

Crosby Heights Public School

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January / February 2016

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P.A. DAY

No School for
students on
Feb.1 2016.

FAMILY **DAY**

No School for
students on
Feb.15 2016.

Next
School Council
General Meeting

Wednesday,
February 10

2016.

Meeting at
7:00pm

ALL ARE
WELCOME TO
ATTEND!

From the office,

Happy New Year! As we welcome a new calendar year, we approach the end of Term One in student learning. Students are participating in culminating learning experiences and these marks will be reflected in the Term One Report Cards, which go home on February 17. Please take the time to peruse the report with your child, so that together you can set attainable goals for their continued progress.

Junior Kindergarten registration for the 2016-17 school year has begun. If you have a child who qualifies for Junior Kindergarten in September 2016, please contact our office. We look forward to welcoming our youngest learners!

Thank you to all of our parent volunteers for your daily/weekly/monthly contributions to our school life! We value the enhancements you bring to Crosby Heights - which include serving breakfast, serving pizza lunch, checking out library books, trip accompaniment and reading with students. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to be a volunteer!

Best wishes to all families for a Happy New Year and enjoyable February Family Day!

As always, we value your partnership and support of your child's learning.

Sincerely,
Mr. T. Dunn
Principal

Mrs. T. Dynes
Vice-Principal

School Council Meeting Dates

Wednesdays:
November 18, 2015
January 13, 2016,
February 10, 2016, and
April 13, 2016.

Meetings at 7:00pm—8:30pm
All parents are welcome to attend.

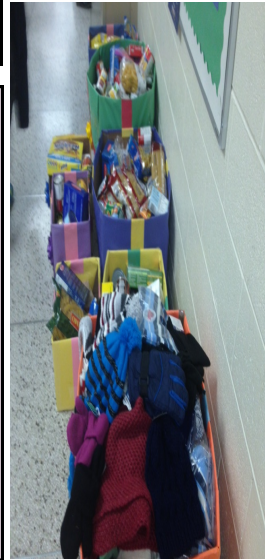


Breakfast Club volunteers needed! Call our office 905-884-5281





Crosby Cares!



This year Crosby Heights Public School participated in the Holiday Heroes Campaign, organized by York Regional Police. We had two types of drives: one for non-perishable food items and the other was for winter clothing items such as gloves, hats and scarves. Student volunteers helped organize the drive by creating a display board, collecting items from classrooms on a daily basis and by making announcements to inform the students about the campaign. We also had a spirit day where students could wear their Crosby spiritwear or a holiday hat if they brought in donations. The drives were very successful as each class contributed. Many boxes of food and winter clothing articles were collected. Thank you to the students and the community for showing that CROSBY CARES!

by: Fabiha R. and Taylor P., Student Ambassadors for the Holiday Heroes Committee



Lunch Assistants Needed!

The role of the school lunch assistant is to provide supervisory support to teaching staff during peak or critical periods of the school day (lunch).

If you are interested in becoming a lunch assistant, please contact our office. 905 884 5281.



Upcoming Dates

Looking Ahead...

Jan 18	Grade 7 and 8 Immunizations
Feb 1	PA Day
Feb 2, 5, 8	Intermediate Bully Prevention Program
Feb 10	School Council Meeting at 7:00pm
Feb 17	Reports Go Home
Feb 24	Grad Photo Day

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CORNER

GOTCHA AT CROSBY!!!



Gotcha tickets is a school wide campaign that Crosby has started. We are looking to motivate students in a positive way. Crosby staff, as well as the gotcha committee (grade 7 and 8 students), are keeping their eyes and ears open to see who is showing good character. We are looking for kindness, good deeds around the school such as; picking up garbage, sweeping the classroom at the end of the day, or holding a door open for a teacher or student, litterless lunches, and proper waste disposal, These are just a few of the ways that students can get caught! When a student receives a gotcha ticket they can go to the office and place their ticket in one of the five prize boxes. The more tickets a student receives, the more chances they have to win a prize. Some of the prizes for the month of January are: winning a gift basket, play a basketball game in the school gym for you and 10 of your friends during lunch, principal for the day, vice principal for the day or downloading any educational app on all of the school's ipads. The draw will be held at the end of January. February will have a whole new set of prizes, with a new focus on how to earn tickets. C'mon Crosby....get caught showing great character!

Written by: Grace K., Saman S., Zartosht S.



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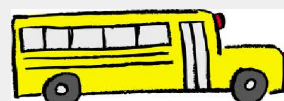
Literacy and 15 Minutes of Fun!

ABC Life Literacy Canada encourages families to have "15 Minutes of Fun" learning together every day. Engaging in literacy activities as a family improves a child's skills and also helps adults keep their skills sharp. Here are a few ideas to get your family started from the ABC Life Literacy Canada website.

1. Lights out, talk on: After your bedtime story, turn the lights off and talk about new endings to the story you just read together.
2. Surfing Snacks: Go online together to find out how your favourite foods are made. Are they something you can make together at home?
3. Find A-B-C: Have an alphabet scavenger hunt to look for things that begin with each letter of the alphabet. If you can't find some letters, go outside or try looking in books and magazines.
4. Travel the World: Use your library card as your passport to check out books on different countries. Learn about their traditions and celebrations.
5. Float in a Boat: Work together to fold a family fleet of origami boats. (Find all the steps in the FamilyLiteracyFirst.ca sample module!)
6. Let's go Shopping: Have kids write the family grocery list out themselves, then bring it to the store. Let them check each item off the list. (Hmm, wonder how jelly beans got on the list...)
7. Number Walk: As you put on your shoes, choose something you want to count during your walk. It could be dogs, trees, stop signs, cars—anything you want! On your walk, count how many you can find.



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.

If the condition of the roads necessitates the cancellation of bus service, local radio stations will be informed as early as possible and will broadcast this information to the community. 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.

Review your plans as to what your children will do in the event of late buses or cancellations. The following radio stations announce cancellations:

RADIO

AM 590 AM640 AM 680 FM 88.5 FM 90.3 AM 1010 AM 1050 AM 1530
AM 1540 FM 88.5 FM 92.5 FM 93.1 AM 1050 FM 99.9 FM 97.3 FM 98.1
FM 99.9 FM 100.7 FM 101.1 FM 104.5 FM 107.1

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CFTO TV CP 24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-800-330-3001, or by following YCDSB and YRDSB on twitter.

School Council Newsletter

January 2016



Our Vision

School Council believes that education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, community and school boards. Our vision is to build community within the school and enhance communication with our students and families.

2015/2016

Parent Council Members

Chair
Marcelle C.

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Marcelle C.

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Randi M.

**Volunteer
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Verity S.

**Teacher
Representative**
Jessica K.

**Breakfast Club
Sub-Committee
Chairs**
Heather G.

**Pizza Program
Sub-Committee**

Chairs
*Yanling F. &
Verity S.*

**Members-at-
Large**
*Lily W.
Siiri K.
Sherry Z.
Tony V.
Sean J.*

Administration
*Mr. Dunn
Mrs. Dynes*

Message from School Council Chair

Marcelle Castle

Happy New Year and Welcome back! Winter has finally arrived, and while it can be cold and dreary this time of year, there are many great events that the Town of Richmond Hill has to offer. The following links will help you locate activities that are just right for you and your family:

<http://www.wintercarnival.net/>

<http://www.childslife.ca/events/category/york-region/>

<http://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/4370660-richmond-hill-has-full-lineup-of-family-day-activities/>

http://www.richmondhill.ca/subpage.asp?pageid=prc_family_day

http://www.richmondhill.ca/subpage.asp?pageid=prc_recreational_skating

Remember to stay warm, stay safe and have fun!

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions for School Council, please feel free to send a message at crosby.heights.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Breakfast Club – Volunteers Needed Immediately

We had such a successful start to our Breakfast Club program and would love to keep that momentum going in Term 2. The success of this program is highly dependent on the volunteers that assist daily with preparing and serving breakfast to our children. The program currently runs Monday to Friday, but without additional help, we are at risk of having to reduce the program to three days.

If you, or someone you know, are looking to help out, please send an email to crosby.heights.ps@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca right away!

Breakfast Club is open to all of the students of our school. Your help to locate the much needed help will allow us to continue running the program for four days!

Pizza Program

This fund-raising program had a tremendous start in Term 1. Thank you to all the amazing parent and student volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you!

Term 2 is just around the corner and we are super excited for another successful term.

OOOPS!! We made a mistake. Term 2 envelope return day is

JANUARY 25th, 2016

We're sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Family Movie Night

We are excited to announce that Council will be hosting a free family movie night. Bring your own bottles and bowls and we will provide the water and popcorn, while supplies last.

Be on the lookout. A flyer with more information will be sent home in the upcoming weeks.



School Council Meeting Dates

Please mark your calendars, come, and join us for the upcoming School Council Meetings. We welcome and encourage all parents to attend. It is a great way to know what is happening at the school, meet other parents and get involved.

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| • February 10, 2016 @ 7pm |
| • April 13, 2016 @ 7pm |
| • May 11, 2016 @ 7pm |



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MINDFULNESS EVERYDAY®

An Evening on Mindfulness and Learning Disabilities

Workshop: Mindful Parents – Resilient Children

With Heidi Bornstein and Sue Hutton from Mindfulness Everyday

The purpose of the evening is to provide parents with relevant information and skills on mindfulness and how it can benefit students with LDs. In addition, we will examine how social and emotional competencies can be supported through mindfulness.

This experiential workshop will provide parents with practical skills and knowledge about mindfulness: what it is, what are the benefits to both parents and children and how it can be practiced. It will deliver practical tips on practicing mindful awareness within family dynamics. The session will examine aspects of mindfulness specifically related to parenting and education:

- how parents can support their children through mindful parenting
- how practicing mindfulness can support students with LD and MID needs
- how mindfulness can support well-being for families

Heidi Bornstein is the founder of Mindfulness Everyday, a registered charity that has been delivering and designing custom programming for mindfulness in education since 2009 to students, educators, and parents since 2009 and is a member of The Resiliency Planning Committee for the YRDSB.

Sue Hutton has over 20 years' experience as a social worker, and leads mindfulness groups with Wellspring, social workers, and the disability community.

Time:

March 1st 2016
6:30pm — 8:30pm

Location:

York Catholic District
School Board Office
320 Bloomington Road
West Aurora, ON L4G 0M1

Cost:

\$10 LDAYR members
\$15 Non-LDAYR
members

Workshop fees are
transferable
and non-refundable.

How to Register:

Register by February 24

905-884-7933 x 23

info@ldayr.org

www.ldayr.org

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016

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