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## Administrators' Message

It is hard to believe that we are already a month into the new school year. We have had a very smooth start. Students have settled into their classroom learning environments and are engaged in rich learning opportunities. Thank you to the many families who attended the Curriculum Night last week. We enjoyed meeting so many Dr. Roberta Bondar families on that evening. A special thank you to the School Council and our grade nine student volunteers for supporting our families with the registration process of Edsby and School Cash Online. Please contact the office if you need support with these technology platforms.

Throughout the school year, information regarding school events or updates will be shared via email, twitter @drbps, our school website, and this newsletter. Please take the time to read these correspondences. If at any time you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Our first School Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Library. We will hold elections for School Council positions at that time. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend this, and any future School Council meetings.

This month our students and staff participated in the Terry Fox Walk to raise funds for cancer research. In addition, we held our first character assemblies with students sharing new learning from the classroom. We also recognized some students who exemplified the character trait of respect. In addition, athletics is off to a busy start with our cross country team and intermediate volleyball teams practicing hard.

We would like to extend a special welcome to our new Dr. Roberta Bondar staff members: Tracy Lee (Special Education Resource Teacher), and Alanna Osborne (Grade 7). We know they will enjoy working with the students, staff and community.

We are excited about the wonderful things happening at DRBPS!

Wendy McVicar Lew  
Principal

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## Upcoming Dates

School Council Meeting	Monday, October 1, 2018
Grade 7 Immunization	Thursday, October 4, 2018
Thanksgiving	Monday, October 8, 2018
School Photo Day	Monday, October 15, 2018
P.A. Day	Monday, October 22, 2018
Tea & Chat Information Night for New Canadians	Thursday, October 25, 2018

## A Message from School Council

Happy October! School Council is already working on lots of exciting things at Bondar! First of all, a big thank you to parents and students who volunteered their time to help out at the Curriculum Night on September 27<sup>th</sup>. I hope parents had the chance to see what their kids will be learning this year! Please make sure you are registered for EDSBY and School Cash Online. If you need information or assistance, please contact the school office.

Pizza lunch has officially started! Orders for November will be posted on School Cash Online soon. Make sure to place your orders if your child wants pizza lunch on Thursdays!

This year, School Council is excited to introduce a new lunch program to our school called Lunchbox Orders. Every Wednesday, you will be able to order lunch for your children from a featured restaurant. For October, students will be able to order lunch from Boston Pizza. The final menu and pricing will be sent out with sign-up information shortly. Make sure to try out this awesome and convenient new lunch option!

Our first School Council Meeting will be held on Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, in the library, from 6:30pm-7:30pm. It would be great to see parents attend and be a part of the school community.

We look forward to another amazing year! If you are interested to help out or have questions, please contact us at [bondarrocketsschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bondarrocketsschoolcouncil@gmail.com)

## Trustee's Message

I am pleased to welcome all of our students and families to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This is an exciting time of year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the months ahead.

York Region District School Board is committed to advancing student achievement and well-being. The Trustees' new [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#), developed based on feedback from the community, outlines four priorities that will guide this work: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, Build Collaborative Relationships and Empower Ethical Leadership. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts.

Our schools are stronger when families are engaged. There are many different ways families can support their child's learning and get involved in life at the school, and I hope that you find opportunities to get engaged.

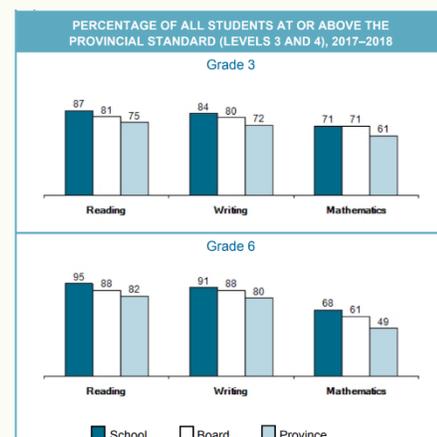
I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,  
Linda Aversa

## EQAO Results

The Education and Quality Accountability Office is an organization that provides feedback to the Ministry of Education and training and to schools about how students are performing on a province-wide basis. In the chart below is Dr. Roberta Bondar's EQAO results from the primary and junior EQAO assessments for 2017-2018. This assessment data is used as an additional source of information to support the improvement of student learning. The results represent one measure of our students' achievement in reading, writing and mathematics.

We encourage you to view samples of student work and to understand what work at each level looks like by visiting the EQAO website [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com). Also on this website, parents can see samples of previous years' assessments.



## Bill Crothers Information Night for Students and Parents

Are you interested in attending Bill Crothers Secondary School for the school year 2019 - 2020?

Bill Crothers Secondary School is a unique, system-wide program that provides an inclusive and engaging learning environment for students who are motivated by healthy active living and sport while achieving academic success. This school operates on a Balanced School Year (early August to mid-June) schedule which supports the diverse needs of student-athletes. Specialized programming is offered to support our students through our diverse and daily Health and Physical Education and High Performance Athlete Program with contextualized learning in a variety of subject courses. During the school day, we offer an Integrated Learning Instructional Period (ILIP) which provides supervised time for students to achieve their academic goals.

**Information Night at: Bill Crothers Secondary School, 44 Main Street, Unionville, Ontario.**

**Thursday September 27, 2018**

**and**

**Tuesday October 2, 2018**

**Information sessions will be from 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

**in the school cafeteria (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) and/or Gym A**

**You are welcome to attend either of the evenings.**

Admission to Bill Crothers Secondary School is by application and is open to students who reside in York Region entering grades 9, 10, 11, or 12. Students must declare the sport in which they compete at the highest level outside of school and will not be able to compete in this sport for BCSS in the YRAA (York Region Athletic Association) or OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association) league.

Alternative competitive options are being explored.

Save the Date

## Are you interested in the International Baccalaureate Programme?

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme is student-centred with a focus on developing intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills for students who live, learn and work in a rapidly changing world. The Programme emphasizes critical, compassionate thinking, community involvement and intercultural understanding. It is founded on international standards and assessment. Students who complete the Programme earn both an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and an IB Diploma.

We invite students who will be starting **Grade 8** in September to find their area IB School or Candidate School on the YRDSB School Locator (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/pages/school-locator.aspx>) and join us for an information evening to discover what we can offer.



### IB Information Evening

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Students and their families interested in York Region District School Board's IB Programme are invited to attend an information session at their area school to learn more about the Programme and application process.

Alexander Mackenzie H.S. @ 7:00 p.m. Bayview S.S. @ 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. G.W. Williams S.S. @ 7:00 p.m. Maple H.S. @ 7:00 p.m.  
Milliken Mills H.S. @ 7:00 p.m.



### Assessment Days

Saturday, November 17, or  
Thursday, November 22, 2018

Admission to the York Region District School Board IB Programmes includes an assessment at your area IB School or Candidate School. At the time of application, students will select to write in either the morning on Saturday, November 17 or in the evening on Thursday, November 22. There is a \$35 fee to apply.



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For more information, please visit [www.yrdsb.ca/IB](http://www.yrdsb.ca/IB)



# Important Information

## Visitors and Volunteers

Visitors, including parents and volunteers, are welcome at Dr. Roberta Bondar. For safety reasons, all visitors and volunteers are asked to sign in at the office and wear a 'visitor' or 'volunteer' tag (available in the office). This helps us to know who is in the building for security reasons. Parents / guardians / visitors are not to be in the school hallways without checking in at the office first. If you do not have a visitor or volunteer tag on, staff members are required to redirect you to the office. When you leave the school, please return the tag to the office and sign out.

Volunteers assume an important role within a school. A requirement of the YRDSB to assist in ensuring a safe environment for students and staff is the completion of a *Police Vulnerable Sector Check (PVSC)* and the signing of a confidentiality agreement. If you wish to volunteer in the school or on a field trip, please ensure you have a vulnerable sector check completed with York Regional Police. A letter to share with your application is available in the office.

If you have completed a PVSC and submitted it to the school in a previous school year, an *Annual Offence Declaration Form* and confidentiality agreement will be sent home with your child. Please complete these forms and return them to the school.



On November 2018, York Region District School Board will invite all students to participate in the Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS). The purpose of this census survey is to better understand YRDSB's diverse student population as well as students' experiences in school and outside of school. Families with a child in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be invited to complete the survey online with their child at home. Students in Grades 7-12 will be invited to complete the survey online during class time. If you are a parent/guardian of child(ren) in Grades 7-12 and do not want them to participate in the survey, please contact CCI Research at 1-866-450-4907 no later than October 9, 2018.

The surveys are voluntary and confidential. Information about the surveys and the process is available at [www.yrdsb.ca/escs](http://www.yrdsb.ca/escs). This important initiative will help us work together to create equitable and inclusive school environments.

## Lunches Available at Bondar

Need a break from making lunches? You can now order pizza, and Lunch Lady. We will also be starting Lunch Box orders. Check out School Cash Online.

## School Halloween Reminders

Halloween is approaching soon. We remind you that the York Region District School Board's Caring and Safe Schools Policy **does not allow any replica weapons to come to school as part of your child's costume. These items include toy guns, knives, axes, swords, spears, bows/arrows etc.** In order to comply with our healthy school focus, and due to student allergies, please do not send candy/food to be shared at school.

## Halloween Night Safety Tips

- Wear a properly fitted costume that is bright and non-flammable.
- Use reflective tape on your costume so you can be seen in the dark.
- Use face make-up or enlarge the eyes on your mask so you can see well. When wearing a mask, push it up on your head while walking.
- Visit the front door of well-lit homes and never go inside.
- Plan a route close to home and a time to be home.
- Have a trusted adult check your treats before eating them.
- Go with an adult or a group of friends.





## MATH AND LITERACY CORNER

### Engage in your Child's Learning

*Engaging is an ongoing process*

Parents are our most important partners in educating children. In keeping with this philosophy, there are many ways for parents to become engaged in their child's school and education. We encourage parents to discuss their children's experiences at school daily. This discussion can involve what the child learned at school, any homework that was assigned, when assignments are due and if the teacher has requested anything from you or your child. It is also important to ask questions about their social experiences at school (who their friends are, extra-curricular involvement).

Here are some of the ways to get involved and keep engaged with your child's learning at home and at school:

- Review homework and assignments and any communication from the teacher daily.
- Communicate with your child's teacher on a frequent basis (ask your child's teacher what method of communication is preferred).
- Ask questions regarding your child's progress (academically and socially).
- Attend or ask to arrange meetings to review your child's progress and achievement.
- Advocate for your child's needs by sharing your child's strengths and needs.
- Read to your child and listen to your child read (in any language) and ask questions before, during and after reading.
- Speak, read and write with your child in your home language – English literacy development is not delayed when additional languages are introduced to children. In fact, it strengthens literacy achievement.
- Play learning games (i.e., interactive board games). Be creative and create games.
- Tell and share stories.
- Talk to your child about his/her day at school (ask them what they learnt and how they can improve).
- Make sure there is a quiet space to do homework.
- Ask questions about what happened at school that have a response other than 'yes' or 'no.'
- *Encouraging your child to share their ideas, their interests and ask questions at home and school.*
- Supervise them while they are on the internet to ensure they are navigating the internet safety and communicating with others in a safe manner.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Parents/Pages/Get-Involved.aspx>



## Are you interested in becoming a School Assistant?

School assistants provide supervision inside while the students are eating their lunch in the classrooms, and outside on the playground while the children are at play.

This is a paid position (\$11.97 per hour + 4% vacation pay), requiring one hour of work per day.

Our lunch hour is 11:55 am – 12:55 pm daily.

Requirements include a Vulnerable Sector Screening by the York Region Police and a statement of good health from your family doctor. If you are interested in this position, or know someone who would be interested, please contact the school office at (905) 417-8046 or via e-mail at [dr.roberta.bondar.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:dr.roberta.bondar.ps@yrdsb.ca).



### A Note from the Dr. Roberta Bondar Library...

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## October Library Corner

September was a flurry of activity in the DRBPS Library as books were being signed out and it seemed like books were flying off the shelves! Library Orientations took place for Grades 1 to 8 and now these classes have begun Library book exchange. Grade 3-8 classes can sign out books during Open Book Exchange times. Grade 1 and 2 have weekly Library visits with their teachers.

### Kindergarten Book Exchange

Kindergarten Book Exchange will begin in October. Your child's class will visit the Library and get a library book bag to keep library books dry and protected.

### Reading At Home

The start of school is the time of year families establish home-school routines. When your child brings home a library book, find a place to keep the books in a safe place while the books are at home. Students are encouraged to make a box and label the box "Library Books" to keep books safe. The book box can be shared with books from the public Library. Enjoy sharing the books your child brings home from the Library. Listen to your child read at home or take turns reading books together.

### THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming in November! Look for notices regarding the book fair.

We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair!

Mrs. Lonsway

**Don't Forget ...**

**Picture Day:**

**Monday, October 15th, 2018**



# Tea and Chat

## Information Session for New Canadians



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are planning an **Information Session for New Canadians** and other parents or guardians interested in finding out more about the Ontario Education System. The session will take place on **Thursday, October 25, 2018, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.**

The following topics will be discussed at the Information Session:

- *Understanding the Ontario Education System*
- *How you can help your child at home*
- *Community Resources for New Canadians*
- *Any questions you have about education/community resources*

Please let us know if you would like to attend this Information Session by completing the form below and returning it to your child's teacher or by calling Ms. DiGregorio or Ms. Tobin at 905-417-8046.

Please return this form or call by **October 12, 2018.**

If you need an interpreter, please let us know and we will do our best to provide an interpreter who speaks your language.

If you are interested in discussing other topics, please indicate this as well.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Ms. DiGregorio, Ms. Tobin (ELL Teachers) 905-417-8046

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- I will attend the Information Session on Thursday, October 25, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would also be interested in discussing/learning about:

\_\_\_\_\_

- I would like an interpreter, if possible. Language: \_\_\_\_\_