



COPPARD CHRONICLE

December 2018



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Important Dates:

December 6, 13, 20 - Pizza Lunch

December 19 - CaRes Assembly 9:10am

December 21 - Winter Break starts

December 25 - Christmas Day

December 3 - 10 - Chanukah Begins

January 7 - First day back after winter break



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 Progress Report Interviews and Conferences 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 your 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 or 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! Happy Chanukah, Kwanza as well to our families who are celebrating these or other holidays over the 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!

Best wishes to all and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday January 7th, 2019.



R. Ishtiaque
Principal

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Vice-Principal



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.

Our next CaReS Assembly is December 19th at 8:55 am in the Gym. Future Assemblies are:

January 23	February 20	March 21	April 25	May 14	June 19
11:05 am	1:45 pm	8:55 am	11:05 am	1:45 pm	8:55 am

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 are looking into a second option for student lunches. We look forward to hosting our Annual Play-a-Thon Fundraiser on May 1st, 2019 (raindate—May 2).

We thank you all for your continued support in meeting our goals!

Remembrance Day Assembly

On Friday, November 9th, the staff and students of Coppard Glen gathered together to commemorate all of the brave men and women who have and continue to serve and protect this country so that we can have freedom and a safe place to live.

The assembly began with a Wreath Procession led by student representatives from each division. The Senior Band performed *O'Canada* along with the Primary Junior Choir who also sang *In Flanders Field* based on the poem by the Canadian soldier, John McCrae. The Together We're Better team shared a slideshow presentation and the Grade 1 French Immersion classes performed a song called *L'enfant de paix*. As it was also Ontario Treaties Recognition week, we learned about the contributions of Canada's Indigenous veterans who served in the war and peacekeeping operations. Students also created beautiful artwork and wreaths which were displayed in the school.



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!!



School Council Executive

2018-2019:

Chair: S. Narin

Secretary: L.Zhang

Treasurer: L.Zhang

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!



December

Winter Math

Winter break is right around the corner! This is a great opportunity to take time with your child and connect math to the real world. Below are some ideas that will help get you started:

- Grocery shopping can involve money, budgeting, estimating, adding, subtracting, and measuring
 - Cooking can involve weighing, measuring, ordering, estimating, adding, and multiplying
 - Organizing for a party can mean matching numbers of people to plates, cutlery, area of tables, ordering food, and seating arrangements
 - Going on a trip by car or plane involves time, distance, budgeting, speed, comparing various routes, and shape scavenger hunts
 - Completing a half finished symmetrical design using playdough (e.g., half a butterfly, tree)
- Building a snowman can involve measuring, spatial reasoning, and estimating

These ideas will help your child see the importance of math in their everyday lives through fun and interactive ways.

http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/math/schoolleader/ideas_for_school_leaders.html

The Ontario Ministry of Education recently released information for families about *Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math*. You can access this information at

<https://math.thelearningexchange.ca/training/provincial-math-training-learning-modules/parents2/>

To find out what your child will learn in math this year or to find other fun activities that you can do together as a family, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Math/Pages/default.aspx>.

Be sure to also try our [Problem of the Month](#)



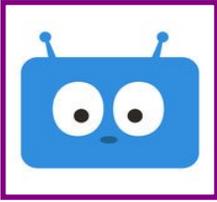
York Region District School Board is committed to creating safe, equitable and inclusive learning and working environments. As part of this commitment, the Board established a Human Rights Commissioner's Office (HRCO).

The HRCO was created in response to a growing awareness that a space was needed within the school board environment to effectively address issues of discrimination and harassment specific to the Human Rights Code.

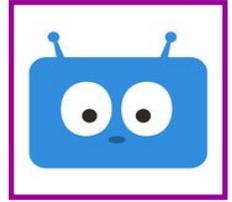
The HRCO is an arms-length office for Human Rights Code compliance under the Board's Human Rights Policy.

The HRCO website provides the YRDSB community access to important information related to human rights, a confidential complaint reporting process and contact information for the office.

The website can be found at <http://www.yrdsb.ca/hrco>



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](https://bit.ly/edsbyabsence) (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.

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



COPPARD GLEN PIZZA LUNCHES THIS MONTH

WILL BE on

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 13th and 20th



Toy Drive

The Together We're Better team at Coppard Glen will be holding its annual Toy Drive starting Monday, December 3 to December 14, 2018. We encourage students to bring in only brand new toys. The toys will be donated to a local charity and distributed to the less privileged children in our community. Your support is much appreciated for helping us to put a smile on every child's face.

Mrs. Chatterjee and Mrs. Vasilakos



Kindergarten Registration to Commence

January 18, 2019

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 18, 2019 for the 2019-20 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca.

Children who turn four or five years old during 2019, 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.

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> 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 enrol 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. 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.



Literacy Corner

The Importance of TALK!

“Learning is a result of listening, which in turn leads to even better listening and attentiveness to the other person. In other words, to learn from the child, we must have empathy and empathy grows as we learn.” ~ Alice Miller, 2002

The holidays are fast approaching and families will have lots of time to talk! Why not make this talk time with your child an educational experience as much as a fun one?!

It may seem obvious, but it is as important to listen to as to talk with your child. Children develop the skills for reading and writing through both talking and listening. You help your child learn about how words work when you:

- **Sound out letters in print, such as signs on the street**
- **Sing word games in which your child replaces beginning sounds to make new, funny words**
- **Invent spelling by using the letters your child knows to spell new words**

Talk also builds your child’s capacity for understanding new things. This kind of talk goes beyond telling your child something (such as, “It’s time to brush your teeth,” or “Wash your hands before dinner”) to having a conversation with him or her. Here are some ways to get this kind of talk going in your home:

- **Talk with your child about problems and solutions.** Talk about how you might manage day-to-day problems, such as finding time to make dinner, so that you will be ready to watch a favourite TV show or go online together.
- **Make sure your child has time to think.** It sometimes takes time to think of what to say next. Be ready to wait for what your child has to say. If he or she says, “I don’t know what I think,” wait for a better answer – there’s one in there somewhere!
- **Talk with your child in his or her first language.** Children transfer their knowledge of one language to another very well. Speaking in your first language will help your child with English and French and other languages as well. It will also give your child opportunities to learn more about his or her own cultural history.
- **Ask questions that will lead your child to talk about his or her ideas.** Instead of telling your child something, try to ask a question that will lead your child to talk about what he or she thinks. For example, instead of telling your child how you are planning to celebrate a family event, ask for ideas about making a plan. (Be ready for creativity and to help your child follow through with the plan!)

The above excerpt is taken from “Reading and Writing With Your Child” Ministry of Education Parent Guide. For more information about the Literacy Tips for parents please visit:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentguideliten.pdf>

Happy Talking!

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Kostash

Coppard Glen Literacy Teachers



Holiday Tree & Toy Drive Donations!



Our Holiday Tree is now displayed beautifully in our front foyer.

Warm Goodies Drive:

In keeping with our community spirit at here at Coppard Glen, we love to help families who are in 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.**

Toy Drive:

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Thank you for your help with these very worthwhile causes!



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 **350** food items that will support our local communities.

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 Glen, we definitely scared hunger!!

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.

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.



Cold 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.

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.



School Bus Cancellation Notice



Student Transportation Services of York Region
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1
905-713-2535
FAX: 905-713-2533
Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

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:

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	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS



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9	10 Chanukah Ends	11	12	13  Pizza Lunch	14	15
16	17	18 CaRes Assembly at 8:55am	19	20  Pizza Lunch	21  Winter Break Begins	22 
23 	24 Christmas	25	26	27	28	29
30 	31 Happy New Year's Eve !					

