

David Suzuki Public  
School

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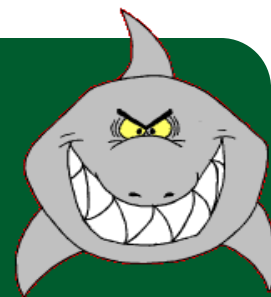
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## Principals' Message

Thanks to all of you who visited the school for Parent/Teacher Conferences and engaged in thoughtful discussions about your children's learning. We must continue to always work as a committed team in our efforts to ensure that all our children are working and achieving to their full potential!

Usually at this time of the year we would be preparing for our Holiday concert. However, this year we will be holding a series of concerts in the New Year instead. Although dates have not yet been formalized, we have divided the school into 4 sections for performances : Kindergarten; Grade 1-3; Grade 4-6; Intermediate Drama Night. Our bands and choirs will perform at some or all of the various concerts. Due to our increased student population, dividing the school into smaller groups is the only way that we are able to safely accommodate our families in the gym.

As 2014 comes to an end, the staff at David Suzuki would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt wishes to all of our families for a safe and happy holiday and to wish you the very best for the upcoming year of 2015!

## School Morning Bells... Small Change

Due to the onset of the cold weather necessitating additional layers of clothing, it takes our students a longer time to get into their classrooms in the morning. And, so, in order to maximize learning time, we have begun to ring the first bell 3 minutes earlier to provide the children with a little additional time. Thus, our first bell, signifying Entry, now rings at 8:57 (instead of at 9:00) and our second bell, signifying the start of the school day, rings at the usual time of 9:05.



# Character Matters - COURAGE

November's focus was on Courage. We have a lot of students who demonstrate courage on a daily basis which is a very important character trait. I know the staff are pleased and impressed.

## ***Congratulations to our Courage winners:***

Mrs. Neate	FTJSA	Om, Kieran, Arathi
Ms. Llewellyn	FTJSB	Aisha, Hunter, Navien
Miss Halliday	FTJSC	Ryan, Hufsa, Ali
Mrs. Gertsakis	FTJSD	Hishara, Aashika
Miss Eng	FTJSE	Arrawin, Thurshyan, Abishan
Mrs. Hudspith	FTJSF	Jessie, Raquel
Ms. Hall	FTS/1A	Matthew
Mrs. Barovier	1/2A	Ethan, Mikaella
Ms. Wood	1A	Rahman, Hemani
Mrs. Tsiampouris	1B	Jimi, Anirudh
Mrs. Sambrook	1C	Jibreel, Trinity
Mr. Hwee	2/3A	Eshal, Ansh
Miss Chan	2A	Zaire, Jarushan
Mrs. Clements	2B	Jade, Adam
Miss Steele	2C	Joshua, Mustafa
Mrs. Arumugam	3/4A	Umaimah, Khan
Mr. Kawnik	3A	Jashpal, Salman
Mrs. Nedelkovski	3B	Nidhi, Thevakini
Mrs. Cooper	3C	Laila, Jennah



The character trait for the month of December is **EMPATHY**. "We strive to sense and appreciate the emotions of others, 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." We look forward to this character being observed through the hallways and classrooms at David Suzuki.



## GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL

This year the Senior Girls Volleyball team had their most successful season in DSPS history!

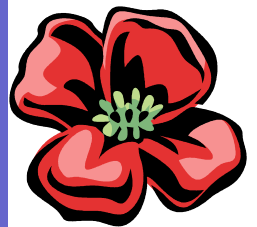
With championship titles at two invitational tournaments and an impressive 5<sup>th</sup> place finish out of 14 teams at a very strong East Area tournament, all of the Lady Sharks should be extremely proud of their accomplishments this season.

Congratulations on becoming a true “team” who learned to battle through adversity and work together while demonstrating amazing sportsmanship and positivity, and who put in countless hours of practice to build their skills to never-before-seen levels here at Suzuki. **You ladies are AWESOME!!**



### Remembrance Day

On November 11 students and staff attended our traditional Remembrance Day assembly. It gave us an opportunity to honour Canadians, and other people around the world, who have sacrificed their lives in the name of peace and freedom. Student performances were very impressive as they reinforced the message through drama and music. It was a pleasure to have a number of parents, relatives and community members join us for the assembly. Thank you to the committee of staff members for organizing this special event .



## Character Matters - 4A's



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! The next set of awards will be distributed following term 1 report cards in February and again at the end of term 2 in June.

TEACHER	ACADEMICS	ARTS	ATHLETICS	ATTITUDE
<b>Arumugam</b>	Mathavan	Rachi	Arden	Kubi
<b>Avruskin</b>	Jessica	Srishti	Ishani	Jakhishan
<b>Benson</b>	Akash	Stacey & Savannah	Daija	Rathisa
<b>DAlessandro</b>	Ali	Amanda	Sanjeiv	Vivien
<b>Duffus</b>	Mindy	Evelyn	Anushka	Rima
<b>Haider</b>	Nivetha	Rehan	Nilavan	Celina
<b>Kermally</b>	Thardchi	Anjali	Bilal	Ivy
<b>Orr/Kilgour</b>	Alyssa	Kayla Bui	Muhammad	Imran
<b>Lowrie</b>	Angelina	Diya	Urooj	Haran
<b>Ming</b>	Marco	Tooba	Rohan	Lathushan
<b>Ricketts</b>	Shakiran	Vishaali	Kaley	Avinash & Linda
<b>Scott</b>	Anish	Mihir	Mackenzie	Abiramy
<b>Simmons</b>	Suwaita	Meryem	Johney	Pretheiga
<b>Wilson</b>	Gawtnam	Jimmy	Hellen	Saif





# SUZUKI SHOUT OUTS!

Congratulations to  
Haran Sureshkumar in 8L!

Haran was a participant in National Chemistry Week Canada 2014, which took place at Malvern Town Centre on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

As a participant, Haran had the opportunity to share and showcase his chemistry skills in a variety of hands-on experiments, activities, and demonstrations alongside other local students, teachers, and community members.



## Curriculum Corner

### Let's Talk!

It is important that we spend time talking with our children every day. We know that oral communication is the foundation for literacy. Just as we know that the more children read, the better readers they become, the more opportunities children have to talk, the better they are at using language effectively. Fostering children's oral language development will support their engagement in reading and writing from the start. Children need lots of opportunities to explore and talk about the world around them. Take time every day to share daily experiences, including what your child did at school, how your day went, or simply talk about a movie or book that you've seen or read. Talk to your children in the language that you know best! Daily talk with your child enforces the following important skills that they will need in school and life:



- **Making connections**
- **Listening**
- **Sharing ideas**
- **Expressing opinions**
- **Turn taking**





## Spook-tacular Results

Well...the Suzuki Spook-tacular has come and gone and there is only one word to describe it...AMAZING.

After all of YOUR hard work fundraising...we are pleased to announce that we have raised **over \$13,000** for new technology for our school!!!

Thank you to each and every student, staff member, and all of our parent community for supporting this wonderful fundraiser, and for being so energetic and having so much fun at all of the different Spook-tacular activities.

Thanks again Sharks for all of your hard work!



## Kindergarten Registration — January 16th, 2015

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 16, 2015 at 9:00 am for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). Children who turn four or five years old during 2015, 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.

### Secondary School: Grade 8 Information Session for September 2015 Enrolment

Markham District  
High School

December 11th  
7:00 pm

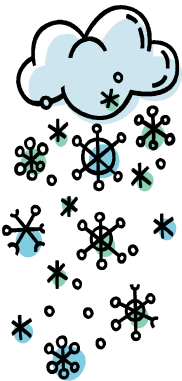


### Occasional Lunch Assistant Positions

If you are interested in working as an occasional lunchtime supervisor at our school, please contact the school office at 905-209-0435.

These are paid positions and require one hour a day over our lunch hour which is from 12:55-1:55.

## Inclement Weather



Parents are advised to listen to local radio and television stations on inclement weather days. In the event that the York Region District School Board finds it necessary to cancel school busses, most stations will start reporting information by 6:00 a.m. If busses run in the morning, they will run at the end of the school day. Please remember that if the YRDSB does cancel busses in the morning, the afternoon busses are also cancelled.

[www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)



### Late School Busses

Please remember to check [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) in the morning and click on **Late Bus Report** before your children leave for the bus stop to make sure the bus is on time, especially on days when the traffic may be worse due to a snowfall the night before etc. If your child is late due to the bus they will not be recorded as late.

## SCHOOL PARKING LOT AND TRAFFIC FLOW

The City of Markham has recently issued tickets to the owners of some vehicles parked at our school. Please be advised that the City is able to ticket for the following violations:

**Parking in a fire route**

**Parking in a bus route**

**Obstructing a fire hydrant**

**Parking in a designated handicapped space without a permit**



We ask that you take care in abiding by the traffic by-laws, as we do not know when the City of Markham may be making visits to our school. As well, the fines can be quite high and unfortunately, the school has no ability to override a ticket if it has been issued by the City.

### SCHOOL PARKING LOT



There are only enough spaces in our parking lot to accommodate school and daycare staff.

Please **do not park in the parking lot** when dropping off or picking up your children.

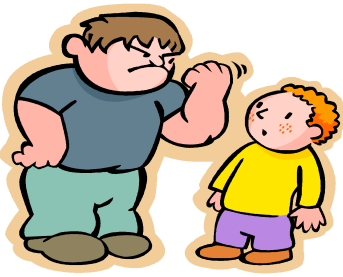
Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

Parents familiar with morning traffic know just how congested it can be in the morning in front of the school and in the drop off loop in the parking lot. We strongly encourage students to walk to school. However, if you must use the loop in the morning, **please do not leave the car or wait in the loop at any time.**

There are two lanes of traffic in the loop. Children should not be exiting the vehicle on the driver's side between the two lanes of traffic as this is very dangerous. Your child should be exiting in the lane closest to the school and exiting out the passenger side of the vehicle so that he/she is stepping on to the sidewalk. Once dropped off, students should proceed directly to the schoolyard or Kindergarten fenced area. If you wish to park and walk your child to the schoolyard, **please park on a side street.**







# WHAT IS BULLYING?

If you can spot it, you can stop it!



In the recent Bill 13, *Accepting Schools Act*, now law in Ontario, the Ministry defines bullying as aggressive and typically repeated behaviour by a pupil where the behaviour is intended

by the pupil to have the effect of :

- **Causing harm, fear or distress** to another individual, including physical, psychological, social or academic harm, harm to the individual's reputation or harm to individual's property
- Create a **negative environment** at a school for another individual
- The behaviour occurs in a context where there is a **real or perceived power imbalance (intimidation)** between the pupil and the individual based on factors such as size, strength, age, intelligence, peer group power, economic status, social status, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, family circumstances, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race, disability or the receipt of special education.

## 10 Things Parents Can Do to Prevent and Address Bullying

1. Consider your own behaviour; be a role model.
2. Establish a code of conduct with your child.
3. Promote diversity and acceptance.
4. Encourage your child to report.
5. Create friendship opportunities.
6. Talk, talk, talk.
7. Problem solve with your child.
8. Build on strengths.
9. Be ready to listen
10. Be your child's advocate.



## Anti Bullying Awareness Week @ Suzuki

The week of November 17-21 was Anti Bullying Awareness Week at David Suzuki PS. Throughout the week, information and statistics about bullying and bullying prevention were shared with the students on the morning announcements. On Friday, November 21st, students were encouraged to wear pink to show their support against bullying. Bullying at school and online is an issue that the staff at DSSPS take very seriously. As parents and guardians, it is important that you speak with your children about bullying at school and online. If you require any support or have any concerns please do not hesitate to speak with your child's teacher or the school administrators. For additional information and resources please visit [www.prevnet.ca](http://www.prevnet.ca) or [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

Tobogganing and sledding are fun, popular winter activities; however, every year hundreds of children are injured on toboggans. Here are some tips to keep your children safe!

- Parents should always actively supervise children at the toboggan/sled hill
- Dress children in warm layers of brightly coloured, waterproof clothes and boots
- Use a neck warmer instead of a scarf, and cover children's head, ears and hands
- Teach children to toboggan/sled down the middle of hill and use the sides to walk to the top
- To prevent head injuries, children should wear a hockey or ski helmet; they are designed to protect the head in all directions in icy conditions
- Toboggans/sleds should be sturdy, easy to control and in good condition
- Remind children to sit on a toboggan/sled, face forward and avoid lying on their stomach — no sledding head first
- Choose a hill with a gentle slope and enough room to stop. The hill should be free of hazards (e.g., trees and rocks) and be well lit to see any potential dangers and to be seen by others
- No jumping in front of toboggans/sleds going downhill and make sure only the recommended number of children ride the toboggan/sled



For more information, visit [www.york.ca/healthyschools](http://www.york.ca/healthyschools)

1-800-361-5653  
TTY: 1-866-252-9933



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## **This Holiday Season Make a Family's Holiday a Little Brighter 5th Annual Donation Drive to support the Women's Centre for York**

As a part of the holiday season David Suzuki School Council will be holding its 5th Annual Donation Drive to support the Women's Centre for York Region. Every donation will help provide the clients of The Centre with support that assists women in developing positive approaches to a healthier and safer lifestyle for themselves and their children, and ensures that their families basic need are met.

**This year the drive will be held between  
Monday Dec 1st and Friday Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**

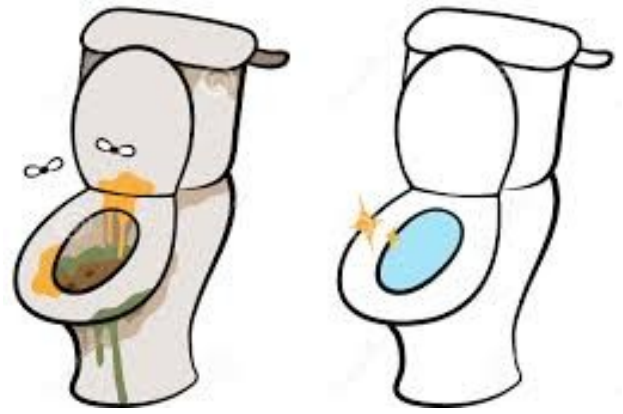
Please see the flyer that was sent home with your child for a list of needed items.

Once again, thank you for joining with us to make a positive ripple in our community and for making a personal difference to someone's life.

*David Suzuki School Council*

## **Bathroom Concerns**

Some parents are expressing concerns about the unsanitary conditions of our student washrooms as reported to them by their children. We would like to assure you that the bathrooms are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized each day *prior* to the start of the school day, as per the Board's standard cleaning practice. Additionally, our caretaking team does a spot clean once per day. We are a large school with 800 students and our bathrooms are therefore in constant use. We do not have the staffing to assign a person to do Washroom Cleaning Duty for the day and, so, we have to depend on our students to do their part in ensuring that they are using the bathrooms appropriately. In response to parents' concerns and questions, I have been doing random bathroom checks to see the conditions for myself. I regularly see toilets and urinals that have not been flushed after use and, in the boy's bathrooms in particular, urine is frequently on the toilet seats and on the floors. We are asking for your support with this by reviewing appropriate bathroom etiquette with your children. If every child does his or her part to treat the school's washrooms as they would their washrooms at home, our bathrooms will always be available for use in an acceptable manner.



## **Bathroom Etiquette**

**Parents please remind your children when using the school washroom:**

Please urinate into the urinal or toilet bowl, not on the seat, floor or wall.

After using the toilet please put soiled toilet paper into the toilet bowl, not on the floor.

Flush the toilet and make sure that all waste goes down and wash your hands with soap and water.

We welcome you to our **School Council** meetings!

All parents are encouraged to join us once a month in the staff room, participate in a sub-committee, share your thoughts and ideas. Don't be shy. If you prefer just to sit and listen we have a space for you!



## **School Council** **Upcoming Meetings**

The 1st Monday of  
the month

**6:30—8:00**

January 12th

February 9th

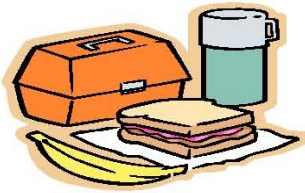
April 13th

May 4th

June 1st



## ECO-THEME: LITTERLESS LUNCH



Litterless/Waste-Free Lunch programs and Boomerang Lunch programs are excellent ways to reduce and/or divert waste at your location. Both of these programs can work well in conjunction with a Green Bin/Organic Waste program if you are fortunate enough to have one at your location.

A Litterless/Waste-Free lunch contains no throwaway packaging or food leftovers. Lunches are packed in servings that will be completely eaten. To avoid

any packaging, all food and drinks are packed in reusable containers with a reusable lunch bag or box. With this type of lunch, food items can be bought in larger quantities. The packaging can be left at home for reuse or recycling. Waste-free lunches are not only a wise environmental choice; they are less expensive as well.

With Boomerang Lunch programs, whatever comes to school/office for lunch and snacks and is not consumed, will go back home.

These tips are useful for parents and individuals interested in joining the challenge to reduce waste.

### York Region Health Services' Guide to Packing a Safe and Environmentally-Friendly Lunch:

- ⇒ When preparing food, first wash your hands with soap and warm water, and start with a clean countertop and clean utensils.
- ⇒ In the morning pack cold foods directly from the refrigerator and make sure that hot foods are steaming hot when placed in a thermos. Foods that might spoil should be carried in an insulated bag to keep them cold or hot.
- ⇒ To keep foods cold, use frozen bread for sandwiches, or a small freezer pack with the lunch.
- ⇒ Use cloth bags, lunch boxes, thermos containers, thermal bags and re-usable plastic containers for sandwiches and other lunch foods instead of paper or plastic bags.
- ⇒ Use washable utensils instead of disposable cutlery. Make sure these items are washed every day.
- ⇒ Wrappings should not be re-used because they may carry bacteria.

### Benefits of a Boomerang Lunch Program:

- Parents can see how much food their child is/is not eating.
- Provides communities with the opportunity to re-direct what is placed in the school (such as partially-eaten food, uneaten food, etc.) and re-direct it to the residential curb-side program offered by the Region which is not currently available to all of our schools and administrative centres

### Additional tips from various sources:

- ⇒ Only pack as much food as your child will eat.
- ⇒ Use re-usable lunch bag/box for carrying a lunch.
- ⇒ Put food in reusable containers.
- ⇒ Label all containers so they have a better chance of coming home.
- ⇒ Use a refillable water bottle for drinks.
- ⇒ Use a thermos for cold drinks or hot soups.
- ⇒ Avoid taking plastic straws and disposable cutlery.
- ⇒ Put re-usable cutlery and napkins in your child's lunch box.
- ⇒ Minimize the morning rush by packing lunches the night before and refrigerate over night.
- ⇒ Buy snacks in bulk and send in reusable containers, instead of sending individually wrapped treats.

### Benefits of Litterless/Waste-Free Lunch Program:

- Children learn to care for the planet by reducing, reusing and/or recycling waste.
- In the absence of a green bin/organic waste program, this is an opportunity to divert waste from landfill.
- Potential for healthier snacks (most pre-packaged, single-serving snacks and drinks contain extra salt, fat and sugars for taste and longer shelf life).
- Saves money as it is less expensive to buy food items in bulk and less food is wasted.

### Intermediates Spread Cheer To Markham-Stouffville Hospital

A group of our very own intermediates, Anish, Vanessa and Osmund have recently begun a donation drive in the grade 7 and 8 division to collect art supplies that will be sent to Markham-Stouffville to spread some cheer over the holidays. These supplies will be placed in waiting rooms, children's centres etc., to be used by children and adults alike over December and the course of next year! Already supplies have started coming in, and we hope to see some more. If you have any donations even if you are not in the intermediate division, please bring them in, as they are all welcome and due on December 12, 2014. Just drop by a grade 7 or 8 class and drop it in. We are all very proud to be giving to those who need it.



# iPad/iPod Apps for Primary Students @ DSPS

Online activities and educational Apps are a great way for students to learn new concepts and practice a variety of skills.

Below you will find a few of our favourite Apps at David Suzuki PS. Suzuki students enjoy using these Apps in their classrooms with their classmates and teachers, and would love to use at home with you.

All of the Apps are available through Apple iTunes or the Apple App Store free of charge.

LANGUAGE		
Word Avalanche 	ABC Phonics 	ABC Sight Words 
Ace Writer 	Word Bubble 	Read Me 
Jumbled Sentences 	Rhyming Bee 	Pow-Word 
MATH		
Math Kid 	Math Drills Lite 	
AB Math Lite 	FlashToPass 	
FUN/REFERENCE		
Hangman Free HD 	Google Translate 	

## French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

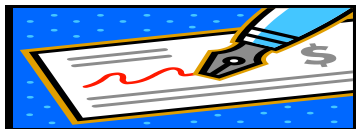
Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at **Sam Chapman P.S.** on January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 16, 2015. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2015, 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 Sam Chapman P.S. to register between January 16 and February 13, 2015. 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 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. 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.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.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.

### Parent Reminder

Many parents write cheques to the school for trips, pizza lunch, etc. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please write your child's name and reason for the cheque on it when you send it to the school.

*Thank you*



### EQAO Strategic Plan Survey

EQAO is developing a new Strategic Plan that will guide the agency's efforts for the next five years. To help understand how the agency's work can be most valuable to school communities in the years ahead, the EQAO asks that you complete the following [EQAO Strategic Plan Survey](#). This survey is open to anyone in the school community including staff, and parents.



**arts@baythorn**



Would your child enjoy learning the Ontario curriculum through the Arts?

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an Elementary integrated Arts program at Baythorn Public School. Students currently in grades four and five may apply for the arts@baythorn program, where they will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music while meeting the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum for grades five, six, seven, and eight.

To learn more about the arts@baythorn program, students and their families are invited to attend an information evening at **Baythorn Public School on Thursday, January 15, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**February 21 & March 1, 2015: Workshops for acceptance to the Arts@Baythorn program**

Applications will be on line via the school website and available after January 15, 2015.

[www.baythorn.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.baythorn.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

**Please call us at Baythorn Public School (905) 889-7992, if you require further information.**



## Snowballs



As we grow closer to the winter season and snow, we want to remind everyone of an important rule.

As you know, the safety of our students is our first priority therefore, **students are prohibited from throwing snowballs on school property as it could result in others getting hurt.**



We will remind our students on a consistent basis of the importance of keeping snow on the ground and hope as parents, you will do the same at home. Students are encouraged to build “snow people” or to make snow angels.

Students who do not follow this rule will have consequences ranging from missed recesses to being sent home depending on the number of incidents and the result of the incident. We’re confident that our students will remember the rules and not have this happen.

Again, we would ask your cooperation by discussing the above policy with your child. *Thank you.*

## Lost and Found

We have a number of items in our lost and found boxes inside the front door of the school. If your child is missing any items, please take a look in these boxes - we would like to find homes for everything. Parents, please take the time to look through these items while visiting the school.



## Upcoming Dates

Dec 15	Character Assembly 12 pm
Dec 20—Jan 4	Winter Break NO SCHOOL
Jan 5	Welcome Back-1st day of school for 2015!
Jan 12	School Council 6:30 pm

## Public Trustee Contact Information:

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**416-885-3479**

**[juanita.nathan@yrdsb.ca](mailto:juanita.nathan@yrdsb.ca)**

## Environmental Corner









### What is GOOS paper?

GOOS paper stands for Good On One Side paper. Instead of putting all of your paper in the recycling bin start a container for your GOOS paper. It is great for drawing on or writing quick notes. Doing this one small thing you will be saving hundreds of trees.

# Winter Spirit Week!

**As the weather gets colder and we start to take out all of our winter clothing, we realize that it must be that time of year again... It's almost the Winter Break! In preparation for the upcoming break, Student Council would like to invite you to participate in our Winter Spirit Week – That's right! A full week of spirit activities and events to help get you in the spirit.**

**Thank you for your support,  
Student Council**

Monday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Primary Holiday Movie</b></p> <p>Students in grades 1-3 can come to the gym at <b>lunch recess</b> to watch "Frosty the Snowman".</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: green; font-size: 1.2em;"><b>School Spirit!</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Junior Holiday Movie</b></p> <p>Students in grades 4-6 can come to the gym at <b>lunch recess</b> to watch a winter movie.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AND</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Winter Wear Spirit Day!</b></p> <p>Show your school spirit by wearing your <b>winter gear</b> and earn points for your shark team!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cookie Day!</b></p> <p>Large cookies will be available during morning recess (<b>limit 1 per student</b>).</p> <p><b>Primary students</b> will be able to <b>pre-order</b> their cookies which will be delivered to their classrooms.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Cookies will be sold in the <b>two pods upstairs</b> for students in grades 4-8.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holiday Sing-A-Long!</b></p> <p>Students and staff will have fun singing together in the gym to get into the holiday spirit!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Dress up in <b>holiday colours</b> to earn points for your shark team!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pajama Day!</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Cozy up and get ready for the holidays by wearing your favourite <b>pajamas</b> to school!</p> <p>Be sure to bring your favourite <b>cuddly stuffed animal</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>