#### **David Suzuki**

Public School 45 Riverwalk Drive Markham, L6B oL9 905-209-0435



# Principal Yvonne West Vice-Principal Shelley Anand

Admin Assistant Gail Koidis

Secretaries Rama Kanagarajah Sunitha Krishnan

Superintendent Dr. Lisa Walsh

Trustee Juanita Nathan



# SUZUKI SOURCE

davidsuzuki.ps.yrdsb

Volume 8

April 2015

# **Administrators' Message**

It's been a long, cold winter and we're sure that you share our hope that the few days of above zero weather that we are currently enjoying are here to stay! As we look forward to the warmer spring weather outside, inside, we are working hard to achieve our academic goals for the final 3 months of the school year. Our expectations for success remain high for all the students and we will continue to provide them with the support they need to meet these expectations. As always, we need and appreciate your help in encouraging your children to maintain their commitment to achieving academic success and to demonstrating high standards of behaviour and good character.

With the arrival of Spring, muddy shoes and wet socks and pants from outdoor play may be common occurrences. Sending your child to school with a change of socks and pants is probably a good idea. Ensuring your child has indoor and outdoor shoes is also recommended as this will help with keeping the floors of our classrooms nice and clean. You will likely hear your children complain about not being allowed on the field at recess. Unfortunately, there is always a period of time as we transition from Winter to Spring, where all schools are directed to keep the children off the field so that the ground has the opportunity to harden. If we don't, the result is a severely damaged field which the school would then have to bear the cost of restoring. We look forward to some consistently warm and sunny weather so that

we can, once again, take full advantage of the wide expanse of green space that we are so fortunate to have at David Suzuki!

And, finally, on March 13, parents from our School Council prepared a wonderful Appreciation Luncheon for all staff. We would like to thank them and all of you for your thoughtfulness and support. We feel very lucky to be serving in a community that is so appreciative of our efforts and we look forward to our continued partnership with you on behalf of your children!

Yvonne West

Shelley Anand

**Principal** 

Vice-Principal

# Character Trait For April 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."



# **Character Matters - Honesty**

March's character trait was Honesty. "We behave in a sincere, trustworthy, and truthful manner." Congratulations to our Honesty winners:

Mrs. Neate FTJSA Ajanth, Aliya, Hasini

Ms. Llewellyn FTJSB Mehr, Archana

Miss Halliday FTJSC Inaya, Deshan

Mrs. Gertsakis FTJSD Vitthagan, Vaaranan

Miss Eng FTJSE Rudra, Karish, Preethi

Mrs. Hudspith FTJSF Alina, Ashaz, Raquel

Ms. Hall FTS/1A Logan

Mrs. Barovier 1/2A Evan, Ashwin

Ms. Wood 1A Mekinan, Rochan

Mrs. Tsiampouris 1B Bashir

Mrs. Sambrook 1C Kavan, Saad

Mr. Hwee 2/3A Meyha, Khaleel

Miss Chan 2A Devina, Ashvin, Charan

Mrs. Clements 2B Edmund, Thamera

Miss Steele 2C Maryam, Aisrria

Mrs. Arumugam 3/4A Saeyon

Mrs. McMichael 3A Rohit, Saathana

Mrs. Nedelkovski 3B Sameer, Rashad

Mrs. Cooper 3C Mihir, Kadin





# **Character Matters - 4A's**

Congratulations

Each term and also following progress reports, students are recognized for their outstanding achievements. Each teacher selects a deserving student in each of the following categories: Athletics, Arts, Attitude, and Academics. The homeroom teachers collaborate with the rotary teachers to select these students and awards are presented at the 4As assembly. Congratulations to those individuals who earned awards!

TEACHER	ACADEMICS	ARTS	ATHLETICS	ATTITUDE
Arumugam	Mathavan	Akshileya	Rachi	Jibran
Elsner	Shreya	Daanish	Jessica	Jakhishan
Benson	Christina	Kelly, Stacey	Harvansh, Daija	Rathisa
DAlessandro	Vivien	Seanna	Sanjeiv	Sanjay
Duffus	Emma B.	Mahesa	Achchuthan	Agni
Haider	Sonya, Navid	Selina S.	Adriana	Ashwinii
Kermally	Sydney B.	Jacob S.	Ivy D.	Nilany S.
Orr/Kilgour	Ameeya	Shaima	Sarania	Harnir
Lowrie	Angelina	Wadana, Luckshanna	Haran	Jessica
Ming	Tooba	Krupali	Adnan	Nijanth
Ricketts	Umen, Isha	Ankitha	Umen	Sachit
Scott	Mihir, Vanessa	Anish, Karthigan	Sanjay S., Ammar	Vithu, Brian
Simmons	Dhara	Rachel	Suwaitha	Kaneisha, Sachin
Wilson	Jessica	Sujana	Jimmy	Esha



### Curriculum Corner - Lifelong Readers

Learning to read is a complex process. In addition to developing decoding skills and strategies, it is important to understand the purpose of reading as an integral part of our lives. We want our students to become readers who:

Read voluntarily and often

Read a wide variety of materials

Read to become informed on a wide range of topics

Collect books and refer to favourites again and again

Recommend books to others

Talk with others about what they read

Reflect on their reading

Think critically about what they read

(Fountas & Pinnell, 2001)

Essentially, we want our students to become lifelong readers!



To foster a love of reading at David Suzuki P.S., we have been participating in the *Forest of Reading* program sponsored by the Ontario Library Association. This is the largest recreational reading program of its kind in Canada and offers eight reading programs. Fiction and nonfiction lists of titles are chosen to celebrate Canadian books, publishers, authors, and illustrators.

The grade one's and two's have been thinking critically and having conversations about stories through the *Blue Spruce* program. We have been reading about colours, magnificent things, tall tales, and trips to far away places. In addition, a group of students in grades five to eight have been meeting at lunch on Wednesdays and Thursdays to read the *Silver Birch* and *Red Maple* titles. We are all excited to be part of the voting process to choose this year's winner.

To evaluate the stories we are reading and help us vote, we have developed the following list of criteria to identify what makes a good story:

Characters we like
An interesting problem and solution
Colourful, detailed illustrations
Well described setting
Catchy title and cover
'Juicy' words
Different feelings
Humour
Adventure



Providing students with opportunities to talk about their likes and dislikes about stories is a great way to develop a lifelong enjoyment of reading. Talking about what makes a good story is a great starting point to engage our students in conversations about reading at home. Happy reading Sharks!

Mrs. Tompkins-London

Message/lesson/big idea

#### **School Council News**

We are excited about our annual **Fun Fair and Sidewalk Sale** so be sure to save the date of **Thursday**, **June 4!** Look for more information to this great community event to come out soon. Please contact Sharon Reid if you would like to volunteer.

#### Staff Appreciation Luncheon

On Friday, March 13th, the School Council hosted an appreciation luncheon for all the staff at David Suzuki. It was a wonderful and relaxing afternoon enjoyed by all, with music and a variety of delicious dishes. It gave the School Council the opportunity, on behalf of all parents, to express their sincere gratitude for all the hard work and effort the staff puts into teaching and caring for our children. We wanted to thank all parents who contributed to this event by donating money to the popcorn sales. It was definitely a successful event which was truly appreciated and enjoyed by all staff.



#### **Kindergarten Yard**

The Kindergarten teachers and students are looking for outdoor toys for the Kindergarten yard. If you have any gently used toys (ie. Playhouses/kitchens, cars, Fisher Price basketball

nets etc.), we would love to have them! If you would like to donate any gently used outdoor toys please drop them off in the Kindergarten yard at your convenience.

Thank you in advance for any donations!



#### Hey Suzuki Families,

The grade 5 students in Ms. Orr's/Ms. Kilgour's class are sharing their water bottle PSA's on the morning announcements and in classrooms. We want to inform staff and students about the negative impact of using disposable water bottles, and persuade people to use reusable water bottles instead.

We have done some research, used a variety of forms of writing to communicate our thinking, and made connections to what we're learning about the human body, states of matter, and environmental issues.

Before, we thought bottled water was better or the same as tap water, and that recycling was an easy answer for getting rid of plastic water bottles.

Now, we think fresh water is a precious natural resource we can't take for granted, and that we should think about prioritizing reusing and reducing before recycling.

We know that water is essential for the survival of all living things, all around the world, including us!

We will continue to learn about water issues, looking at them from the perspectives of others', like First Nations people, past and present.

In the meantime, we will:

Start reusing and reducing, as well as recycling Research ways to use garbage as a source of energy Use reusable water bottles

#### We want YOU to:

Stop buying and using disposable water bottles

Spread the word about the importance of not using disposable water bottles

Check out some fantastic videos, including Bottle Gate, at <a href="mailto:the-value">the-value</a> and download the free mobile app QUENCH – it shows GTA businesses, such as restaurants and retailers, who are willing to provide free tap water to visitors carrying reusable bottles (You can even sign up your business as an Official QUENCH Station.)



These are some questions we still have:

Why are people still polluting when they know it's bad for the environment?

Is there a way to make plastic waste in landfills and the ocean break down faster?

Can garbage be turned into a source of energy?

What auestions do YOU have?



# **SUZUKI SHOUT OUT!**

#### **Music Alive Band Announcement**

On Tuesday March  $24^{th}$ , for the first time since opening our school, our Concert Band participated in the York Region Music Alive festival.

The Music Alive festival is one of the largest music festivals in Canada hosting up to 15,000 participants in an assortment of musical groups.

Our festival took place in a beautiful concert venue at the YCDSB Centre for the Arts in Thornhill.

The band had diligently prepared two songs: the triumphant "Anthem of an Era" by Tyler S. Grant and the peaceful Dona Nobis Pacem arranged by Anne McGuinty. Our students also got to hear selections from two other bands from Beynon Fields P.S. and Charles H. Howitt P.S..

The Band members were great ambassadors for our school handling themselves with class and professionalism at all times. Not only did they play very well, receiving a Silver designation, they demonstrated their good character as respectful audience members, and as polite and grateful riders on the bus.

Special mention goes to Vanessa Lau who has consistently held up the Trumpet section, to Karthigan Chitravel who received praise from the adjudicator about his snare playing.

Band members well done! Our Suzuki learning community is a great one because of students like you!





#### **Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration commenced on January 16th, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Children who were born in 2010(SK) and 2011 (JK) (turn four or five years old during 2015), live within the school boundary, and whose parents are public school supporters, will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A "Welcome to Junior Kindergarten" information session is planned for May 13 at our school in the gym. For more information please visit the YRDSB website.

We are now accepting registrations for ALL GRADES.

# Welcome To Junior Kindergarten Evening Save The Date May 13!

#### Please join us to:

- Learn about a typical day in Kindergarten
- Find out about Bussing
- Hear about our Safe Arrival Program
- Learn more about the Kindergarten Curriculum Expectations
- Learn about how we work hard to ensure your child's social and emotional well-being
- Support your child in some hands-on activities that will help prepare him/her for Kindergarten!

# Earth Week April 20-24, 2015

In celebration of Earth Day this year we are going to be holding events all week to help the environment. We will kick off our Earth Week celebrations with an assembly in the gym which will include some messages from students, some performances and information about our events for the week. Each day during earth week, we will be turning our lights off in the building from 2:00 to 3:00 to save energy. We will also be holding a reusable water bottle challenge for the week with a prize incentive for the highest achieving class! On Earth Day (Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>) the whole school will be participating in a community clean up! We will also be showing



eco-inspired videos during the lunch hours on Tuesday and Thursday. Lastly, each student will get to bring home a tree seedling to plant at home! At David Suzuki Public School, caring for the environment is very important to us and any support you can provide at home would be greatly appreciated!

#### **Planning Ahead for the Next School Year**

Our preparations for the 2015-2016 school year are underway, and our success depends on accurate projections of the school population. If you are moving out of our school area, please take a few minutes to send in a note to inform us of this as soon as possible.

Thank you!



#### **Birthday/Celebration Treats in the Classroom**

If you are bringing in treats to your child's classroom, they must be on the list that is on the next page of nut-free products or must have a nut-free symbol on them. If they are not on the list or have the label, unfortunately they will have to be sent home. Thank you for your understanding and continued support of our students and staff who have life-threatening allergies.



This also applies to student's snacks or lunches so please ensure that you check the labels carefully.

#### EARTH HOUR 2015

On Friday March 27th, our whole school participated in a celebration of earth hour. We turned off the lights from 2:05 to 3:05 pm and the students were able to engage in activities using a minimal amount of energy. On March 29th at 8:30 pm, hundreds of millions of people around the world turned off their lights for an hour to demand action on climate change. However, the students are learning that we do not need an event like this to lessen our impact on the environment! Here at David Suzuki we continue to live every hour as an earth hour and take pride in our actions to protect our world!

- For more information on WWF- Earth Hour please visit <a href="http://www.earthhourcanada.org/earthhour/">http://www.earthhourcanada.org/earthhour/</a>

# <u>Class Placements</u> for the 2015-2016 School Year

For those students who will continue at David Suzuki for the 2015-2016 school year, we will begin to think about their class placements for the new school year within the next month or so. When we place students, we take the time to consider a variety of factors such as learning styles, strengths/needs, and relationships with peers. If you feel that you would like to provide some additional information related to your child's learning and/or social/emotional needs for us to consider for next year. please provide this information to Ms. West or Mrs. Anand in writing by the end of the first week in May.



# ALL UNSAFE PRODUCTS WILL NOT BE SERVED, THEY WILL HAVE TO BE SENT BACK HOME PEANUT / NUT-FREE TREATS

The manufacturers listed below are **allergy-aware** and responsibly provide warning labels on their packaging when there is a risk of peanut/nut contamination.

Please **REMEMBER** that not all products made by these manufacturers are safe. Always read the label to make sure that peanuts/nuts are not listed as an ingredient and the label does not contain a warning such as "**may contain traces of peanuts/nuts**" below the ingredient list. Manufacturers that are Allergy Aware

Kraft	Quaker	Vadeboncoeu	Hostess Frito - Lay	Weston Bakeries
Christie	Dare	Chapman's	Humpty Dumpty	Dempster's
Peek Freans	Allan's	Kisko Trebor	Concord Confections	General Mills
Kellogg's	Hershey's	Nestle		

IT IS CRITICAL TO READ THE INGREDIENT LISTING EVERY TIME YOU PURCHASE A PRODUCT SINCE INGREDIENTS CAN CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. ALWAYS MAKE SURE THERE IS NO WARNING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE INGREDIENT LIST ("MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF PEANUTS/NUTS")

#### **SAFE PRODUCTS**

#### Cookies/Crackers/Cereal Bars

Christie	Chips Ahoy and Chewy Chips Ahoy, Oreos (regular Oreos only, new flavours are not safe), Animal Crackers, Premium Plus, Ritz ( <b>Ritz MINIS are not safe</b> ), Triscuit, Wheat Thins, Stoned Wheat Thins, Teddy Grahams
Peek Freans	Digestive, Shortbread, Crème-Filled Assorted, Nice
Kellogg's	Waffles, Pancakes, Rice-Krispie squares, Nutri-grain bars, Frosted Flakes Cereal Bars, Fruit Loops Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts
Betty Crocker/ General Mills	Dunkaroos, Cheerios (regular), fruit snacks, fruit rollups, Poptarts, Nutrigrain bars, Nutrigrain Twists
Pepperidge Farms	Goldfish Crackers
Quaker	Granola Bars (only the flavours that say Peanut-Free" on the front package are safe)
Dare	Wagon Wheels, Bear Paws (some Dare products will have peanut-free symbol on the front of the package) various cookies and crackers
Tickle Your Tummy	various cookies and cupcakes – available in bakery section of various grocery stores
Treasure Mills Inc.	labelled as "School Safe 100% Nut and Peanut-Free" – available in Bakery section of Loblaws, Costco and other grocery stores
New Moon Kitchen	various cookies and baked goods – available in various fine food shops
	Donuts/Cakes/Cuncakes

#### **Donuts/Cakes/Cupcakes**

Amazing Donuts	Peanut/Nut-Free bakery - 3772 Bathurst Street, Toronto (416) 398-7546
Richman's Bakery	Peanut/Nut-free bakery - 4119 Bathurst Street, Toronto (416) 636-9710
Cakes by Robert	134 Doncaster Avenue, Thornhill (905) 889-1448
The Cupcake Shoppe	2417 Yonge Street, Toronto (416) 322-6648
Krispy Kreme	ORIGINAL GLAZED available at Walmart and various gas stations
Annette's Doughnuts	located in bakery section of various grocery stores

#### Frozen Treats/Ice Cream/Freezies/Yogurt

Chapmans	Chapmans products which say "peanut/nut-free" on the front of the box
Mr. Freezie	all sizes
Kisko Kid Freezies	all kisko and C-plus freezies are safe
Yoplait	Yogurt Tubes

#### **Chips**

Hostess/Frito-Lay	all flavours
Humpty Dumpty	all flavours
Pringles	ORIGINAL flavour only

# **Candy/Chocolates**

Concord Confections	Bubble Dubble, Rockets, assorted candy
Wonka Candy	Sweet Tarts, Nerds, Rainblo gum
Dare Candy	all Dare packaged candy is made in a peanut/nut free plant except for imported candy (check label)
Effem Inc.	Skittles, Mars (only the Mars bars with the peanut/free symbol are safe)
Starburst	Starburst
Hershey's	Twizzlers, chocolate (if no "may contain" warning on label)
Tootsie Roll	candy, lollipops, Charms Blow Pops
Lifesaver	candy rolls, lollipops
Tootsie Roll	candy, lollipops, Charms Blow Pops
Just Born	Mike & Ike, Hot Tamales, Zours, Marshmallow Peeps
Nestle	Aero, KitKat, Smarties (seasonal smarties are not safe –check label), Coffee Crisp, Mirage (Treat size bars are labelled "Peanut-free" on the front of the package)
Trebor-Allan	various chocolates and candy (if no "may contain" warning on label)
Vadeboncoeur chocolates	all chocolates are made in a peanut/nut-free factory – available at Loblaws, Costco, Zellers, Wal-mart, Shoppers Drug Mart

#### **UNSAFE FOODS**

#### Any UNSAFE items will not be served, they will be sent back home

- \* Tim Horton's products (donuts, muffins and <u>Timbits</u>)
- \* NUTELLA
- \* Bakery items, even cakes from COSTCO
- \* Any product that does not have a list of ingredients
- \* Imported chocolates and candy many contain traces of peanuts/nuts but are not labelled accurately
- $^{\ast}$  All Granola Bars except for a few Quaker flavours which say "Peanut-Free" on the front package
- $\ensuremath{^*}$  Unpackaged products purchased from a bulk food store
- \* All ice-cream and popsicles except Chapmans products which say "Peanut/Nut-free" on the label



Our class was taken over by shapes! We saw shapes rule on the carpet (spelt out in shapes!) and found our desks covered in 2D shapes. We used our detective skills to figure out the clues they left us when we solved shape puzzles! We found part of what we were missing in the library, but we never found out who did it! We talked to the classes upstairs, but no one said

they knew anything about it! Anyone with in-

formation, please come see Miss Steele's class!

Thank you!

Miss Steele's Grade 2 Class



#### **The Kid's Summer Institute**



The York Region District School Board's Summer Institute is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8. Weekly sessions are offered at eleven elementary schools throughout the region from July2 - 24 2015

The York Region District School Board Summer Institute for Kids Program provides a variety of academic, recreation and sports activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum to reinforce skill development and curriculum expectations for students from kindergarten to grade eight.

Weekly sessions run at sites for either 4 or 6 weeks from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm with extended before and aftercare programs available at all locations.

#### Applications are available on line.

More information about summer programs and registration can be found using the links below:

Grade 7 & 8 – Literacy & Numeracy <u>Elementary Summer School</u>

Grades K-8 – Academics, Recreational and Athletic Activities Summer Institute

#### **Primary Concert**

On Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> we had our primary concert. All the students worked very hard on their songs and sounded amazing! Everyone loved the concert and it was very well attended. We were very lucky to hear Ms. Hall's class sing Evergreen, Everblue. From Ms. Wood and Mrs. Barovier's classes we were delighted with Big Beautiful Planet. Ms. Tsiampouris and Mrs. Sambrook's classes showed us how to recycle with the Recycle Rap. Ms. Chan's class showed us 3 R's of keeping our planet clean. Mrs. Clements/Mrs. LaMarca and Miss Steele's class had us singing along even though we got wet in the rain. Mr. Hwee and Mrs. Cooper's classes shone with their version of The World's Greatest. Finally, Mrs. Nedelkovski and Mrs. McMicheal's classes reminded us of the wonderful world we live in. Special thanks go out to Urooj and Krupali who were our MC's, as well as Mr. Schaub and his crew, and Mr. Lowrie for their support and all the other staff who helped! The concert also raised money for our outdoor learning space which will benefit all our students. Thank you for

your donations!

Miss Steele and Ms. Tsiampouris













#### DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING

#### INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

#### INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2015-2016

#### Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

So what are you waiting for Grade 8's?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a Level 1 YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 13 languages at 4 high schools.

#### Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: http://www.ilea.ca 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
		MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S
CANTONESE	LKC BD	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD			Saturday	
GREEK	LBG BD		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED AP	Grade 12 Course Only	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	Saturday			

#### Register online via Career Cruising commencing May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

- See link Career Cruising Tip Sheet for registration instructions http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/Videos/Schools/ CC\_ConEd\_Instructions.pdf
- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course schedules will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class

#### **EQAO Testing**

#### for Grade 3 and Grade 6 May 25- June 5

This is the range of dates set aside to administer the annual EQAO tests to our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students. Parents of students in these grades are asked to please refrain from booking any appointments or vacations during this time as it is very important for all students participate in this testing.

Education Quality and Accountability Office



#### **UPCOMING DATES**

April 2 Grad Photos

April 3 Good Friday, NO school

April 6 Easter Monday, NO school

April 13 School Council Meeting 6:30

May 6 Junior Concert

May 13 Welcome to Kindergarten

May 25—June 5 EQAO grades 3 & 6

May 14 Intermediate Drama Night

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday June 4th for Annual Fun Fair

Dates to be announced: Primary Literacy Evening

**Cyberbullying Presentation for Parents** 



#### A Reminder to Subscribe to our Electronic Communications

Please go onto our school <u>website</u> to subscribe. These e-mail communications will only be used by our school, we will not be sending you junk mail or spam.

Effective July 1, 2014, Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) impacts how York Region District School Board communicates electronically with our parents and community partners. CASL prohibits the sending of any type of electronic message that is commercial in nature unless the recipient has provided specific and informed consent.

As a result, York Region District School Board requires your consent to receive any electronic messages which contain school advertising or promotions regarding school fundraisers, lunch programs, field trips, the sale of yearbooks, purchasing of student photos, books, prom or dance tickets, athletic events with an entry fee or similar events and offers.

In order to consent to receive commercial electronic messages we must already have your email address on file with the school to receive non-commercial communications. If you have not provided your email address as a part of the registration process, please contact the school directly to have your email address added to the non-commercial communications.

If your email address is already on file with the school, please indicate your acceptance of school commercial emails by providing your email address. The system will cross reference your email address with our database and if your email is on file with the school(s), you will receive a confirmation email.

#### How can you celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd

Clean up around your neighbourhood
Plant a tree, flowers or shrubs.
Get outside and enjoy nature

Build a bird house or bird feeder

Have a picnic outside

Make some art out of recycled materials

Listen for activities happening in your community

Thank you for your support.