



The Fairwood Flyer



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School Improvement Plan

Literacy/Numeracy

Deliver Effective Literacy and Assessment
Instruction Across the Curriculum

Community, Culture and Caring

Partnerships to support academic, social and
emotional growth of our students

Programs and Pathways

Promote Student/Staff Engagement in a Safe,
Healthy, and Respectful Workplace
using Assessment Data

Dates to Remember:

May 15 Welcome to Kindergarten

May 22 Track and Field/FDK to

Willowgrove

May 26-28 Grade 6 EQAO

June 2-4 Grade 3 EQAO

June 5 Fun Fair

June 6 PA Day (no school)

June 13 Talent Show

June 17 Volunteer Tea

June 19 Jump Rope for Heart

June 20 Kindergarten Graduation

June 23 Primary and FDK Playday

June 24 Grade 8 Graduation



From the Administrative Team

May is finally here and staff and students alike, are happy when the sun is shining! Things have been very busy here the last month and we are preparing for the final sprint! Our Track and Field Day is coming up in the middle of the month as well as our Grade 8 trip to Niagara Falls. As the weather changes students are reminded that sunscreen and a hat are a necessity! We have found that on some days, even though it's cool, the sun's rays can burn the skin on some of our students!

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our staff and students for all of their efforts during the planning and implementation of all of our events and activities. Staff enjoyed the opportunity to meet with so many of you at our Community Open House. We appreciate all that you do. Just a reminder that **Friday, June 6th** is a Professional Activity Day. The school is open and the teachers are in but there are no regular classes. **As well, June 26th** is a half day for our students with teachers involved in planning for the afternoon.

We are getting ready for our newest students coming to Kindergarten with our Welcome to Kindergarten night!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office!

Liz Davis
Principal

Christine Smith
Vice Principal

You are invited.....

Fairwood Fun Fair

Thursday, June 5th

from 5:30-8pm



Food, Fun and Games for All~

Lots of vendors, bouncy castle, sumo suits,
rock wall and food.
Come join the fun.

Character
Matters!

Honesty

*"A lie has speed, but truth has
endurance."*

~Edgar J. Mohn~

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR...

Next month, we will begin to look ahead to next year in our planning. Class lists and placements will be organized during late May and early June. Support staff, teachers and school administration will be involved in class placement discussions. In making class placement decisions, we consider several criteria including; academic ability, learning style, learning partners, class size, work habits and gender ratios.

How Can Parents Help?

As a partner in your child's education, you may wish to provide input regarding their placement for next year. Any request should reference the criteria mentioned. It is especially helpful if you can provide any information you might have about one or two social relationships that are positive/important for your child.

Please send this information to Ms. Davis by May 23, 2014 in an envelope marked 'Class Placement Request'. While we will consider all requests, we must look at meeting the needs of all of our students. A request is not a guarantee.

Should you have any questions regarding class placement, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Primary and Junior Provincial Assessments: EQAO

From May 26 -June 6, grade three and six students throughout the province will be participating in the Education Quality and Accountability Office's (EQAO) Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Students will do a variety of assessment activities in six one-hour sessions designed to allow them to demonstrate their skills and knowledge relating to reading, writing and mathematics as described in *The Ontario Curriculum*.

These province-wide tests are developed by Ontario teachers and assessment experts and resemble the work children do in class every day. EQAO has developed a Parent Bulletin to give you more information about the assessments and an understanding of what to expect. The bulletin is available in over 20 languages on the EQAO web site (www.eqao.com) under "Parent Resources."

While EQAO is not the only measure of how our students are doing, **it is an important piece of data** for us and we do use it to help us determine areas we need to work on with our students.

Your active support in helping your child understand the importance of 'doing their best work' is appreciated. For this reason, we are again asking that parents refrain from scheduling any appointments outside of school during the assessment in order to maintain the continuity of writing for our students. Thank you!



AS THE HOT WEATHER APPROACHES...THINGS TO REMEMBER. . .

DRESS CODE:

The student dress code was developed with the staff, students and School Council. It was agreed that the following clothing is not permitted: Clothing that portrays alcohol, tobacco, or other harmful products through symbols, words or mascots; profanity or sexual words or pictures (implied or blatant); pictures, symbols or writing that directly or indirectly demeans ethnicity, race, culture, religion, national origin, gender or ability; overt symbols or references to gangs or gang language.

Caps, bandannas, hats or other head coverings are not permitted indoors. Clothing that reveals underwear/skin in inappropriate areas are not permitted. Example-bare midriff, underwear straps, extremely short shorts or revealing tops.

Students have all been informed of the Dress Code Policy and staff are working to be as consistent as possible in addressing any inappropriate clothing. The final decision around appropriate clothing will be made by administration. Students not adhering to the dress code will be asked to cover up, change or obtain clothing from our school office that they may borrow for the day.

Representing the School:

Students who are representing the school on field trips, teams or other special events are expected to follow the Behaviour and Dress Code at all times. Failure to do so will result in withdrawal of privileges to attend the next trip, special event or participate on the school team.



FREE Triple P

Triple P stands for Positive Parenting Program

Join us for a Triple P

discussion about:

(this event is geared to parents of children ages 0-6)

DEALING WITH DISOBEDIENCE

Learn about:

Why children are disobedient

How to teach your child to accept limits and do as they are told

How to manage disobedience

Tuesday, May 20th, 2014

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Maple Leaf Public School

155 Longford Drive, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 2Y7

Snacks and drinks will be served!

Free Child Minding Available

Triple P offers strategies that encourage positive behaviour in children.

Everyone can help, whether you are a parent, coach, teacher or family member,

by using the same positive messages with children and youth.

Please register by Friday, May 16, 2014

For more information and registration call 905-895-9681.

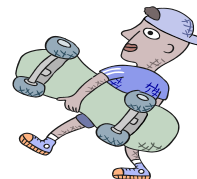
As the warm weather approaches-



Skateboards, Bikes and Roller Blades

As the nicer weather approaches, more of our students are riding their scooters, long boards and bikes to school. Students are reminded to get off and walk them as soon as they arrive on school property.

Students are strongly encouraged to lock their bikes onto the bike rack.



We continue to offer 'scooter parking' inside the doors. We have noticed an increase in the number of scooters and the size of them as well so we may need to look at an alternative in the future as it is important to keep our hallways free and clear for emergency purposes. It is also essential that they avoid riding bikes on the sidewalk and be aware of oncoming traffic on the street. It is essential that our skateboarders and roller bladers refrain from going into the parking lot area to avoid getting hurt or possibly damaging vehicles.



FREE Triple P Parenting Workshop

For Parents of Teens

Date: Tuesday, May 20th, 2014

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Venue: Maple Leaf Public School

155 Longford Drive, Newmarket, ON, L3Y 2Y7

Topic: Raising Responsible Teens

Seminar

Snacks and drinks will be served!

Free child minding available

www.tripleontario.ca

Please register by Friday, May 16, 2014

For more information and registration call 905-895-9681.



Council Corner

You can find more information about the School Council on Fairwood's website.



<http://www.fairwood.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/SCO.htm>

Movie Night June 2

Please check our website or school flyers for our next movie title!

Pediculosis Update (Lice)

We would like to thank our community for your cooperation and support as we have worked through the presence of lice in our building. A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Maggiacomo and Mrs. Perry for their diligent action in checking students. We have been able to dramatically reduce the occurrence here by checking and sending students home who have lice. We thank you for your patience and understanding when students are not able to be here.

[York Region District School Board Lice Policy](#)

Appreciation Alert!

We would like to give special thanks to all of our **coaches and families** who have spent countless hours working with our students, driving them to tournaments and cheering on their successes!

**WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT
YOU!!!!**



Are you Moving?

We are currently in the process of planning for next year. If you are moving away from our school and not returning in September could you please let us know at the office.

These moves, in and out of our school can have a drastic impact on our staffing.

TRANSPORTATION UPDATE:



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Student Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the **Board's Transportation Policy #680:**

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.



Lakeside Summer Institute


Ride the summer adventure with us!



AVAILABLE AT THIS SITE
* 9:00 - 1:00
* Approx. 15000 (varies by site)

During the literacy block, students are engaged in fun and enriching learning activities that address reading, writing, media and oral communication expectations from the Ministry of Education curriculum documents under the supervision of YRDSB Teachers and Administrators.

During the activity block, students are engaged in purposeful, intentional learning which is embedded within the following electives:

- Actor's studio
 - Archery
 - Ball Hockey
 - Basketball
 - Dance
 - Digital Creative Design
 - Digital Photography
 - Lacrosse
 - Mountain Biking
 - Ready, Set, Cook
 - Rock Band
 - Rock Hounds
 - Tech World
 - Tournament of Champions
 - Ultimate Frisbee
 - Video Filming
 - Visual Arts
 - Wacky Science World
 - Wet & Wild Water Fun
- NEW**
- Weekly out trips for **all** students at no additional cost!
Regular trips to the ROC for students in Skills 1 and 2.
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Contact Information:

Lakeside Public School
Phone: 1-877-280-8180 ext. 240 (before June 30)
Phone: (905) 476-8369 (after June 30)
Email: lakeside.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Cost for YRDSB student:

\$100 to \$115 per week

social & life skills | trips | music | art | sports | games | and more!

Summer Camp

JUNE 30 TO AUGUST 22, 2014



Community Living York South in Partnership with York Region District School Board is offering Summer Camp for Ages 8 to 15 | 1:3-1:5 Support Ratio

TO REGISTER

Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd. Markham, ON	Ellen Chan	905-884-9110, Voicemail 267 echan@communitylivingyorksouth.ca
Richmond Hill High School 201 Yorkland St. Richmond Hill, ON	Lilly Tan	905-884-9110, Voicemail 338 ltan@communitylivingyorksouth.ca
Emily Carr Secondary School 4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan ON	Hadia Raheel	905-884-9110, Voicemail 640 hraheel@communitylivingyorksouth.ca

Community Living York South will be offering:

- half day camp from 12:30pm – 3:30pm at a cost of \$100 per week for CLYS members and \$110 for non-members for students attending summer school at Markville Secondary School, Richmond Hill High School and Emily Carr Secondary School from 9:00am to 12:30pm.

For remainder of the summer, Community Living York South will be offering:

- full day camp from 9:30am to 3:30pm up to and including August 22nd at a cost of \$175 per week for CLYS members and \$192.50 for non-members.

Please contact the coordinator in your area for more details and to register.

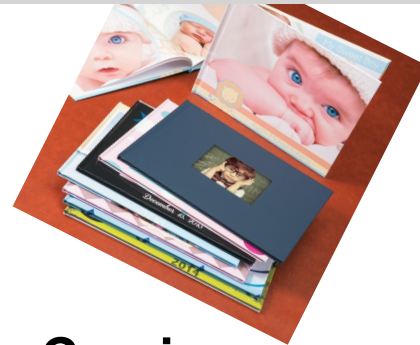
Please note transportation will not be provided for the return journey home for those attending the afternoon camp with CLYS.



Supporting people who have an intellectual disability.



ATTENTION PARENTS!



A NEW Magazine Sale is Coming Fall 2014!

MAGAZINES AND MEMORIES!

Coming Fall 2014, we will have our annual **Magazine Subscription Program** (including more digital magazines!) and also an opportunity to purchase **Personalized Photo Memory Products** including; Photo Books, Labels, Cards, Calendars, Posters, Notepads and more!

Please help us by saving your Magazine orders and your personalized Photo purchases for our QSP Magazines and Memories Fundraising Program.

QSP offers us great prices and product selection.

Our School earns a profit, and the money raised goes towards programs and events that help to enrich our children's lives at our school.

Our Children - Magazines - Help improve literacy skills; any reading material, including magazines, encourages children to read, or they model your reading behavior. Photo Products - Capture memorable moments of your children with the personalized photo products available.

ESL SUMMER SCHOOL



July 7 - 31, 2014



Bring your
Immigration
Documents

REGISTER AT
Uplands Learning
Centre
Monday - Friday
9 am - 4 pm

Please call
(905) 731-9557
for more
information

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AS A SECOND
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CLASSES (ESL)

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