



# COPPARD CHRONICLE

January 2017



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**Important Dates:**

January 1 -Happy New Year!  
January 9—Welcome Back  
January 10—Subway Lunch  
January 12, 19 & 26 – Pizza Lunch  
January 19– FI Information Night  
January 20-PA Day & FDK Registration



**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,

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone is having a relaxing and happy break, doing the things we enjoy and that promote our positive well-being! Well-being is an area of health that is gaining in attention and focus. As you are aware, we as a school are committed to increased academic achievement for each student. Research shows that academic performance relates to a student's sense of personal well-being. For optimal learning to occur for any of us, it is important that we feel understood, healthy, safe and accepted. The emotional component of learning holds potential for assisting students to improve their academic achievement. We encourage our students to speak to teachers about how they are feeling at school. All of the staff members at Coppard Glen PS are committed to the personal well-being of our students and are most willing to address concerns students may have. As we reflect on the past year, and set our many goals for the new year, it is important to keep in mind our goals for our physical and mental well-being. Dr. Shefali Tsabary (author of *The Conscious Parent*), reminds us to really "see" our children for who they are, which includes their strengths, their interests and their areas for growth and improvement. Your conversations with your children about their strengths and needs helps them develop the crucial aspect of self-awareness and metacognition needed to set and achieve realistic goals.

We wish everyone all the best as we begin 2017!

*R. Ishtiaque*  
Principal

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The Coppard  
Character Trait for January is  
***“FAIRNESS”***

Demonstrating impartial, unbiased and equitable treatment of taking turns, sharing and listening to what others have to say.

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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!



## 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](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 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](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.



## *Together We're Better Team*

Coppard Glen's Together We're Better team, organized a Toy Drive this month. The drive was a great success and the toys collected were donated to a local charity. Coppard would like to extend its gratitude and thanks to the community for such generosity and making the toy drive a success. In addition, Together We're Better students from Grade 7 and 8 volunteered their time at The Salvation Army, sorting toys for their toy drive. We also donated a cheque of \$200 collected through fund raisers.

Together We're Better Team

Mrs. Chatterjee and Mrs. Khurana



## 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.



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.

## 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!



GROUP CALENDAR Winter 2017

PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED



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## Excellence in Counselling

More information is provided on [www.coppard.glen.ps@yrdsb.ca](http://www.coppard.glen.ps@yrdsb.ca) website. Select News and Events, and under Items of Interests you will be obtain more information on how to register.

## Lunch Assistant Positions

Lunch Assistant Positions are available if you are interested in working as a Lunch Assistant at our school, please contact the school office (905) 471-0419. We currently need people for occasional backup. 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

OHSoInteresting.com

## Lunch Helper



# 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,



**Next School Council Meeting:**

**January 10, 2017**

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

Just a reminder of our upcoming School Council Meetings dates:

February 5th

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, JANUARY  
12th, 19th, & 26th**



## 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:

**January 10, 2017**

February 7, 2017

March 7, 2017

May 2, 2017

April 4, 2017

June 6, 2017

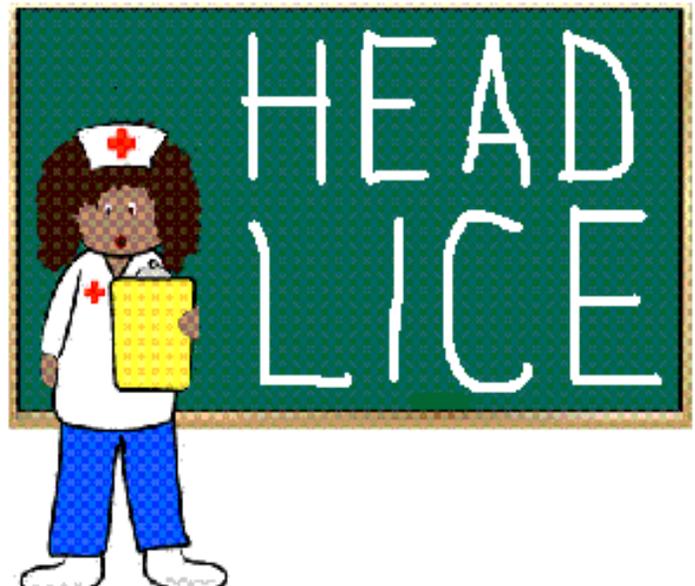
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## LICE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION

At various times throughout the year, schools can have a few cases of head lice. Regular checks at home can help catch it early. Back to school times (such as September and after Winter Break) are a great time to check your children for the presence of lice. We appreciate that when children have lice it is frustrating for families. Please know that the Ministry of Health, York Region Health Services and the Canadian Pediatric Society consider pediculosis (head lice) to be a nuisance and not a communicable disease. The lice do not care whether the person has squeaky-clean hair or dirty hair, they are just looking for human blood, which they need to survive. In a school environment, as children are in close contact with each other, and can make it easy for the lice to spread from one head to another. Rest assured that when we know of cases at the school, we have protocol we follow to help prevent the spread of lice that includes vaccuuming the carpets and discouraging the sharing of personal items such as helmets or headphones. You can help by regularly checking your child for evidence of lice.

*Please contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 for additional information.*



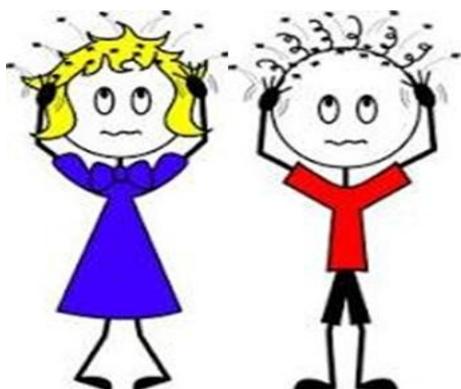
  
**York Region**

### How do you check for head lice?

Regular checks for head lice are a good way to spot head lice before they have time to multiply and infest your child's head.

- Seat your child in a brightly lit room.
- Part the hair and look at your child's scalp.
- Look for crawling lice and for nits.
  - Live lice are hard to find. They avoid light and move quickly.
  - Nits will look like small white or yellow-brown specks and be firmly attached to the hair near the scalp. The easiest place to find them is at the hairline at the back of the neck or behind the ears. Nits can be confused with many other things, such as dandruff, dirt particles, or hair spray droplets. The way to tell the difference is that nits are attached while dandruff, dirt, or other particles are not.

Wet the hair. Use a fine-toothed comb to help comb out the lice or nits. Comb through your child's hair in small sections. After each comb-through, wipe the comb on a wet paper towel. Examine the scalp, comb, and paper towel carefully.



### How can you treat head lice?

#### **What's the treatment for lice?**

If your child has head lice or nits, it's important to treat it quickly to avoid spreading it to other members of your home. You should also check other household members for signs of lice and nits. Treat everyone who has lice or nits at the same time, to lower the risk of one person spreading them back to another.

Most cases of head lice can be treated with over-the-counter or prescription medications, known as pediculicides. After you apply the medication, thoroughly check your child's head and comb their hair with a lice comb to remove remaining nits and lice every two to three days. You may need to apply another dose of medication about a week after the first round. Follow the package directions and consult your doctor if you have questions.

It's also important to clean items that might carry head lice. For example, if your child has head lice or nits, remember to wash their hats, scarves, hair accessories, brushes, combs, and clothing. To be extra safe, you can vacuum mattresses, furniture, and floors.

Lice and nits are killed by extended exposure to hot temperatures. Machine-wash in hot water items that might be infested, and dry them with hot air. If you can't launder an item, soak it in hot water for five to 10 minutes, dry-clean it, or seal it in a plastic bag for two weeks to kill the lice and nits it might carry.

Other family members in the household should be checked as well, just in case the lice have already spread. Only those found to have lice need to be treated with pediculicides.

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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:

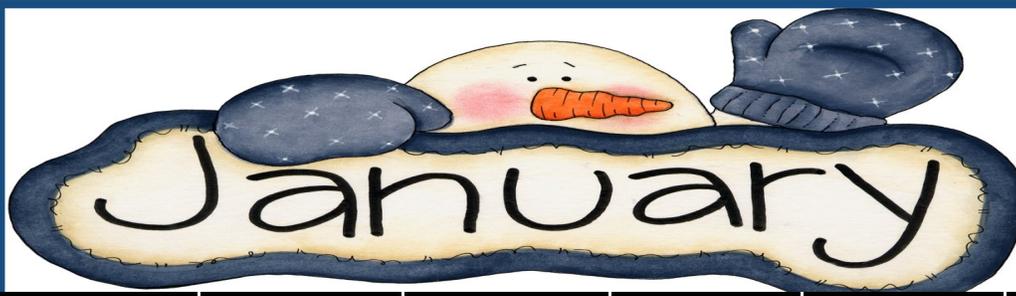
**RADIO**

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.



**2017**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7 Eastern Christmas 
8 	9 Welcome Back to School	10  Subway Lunch	11	12  Pizza Lunch	13	14
15	16	17	18	19  Pizza Lunch French Immersion Information Night @ 7 p.m. 	20  PA Day—No School Kindergarten Registration Begins French Immersion Registration Begins	21
22	23	24	25	26  Pizza Lunch	27 Coppard CaReS Assembly @ 11:15 a.m.	28 Lunar New Year 
29	30 Dental Screening 	31 Dental Screening Gr. 7 Immunization				