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Happy New Year and Welcome Back to School!

We hope that you are all rested and ready to learn! With the new year upon us, it is a good time to set some goals. These may be working on study habits, using the agenda regularly or reading every night at home. Learning Skills are an important indicator of immediate and future academic success.

We would like to encourage punctuality and regular attendance. In order for students to fully benefit from the instructional day they need to be at school and on time. Your support in ensuring this is critical to your child's learning. Remember to contact the office if your child will be absent or late. The only safe arrival method is by telephoning the school office as classroom teachers may be absent or not check a message until later in the day. Thank you for helping us to ensure all students are safe.

With the winter months comes colder weather. Please send your children to school with appropriate clothing to play outside at recess. Children are at their best when they are well rested and getting regular exercise. This includes being outside at recess playing, running and having fun.

There are many exciting activities for our students and families coming up in the next few months that will be sponsored by the School Council. There is a movie night (grades 3-5), a Bingo Night and the Dance-a-thon Fundraiser. We will have many school teams starting up in the new year and our International Club, Glee Club and Student Council will continue.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all of our students, staff and parents for a wonderful 2013! We had many demonstrations of our Future Ace Spirit as illustrated by our involvement in the food, toy drives and charity chains. Our Glee Club performed at the CTV Toy Mountain event and for the residents of Richview Manor. Way to go Herbert H. Carnegie!



Mrs. S. MacRae, Principal

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Coming Soon.....



Bingo Night
Thursday, January 16th

Kindergarten Registration begins on Friday, January 17th, 2014

See inside for details.

Birthday Celebrations

Please be reminded that in order to ensure the safety of all our students and to support our Healthy Schools initiatives, parents/guardians are asked not to send to school, food to share to celebrate your child's birthday. Students' birthdays will be announced on our PA system and be given a ribbon to recognize their special day.

Warning: Fire Route

Please be aware that the curb lanes in front of the school are designated as fire route lanes. We have posted signs indicating this with the by-law number from the City of Vaughan. This means the by-law enforcement officers can come around at any time and issue tickets to anyone who is parked or stopped in the fire route lane. This is a major safety concern for us. These lanes need to remain clear in the event that emergency vehicles are called to the school. Please keep the fire route lanes clear at all times.



It's Time to Remind Children About Being Safe Online

This is a good time for parents to learn about and review ways to keep their children safe online. Children today have access to the world at their fingertips. But with this access, there are risks. It's important for parents to talk to children about the importance of their personal information and stress that they should never disclose personal details that would allow someone online to contact them in real life. Here are 10 tips provided by York Regional Police to promote safe online behaviour:

- Children should never give anyone their name, address, telephone number, computer password, or any other personal information on the Internet without parental or guardian consent
- Children should stay out of all chat rooms and websites that are not first approved by their parent or guardian
- The computer should be in a central place in your home where you can supervise their online activities
- Don't allow a webcam in a child's bedroom
- Reinforce that people online may not be who they say they are
- Consider using parental controls like Internet filters or blocking software
- Remind children that everything said online stays in cyberspace forever, whether or not it is deleted
- Talk to your children about Internet safety and clearly define your rules
- Remind children that photos sent over the internet or with cell phones are not private and can be easily shared with the general public
- Remember danger could be just a keystroke away

For more information on this subject, contact the York Regional Police by e-mail at info@yrp.ca or visit www.yrp.ca.

COLD WEATHER IS COMING!!!!



A reminder that ALL students are expected to go outside for recess. Please ensure that your child(ren) is/are dressed appropriately for Canadian winter. If your child is not well enough to be out at recess, he/she is probably too ill to be at school.

A change of clothes would be helpful for primary children should they get wet during the day. Please make sure all items are labeled with your child's name. Our "Lost and Found" bin gets filled up quickly and belongings often go unclaimed.

Please make sure your child has a pair of indoor shoes for school.



New to Canada?

Dressing For Winter



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 16, 2014 @ 6:30 p.m.** Applications will be on line via the school website and available after January 16, 2014 at www.baythorn.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca.

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

HERBERT H. CARNEGIE PUBLIC SCHOOL – GLEE CLUB

During the month of December, the students of Herbert H. Carnegie Public School collected toys for CTV's annual Toy Mountain Drive. On Thursday, December 12th, Herbert H. Carnegie Public School's Glee Club- affectionately known as "CarneGlee"- not only personally delivered the numerous toy donations to the North Thornhill Community Centre, but they also performed for members of the community, including distinguished guests such as City Councillor Sandra Racco and CTV news reporter, Tom Brown. That evening, their dynamic performance of festive holiday music was broadcast live on television! To keep the spirit and memory of the remarkable man after whom their school was named, the CarneGlee Club decided to give back to some of the most treasured members of our society- our seniors. And so, on Tuesday, December 17th, the CarneGlee Club performed a riotous musical narration of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" for the residents at the Richview Manor in Vaughan. It was an event that brought together the two pillars of our society - seniors and youth. On the strength of these two very inspiring experiences, the CarneGlee club looks forward to more performances that bring joy to the hearts of those who inspire us to be future trailblazers like Dr. Carnegie!

**Junior/Senior Kindergarten Registration for
September 2014**

Children born in 2010 are eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September, 2014. Children born in 2009, and not currently attending public school, are eligible for Senior Kindergarten in September. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Documents required for registration include:

- Proof of child's age (birth certificate/passport)
- Proof of residency (for child and parent/guardian)
- Citizenship and immigration status (where applicable)
- Direction of school support form

Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis starting on **January 17, 2014**. If you require further details, please telephone the school or for more information please visit the YRDSB website.

**Grade 9 Information Night at
Stephen Lewis Secondary School**

**Parents of grade 8 students are invited to an Information Evening about
Grade 9 @ Stephen Lewis Secondary School.**

Thursday, January 9, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Please be aware Stephen Lewis Secondary School is closed to transfers



Inclement Weather/Bus Cancellations



If conditions of the roads force cancellation of school bus service, the following local radio stations will be informed by 7:00 a.m.

CKYC (590), AM 640, NEWS 680, CBC (740), CJBC (860), CFRB (1010), CHUM (1050), CJCL (1430), CHIN (1540), CKDX (88.5), CISS (92.5), CKAY (93.1), CHFI (98.1), CJEZ (97.3), CKFM (99.9), CHUM (104.5), Q107 (107.1), SRC (90.3), CITY TV (CH #7 TV).

Parents have the right to keep their children at home in severe weather conditions. The school will remain open for parents that wish to drive their children. Please remember that if you drive in the morning, you will have to make arrangements for your children to be picked up at 2:35 pm. If the buses are cancelled in the morning, they will also be cancelled in the afternoon.

Locked School Doors

Beginning February 3, all school doors, including the front doors and doors to portables, will be locked 15 minutes after the morning entry bell. The doors will remain locked for the rest of the day. Anyone arriving at the school after that time must buzz in and sign in at the main office.

Measures will also be put in place for parents/guardians to buzz in and pick up students participating in before and after school programs. More detailed information will be available in January.

Our school continues to be a safe place where parent and community member involvement is welcomed and encouraged. This additional step will enhance the measures we already have in place, and ensure that all visitors sign in at the main office upon arrival.



News from the Library!

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a great success! Students and families enjoyed the large selection of books which included picture books, novels and graphic novels. Fair favourites included The Land of Stories, The Hypnotist and Spirit Animals. Many students commented on the great prices, deals and fun selection. Congratulations to Jenny D. in Grade 5 who won our Scholastic Draw. She was able to take home \$25 in books and also for Ms. Kearn's classroom. Your support of the Book Fair will allow us to purchase \$3800 of books for the library. We look forward to continuing to build our library resources and providing students with books they love to read.

With the fast and busy pace of our library we have appreciated the diligent help from several parent volunteers. Many thanks to Mrs. Friel, Mrs. Khandelwal, Mrs. Skenteridis, and Mrs. Kong. These great parents have been helping with student book circulation, book cataloguing and library organization. It has been a big help and keeps our library running smoothly. We also benefit greatly from Ms. Mona who helps daily in the library as well as other parts of the school. If you are interested in volunteering in the school library, perhaps on a weekly basis for 2 hours, please contact Mr. Pamayah (905) 417-0211 extension 186.

Important Dates

★ Jan. 7-8	Dental Screening	Jan. 20	Lego Club Begins
★ Jan. 8	Website Launch	Jan. 24	Mad Science Begins
★ Jan. 9	School Council Meeting	Jan. 30	Grade 3-5 Movie Night
★ Jan. 14	Grade 8 Trip Information Night	Feb. 3	Front Doors are Locked
★ Jan. 15	Young Rembrandt's Art Classes Begin	Feb. 6	School Council Meeting
★ Jan. 16	Bingo Night	Feb. 12	Reports Go Home
★ Jan. 17	PA Day	Feb. 13	Dance-A-Thon
★ Jan. 17	Kindergarten Registration Begins		