

# CROWLE NEWS

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## May 2015



### PRINCIPALS MESSAGE.....

#### PREPARING for SEPTEMBER 2015

We are well underway with the organization of the school for September. We are projecting a few less students for 2015-2016 than this year. With the Primary Class Size Reduction strategy of a maximum of 20 students in a primary classroom, combined grades are a reality in a small school like E.T. Crowle. We are also entering our third year of Full Day Kindergarten.

We work hard to place students in the most positive learning environment possible. We take into account the students' learning styles, personality traits, social dynamics, gender balance and any special education needs. **We do not accept requests for specific teachers.** Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Please note that class placements will not be available until September 7th, the first day of school for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a common practice across YRDSB, and is followed to preserve and protect privacy.

If you will be moving out of the E.T. Crowle area before September 2015, please contact the office to let us know for our planning purposes.

#### VOLUNTEER TEA- May 15

E.T. Crowle PS is blessed to have many parents, guardians and community members who volunteer their time and talents in a variety of settings. Some serve in School Council, some in the library, others in classrooms or coaching sports, and still others in our gardens, contributing to our snack bins, and many other unsung ways. In every case, volunteers make a huge difference to our school community, and we want to honour that contribution with a Volunteer Tea on Friday, May 15 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Library. Invitations will be coming home shortly.

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Ghada Sadaka: Principal

Barbara Norton: Office Admin.

Lisa Walsh: Superintendent

( 905 ) 940 – 7800

Allan Tam: Trustee

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*A mothers love for her  
child is like nothing else  
in the world...*

*~Agatha Christie*

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## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONTINUED.....

### EQAO- Primary and Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics

During the last week of May and first week of June, our Grade 3 and 6 students will be participating in the annual assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, completed by students across Ontario. Although the results on these assessments are not part of your child's individual report card grade, we do get valuable information about individual student learning, how well our school is meeting the goals of our School Improvement Plan and where we need to focus future improvement efforts. The information is also valuable for monitoring and planning purposes. Please make sure you do not book any appointments especially first thing in the morning during EQAO time. We strongly encourage parents to view sample questions on the EQAO ( Education Quality & Accountability Office ) website at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com). It is important for families to ensure their sons/daughters are present at school during this assessment period and that students strive to do their absolute best on the assessment as results are used to evaluate how we are functioning as an educative community. We work hard at preparing students through the Ontario curriculum here at school; the more help and reinforcement students can receive at home, the better prepared our students will be not only for EQAO assessment, but for life. Please visit the website sometime soon and work through some sample questions with your children - it will be fun and beneficial! Please note the tests are based on the curriculum taught over the entire year and not a specific topic. In other words, students will be applying skills and knowledge that they have acquired to date and really reflect learning from Kindergarten to present .



On April 2nd it was Autism Awareness Day. Autism is a neurologically-based developmental disability that affects the way a child's brain develops and the ability to communicate, reason and interact with others. Autism affects 1 in 88 children. Did you know 40% of individuals diagnosed with Autism are above average in the areas of visual and musical intelligence? Autism affects everyone and it doesn't matter if you are a boy or a girl. Autism affects us all. Please continue to be inclusive and show tolerance for all people who may be different than yourself. You might make a new friend.

~ Harold Clarke, ASD Community Classroom Teacher

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration began in January, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Children who turn 4 or 5 years old during 2015, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters are eligible to register for Kindergarten.

### WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

We will have new students attend our Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesday, May 27th at 6:30 p.m. The first year of school is such an important one and it will be a great opportunity for staff and new students and families to meet one another, share ideas, and receive some special resources.





# Bake for Change

## Fundraiser for Free the Children



In April, Ms. Moore's Grade 3/4 class learned about Child Labour Practices around the world. After realizing the magnitude of the problem, the students decided to finish off their learning with a fundraiser to support the organization, Free the Children. Students published media posters promoting awareness on the topic of child labour and advertising posters to let the school population know of the upcoming bake sale. In addition, students wrote and delivered announcements over 11 days. Along with their parents support, all the students baked for the event and with the assistance of a number of teachers, and a couple of supportive grade 8 girls, the bake sale was a HUGE success! By the end of the day, over \$1500 had been raised for Free the Children by the students of ET Crowle. Caramel apples, cheeseburger cupcakes, chocolate dipped marshmallows, cookies galore and beautifully decorated cupcakes made for a tasty and outstanding event. Thank you to everyone who baked and to every-

one who ate!! Kids helping kids made this one special event that won't be forgotten.



Samantha Moore  
Literacy Lead &  
Grade 3/4



## MATH GO ROUND AT ET CROWLE



### OPEN HOUSE

### E.T. Crowle P.S MATH GO ROUND

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Doors will open from 4:00 pm ~ 7:30 pm

Thursday, May 7, 2015

11:30 am ~ 12:00 pm

For YRDSB Staff

### Ontario Mathematics Strand: Measurement

Please join us!

Math Go Round, will have your child share an understanding of the different level of students' achievement in Math using the Ministry expectations

Attendees will be asked to complete an "Assessment As Learning" rubric and then compare it to the teachers' "Assessment Of Learning"

For further information please contact:

Ghada Sadaka 905-471-5775

Our students will take you on a walk in the gym to share the school-wide learning in which we have been engaged.



### Our Focus:

#### Application

*(as defined in the Achievement Chart)*

Application is the use of Knowledge and Skills to make connections within and between various contexts: **Application** of Knowledge and Skills, **transfer** of Knowledge and Skills to new contexts, and **making connections** within and between various contexts.

Access Ministry of Ontario Education Curriculum documents for your child's grade at:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary>



## CELEBRITY DAY AT E.T. CROWLE

On April 23rd it was celebrity day and students got to dress up as their favourite celebrity. There was a red carpet where students enjoyed strutting their stuff. Great school spirit was shared by all!







## Junior Girls Basketball CHAMPIONS!!!!

On Wednesday April 29th the junior girls basketball team competed in the Area East basketball tournament. After several months of practice and hard work the girls were undefeated in the round robin and went on to the championship game and came out with a big win against a very strong team from William Armstrong. The girls had a very impressive season with a record of 16 wins and 1 loss. Congratulations to team members Daniella, Emma J., Jannah, Alice, Jamie, Olivia R., Sophia, Emma H., Zakira, Olivia S., Lily, Hayley, Angela and Cindy and to the coaches Mr. Kellman and Mr. MacDonald. Good Luck at Regionals!

## TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER CONFERENCE 2015



On April 24<sup>th</sup>, seven students from grades 7 and 8 participated in the York Region District School Board's annual student conference "Together We're Better." The purpose of the conference is to bring awareness to equity and inclusivity. The students from ET Crowle were split up into partners and sent to participate in different workshops throughout the day. Some of the topics discussed in the workshops included stereotyping, building positive relationships, creating inclusive environments, and speaking up against bullying. The main messages communicated through the workshops were to believe in yourself, accept others who are different than you, to create a positive future and, finally, to have a voice and stand up for what you believe in. There were also several speakers who shared messages about leadership and accepting others who are different. One speaker in particular, named Will Morin, was very inspiring. He spoke about his First Nation culture and working together towards peace. Overall, the day was very educational and inspiring and we look forward to sharing the messages with others.

~Heather, Colin and Stephen



## AREA BAND



On April 22nd the Area Band performed at E.T. Crowle. It was an exciting performance. The Area Band has been performing in the month of April at several schools in the area. We are proud of the following students Lydia, Johan, Eileen and Mihai who have dedicated their time and talent to represent E.T. Crowle.



## EQAO MESSAGE

Our grade three and grade six students will write the EQAO assessments on May 25-29th and from June 1st-5th. Please avoid booking any medical appointments etc., for these students on these dates. Thank you!

### DRESS CODE REMINDER

We need to remind students of our dress code, especially the items highlighted below regarding warm weather clothing. This excerpt is taken from the student agenda pages which were shared with all students in September.

Clothing can be relaxed and comfortable, but should not detract from the learning atmosphere at school.

Appropriateness of clothing will be determined according to the age of the child.

**Students are asked to adhere to the following guidelines:**

- ◆ Clothing shall not be offensive with respect to cultural and/or religious groups
- ◆ Clothing shall not promote alcohol, tobacco, drugs, weapons, violence, hate, gang affiliation or have obscene/vulgar language
- ◆ Chains, bracelets or other jewelry shall not have dangerous spikes
- ◆ Clothing shall not have any sexual connotations, either written or visual
- ◆ **Tops shall cover the midriff and back (no muscle shirts, belly shirts, tube tops or backless tops)**
- ◆ **No spaghetti straps/halter tops to be worn by students in grade 3 and higher (shoulder strap should be about 3 fingers wide)**
- ◆ **Shirts shall not be see-through or be made of mesh (low cut cleavage-revealing shirts should also be avoided)**
- ◆ **Clothing shall cover undergarments (bra straps, boxers, etc.)**
- ◆ **Shorts and skirts must be of a reasonable length and provide adequate coverage for the age of the child (bottom edge of shorts or skirts should reach finger tips when arms are held at sides ... with staff discretion)**
- ◆ Hats shall be removed upon entry

Students not following these guidelines will be asked to cover up or change. Parents/guardians may also be contacted to provide appropriate clothing.

## 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			
		MIDDLE-FIELD 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			

SCHOOL LOCATION	ADDRESS	SUBMIT REGISTRATION FIRST CLASS OF CLASS
MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	525 Highglen Ave. South of 14th Ave., East of McCowan Rd.	September 19, 2015 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
RICHMOND HILL H.S.	201 Yorkland St. East of Yonge, North of Elgin Mills Road	September 19, 2015 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
THORNLEA S.S.	8075 Bayview Ave. South of Highway #7	September 19, 2015 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
UNIONVILLE H.S.	201 Town Centre Blvd. Warden Ave. & Highway #7	September 22, 2015 5:45 pm to 9:30 pm

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

- ◆ See attached *Career Cruising Tip Sheet* for registration instructions
- ◆ 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





# MAY 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Day 4 <b>DRESS LOUD DAY</b> JR boys area basketball tournament	2
3	4 Day 5	5 Day 1	6 Day 2 <b>JR Girls Basketball regionals</b> <b>Pizza Lunch</b> <b>Math Go Round</b> Open House 4pm-7:30 pm	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9
10	11 Day 5	12 Day 1	13 Day 2 <b>School Council Meeting 7:00 pm</b>	14 Day 3	15 Day 4 <b>Volunteer Tea 10:30am</b> Markham Stouffville Hospital Run 	16
17 	18 <b>Victoria Day</b> <b>School Closed</b>	19 Day 5	20 Day 1 <b>Pizza Lunch</b>	21 Day 2 <b>Track &amp; Field Day</b> Date to be confirmed via email based on weather	22 Day 3 <b>Track &amp; Field Day</b>	23
24	25 Day 4	26 Day 5 <b>Milk &amp; Cookies</b> 	27 Day 1 <b>Welcome to Kindergarten Night</b>	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30