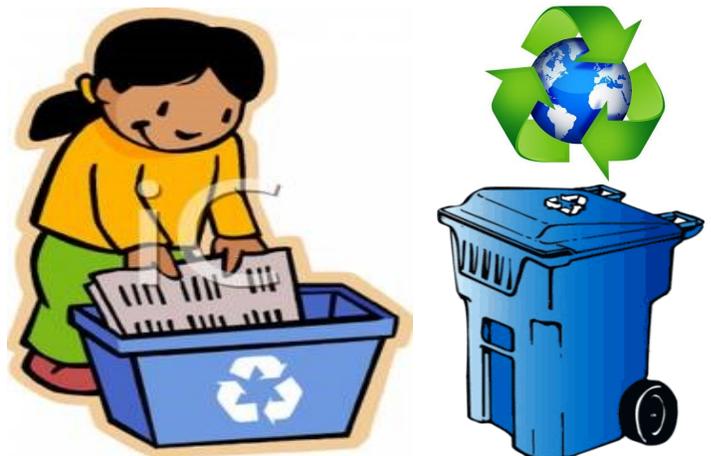
In order to ensure effective and timely communication for changes to bus routine, please let a member of the office staff know of any changes by **9am that day**. This way, the information can be communicated to the teacher before the instructional day begins and he/she can make adjustments accordingly.



## 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!



Over the past few weeks there has been an increase in influenza activity across York Region. To date, there are 164 laboratory-confirmed influenza cases in York Region. Influenza A (H3N2) is the primary circulating strain and it is well matched to this season's influenza vaccine.

### Young children and influenza

Children under five years of age, especially those younger than two years of age, are at high risk of flu-related complications. These complications include pneumonia, encephalopathy (inflammation of the brain), ear infections, sinus infections and worsening of medical problems like asthma or heart disease. In rare cases, flu complications can lead to death.

### How to protect against the flu

**1. Get vaccinated** – The flu vaccine is the best way to protect against flu. Studies show the flu vaccine can prevent 70 to 90 per cent of illness in healthy adults and children.

York Region Public Health recommends everyone six months and older get the flu shot. It's not too late to get vaccinated.

Flu shots are available at:

- Physicians' offices, for people six months of age and older
- Pharmacies, for people five years of age and older
- York Region Public Health clinics, for people three years of age and older

Visit [ontario.ca/flu](http://ontario.ca/flu) to find where you can get the flu shot.

For more information about flu vaccines contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653.

### 2. How can you reduce the chances of getting the flu?

- Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and warm water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue out immediately
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid people who are ill and stay home when you are sick
- Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected

**Community and Health Services**

[Public Health](#)

### What are symptoms of the flu?

Symptoms of the flu may include:

- sudden onset of headache
- chills
- cough
- sore throat
- runny nose
- fever
- loss of appetite
- muscle aches
- fatigue



Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea may also occur in children. Most people recover from the flu within a week to 10 days. People aged 65 years or older, pregnant women and individuals with chronic health conditions may be at greater risk of becoming ill and developing severe health problems such as pneumonia.

### How does the flu spread?

The flu spreads through the air from coughing and sneezing. It also spreads through direct contact with surfaces, unwashed hands, or objects such as toys and eating utensils that have been contaminated by the influenza virus.

A person with flu may be able to infect other people one day before symptoms develop and up to seven days after becoming sick.

For more information, visit [york.ca/flu](http://york.ca/flu)





## York Region Public Health Immunization

If parents/guardians or students receive a letter from York Region Public Health requesting immunization information, here's what to do:

Update York Region Public Health on your child's immunization status in one of the following ways:

Online at <https://eimmunization.york.ca>

- ◆ Fax documents to 905-895-6066 or 1-866-258-2026
- ◆ Mail immunization information to Immunization Services, Box 147, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456.





All Services are Free of Charge.  
Workshops provided in South Asian languages

You may not have diabetes right now.

Learn how you can keep it that way!

We are pleased to partner with the Flemington Health Center to offer an early detection clinic for diabetes at our school. This is a great community resource that will highlight how to promote positive health and focuses on preventative actions regarding diabetes. We hope you will stop by at our school on **Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.** to learn more. There is no charge for taking part or receiving the personalized risk assessment.

Do you know where you stand?

Find out in just 4 simple steps!

**Early Detection Clinic**

**When:**

Wednesday, February 8th, 2017  
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

**Where:**

Coppard Glen Public School  
131 Coppard Ave Markham, ON L3S 2T5

No Fasting Required

Delicious snacks will be provided!

All Services are Free of Charge  
Workshops provided in South Asian languages

For more information please call  
Priyenka at 416-799-6107

**1**  
Attend an Interactive workshop about what puts you at risk

**2**  
Get a personalized risk assessment

**3**  
Measure your height, weight and waist

**4**  
Get your blood sugar tested



Coppard Glen P.S. 131 Coppard Avenue, Markham ON L3S 2T5 (905) 471-0419

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## Next School Council Meeting:

**FEBRUARY 7th, 2017**

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

Just a reminder of our upcoming School Council Meetings dates:

April 4th

May 2nd



School Council Executive for 2016-2017:

Chair: Arun Arunthavarajah

Secretary: Aravinthan Shanmugarajan

Treasurer: Alifa Somani

### **COPPARD GLEN PIZZA LUNCH THIS MONTH**

**WILL BE**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY**

**2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd**



### **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 7, 2017**

*March 7, 2017*

*April 4, 2017*

*May 2, 2017*

*June 6, 2017*

**SUBWAY®**



### **School Assistant Positions—Lunchtime**

Positions are available if you are interested in working as a School Assistant at our school, please contact the school office (905) 471-0419. We currently need people for occasional work. These are paid positions and require one hour a day, over our lunch hour which is from 12:45 p.m.—1:45 p.m. A Police Vulnerable Sector Check will be required.

**Help  
Wanted**  
Apply Inside

**Lunch Helper**



## 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!



## **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**



 **SchoolCash Online**  
Pay for student items online

## **School Cash ONLINE**

A new exciting method to pay online is available to our parents now offered at Coppard Glen P.S. is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- NO more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt.





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](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.

# FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Vasant Panchami	2	3 PA Day P.A. Day No School	4
5	6	7  Subway Lunch & School Council Meeting at 6:30 pm	8 Greg LeRock F.I. Gr.1 & Gr.4 to 6	9  Pizza Lunch	10	11
12	13	14 	15	16  Pizza Lunch	17	18
19	20 No School Family Day! 	21	22 Fire Safety Gr. 2	23  Pizza Lunch	24	25
26	27 First Day of Lent (Eastern)	28 Coppard CaReS Assembly @ 2 p.m.				