Dear Families,

Happy New Year!

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** begins 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.

**French Immersion** registration also begins on January 18th. Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion program will take place at Coppard Glen PS on January 17, 2019 at 7 p.m. Please read the newsletter for more information.

In this month’s newsletter, we have included our Annual Fundraising plan that highlights our key areas of focus for this year. Please have a look as it shares where we are allocating funds that come in through fundraising initiatives.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

R. Ishtiaque  
Principal

R. Beharry  
Vice-Principal

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**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.

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January 2019
Character Matters!

Character Trait for January is “Fairness”

We are sensitive to the needs of each individual. We treat each other as we wish to be treated ourselves. We interact with others without stereotyping, prejudice or discrimination. We stand up for human rights.

Our next CaReS Assembly is January 23rd at 11:05am in the Gym. Future Assemblies are:

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Message from the Principal: Fundraising Report for Coppard Glen, 2018-2019

In consultation with our staff, school council and parent community we have prepared a draft fundraising plan for the 2018/2019 school year. Our key areas of focus for this school year are:

**Technology**: A set of 30 Chromebooks to update the desktop technology in the library computer lab, a Chrombebook cart to house them

**Teaching and Learning**: Literacy resources to support reconciliation with Indigenous Communities, Movie Licensing fee, Math games and puzzles, math manipulatives to support comprehensive math programming, resources to support problem solving in math and repairs to existing instruments, Dance Program (Culture Shock Toronto)

**Safe and Inclusive Schools/Well-Being**: Anti-bullying presentations, mental health and well-being presentations, FNMI Presentations, other guest speakers, Buddy bench, graduation awards/trophies, entry fees to music competitions, robotics and Lego competitions

**Physical Education and Outdoor Activities**: Tournament fees, OT coverage to support attendance at tournaments and activity bags for classes

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

Our 2018/19 initiatives to support the plan will be: Pizza lunches, Movie Nights, Frozen Yogurt Sales and Popcorn Sales. We have also begun a second option for student lunches in the form of hot pasta lunches twice a month. We look forward to hosting our Annual Play-a-Thon Fundraiser on May 1st, 2019 (rain date—May 2).

We thank you all for your continued support in meeting our goals!
**Next School Council Meeting:**
February 22nd, 2019
Meetings begin at 6:30 pm in the staff room

**Future Dates:**
Mar. 31st, Apr. 9th,
May 14th, June 11th

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

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**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

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**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.

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**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!
**Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations**

**Information Sessions**

Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 17, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Please visit YRDSB’s website in January 2019 [http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx](http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

**Registration**

FI registration will begin 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 their home school office and request an Office Index Card - short version. This 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, 2019. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

**Late Registrations**

Late registrations are those submitted after February 8, 2019. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

**Accommodation Plan**

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 enroll. 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](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.
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.

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.

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.
Introducing Online Absence Reporting

Parents/guardians can now report student absences online!

Regular and punctual attendance affects school success and is expected of all students. It is important that students, families and school staff work together to ensure regular attendance. You are expected to notify the school as soon as possible if your child will be absent or late. If you have activated your Edsby account, you can login to Edsby and report your child’s absence online. You can access an online video tutorial to learn more (bit.ly/edsbyabsence) about how to do this.

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. 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.

COPPARD GLEN PASTA LUNCH THIS MONTH WILL BE SERVED ON THE FOLLOWING TUESDAYS: JANUARY 15, 22 & 29th

COPPARD GLEN PIZZA LUNCH THIS MONTH WILL BE SERVED ON THE FOLLOWING THURSDAYS: JANUARY 10, 17, 24 & 31st
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. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries which prevents 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.

A bus cancellation message will be available at www.schoolbuscity.com, by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on Twitter.

Parents, students and school staff may also access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

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