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From the Office

January 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope that your children are all rested and ready to learn! With the new year upon us, it is a good time to set some goals. These may include working on study habits, using the agenda regularly or reading every night at home. Learning Skills and Work Habits 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 through the 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 come 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 Bingo Night, Dance-a-Thon and a Movie Night (grades 3-5) among others. We will have many school teams starting up in the new year and our CarneGlee 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 2015! We had many demonstrations of our Future ACES Spirit as illustrated by our involvement in the Area Finals for Intermediate Boys' and Girls' Volleyball, Holiday Food Drive. Our CarneGlee Club performed at the Mayor's Inaugural Council Meeting, the CTV Toy Mountain Event and also for the senior residents of Richview Manor. Way to go Herbert H. Carnegie Public School!

Mrs. MacRae
Principal

Mr. Yao
Vice-Principal

COMING SOON!

Bingo Night

January 15, 2015



School Council Meeting

Thursday, January 8, 2015

7:00-9:00 p.m. in the school library.

All are welcome to join and participate.

School Council Meeting Dates

- * Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015
- * Thursday, Mar. 26, 2015
- * Thursday, Apr. 30, 2015
- * Thursday, Jun. 4, 2015



Character Corner for January

Fairness

We are sensitive to the needs of each individual. We treat each other as we wish to be treated ourselves.

We interact with others without stereotyping, prejudice or discrimination. We stand up for human rights.

Important Dates

January

- 5 – School resumes after Winter Break
- 7 – V.I.P. for grade 6's
- 8 – Alexander Mackenzie H.S. Course Selection Presentation for grade 8's
- 8 – School Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 – Bingo Night
- 16 – P.A. Day (no school)
- 19 – Dufflebag Theatre Presentation for grade 2's
- 20 – Stephen Lewis S.S. Course Selection Presentation for grade 8's
- 21 – V.I.P. for grade 6's
- 28 – V.I.P. for grade 6's

February

- 2 – P.A. Day (no school)
- 4 – V.I.P. for grade 6's
- 5 – School Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 9, 11, 12 – Dental Screening for grade 2's and 8's
- 10 – Skills Canada Presentation for grade 8's
- 13 – Dance-a-Thon
- 16 – Family Day (no school)
- 18 – Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home
- 26 – Movie Night (grades 3-5)

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.

Birthdays will be announced on our P.A. system and students will 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.



Staff Changes

We welcome Ms. Sidana, who is covering Ms. DiPlacido's maternity leave, as well as Ms. D'Ambrosio and Ms. Sahian, who are returning from maternity leave. We wish Ms. Mizrahi the best as she awaits her new baby.

Visit Carnegie's new BLOG at hhcarnegieps.com, where you can sign up to receive new blog posts directly to your email. Enter your email address and click the "FOLLOW" button at the top-right corner at hhcarnegieps.com.

Inclement Weather / Bus Cancellations

If conditions of the roads force cancellation of school bus service, parents are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:



RADIO

590 AM 640 AM 680 AM 860 AM 1010 AM 1050 AM 1540 AM 1580 AM

88.5 FM 89.9 FM 92.5 FM 93.1 FM 94.9 FM 95.9 FM 97.3 FM 98.1 FM 99.1 FM 99.9 FM 101.1 FM 102.1 FM

104.5 FM 100.7 FM 107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CFTO Barrie CFTO TV GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001.

Cold Weather is Here!



A reminder that ALL students are expected to go outside for recess. Please ensure that your children 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.



Dressing For Winter

New to Canada?

10°
5°
0°
-10°
-15°
-20°



Hat



Jacket



Boots



Mittens



Snowsuit



Boots



Scarf



Hat



Sweater



Mittens

www.settlement.org/dressingforwinter



Partners: Government of Canada / Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

Stephen Lewis Secondary School

Welcome to Grade 9
Information Evening
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015
7:00PM

Presentation for Parents and Guardians of Grade 8 students

- Secondary School Information
- Ministry Requirements
- Course Selection Process
- Tour of Specialized Areas

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<http://goo.gl/YX67En>

Junior Choir Performs at City of Vaughan's Inaugural Meeting of Council

On Monday, December 1, the Junior Choir from Herbert H. Carnegie P.S. participated in the City of Vaughan's Inaugural Meeting of Council for Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua. The group of 60 Grade 4-6 students traveled to City Hall and performed a series of songs in the reception area of the Atrium. They performed "Hold On To Hope", "We Are The World" and "Seasons of Love", songs which deliver a simple message of cooperation, caring for the world and acting with courage - all integral characteristics from Dr. Carnegie's Future Aces Creed.



A smaller group of choir members proceeded into the Chamber to perform the national anthem and was enthusiastically acknowledged by the Mayor both with applause and later in his address to City Council. Performance opportunities such as this will continue to ignite a spark in our students to persevere, achieve their best, and follow their musical dreams!

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 ten 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 chat rooms and websites that are not first approved by 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 at info@yrc.ca or visit www.yrc.ca.

Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 16, 2015

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 16, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who were born in 2011, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A "Welcome to Kindergarten" session for parents is being planned for this spring (May). For more information, please visit the [YRDSB website](http://www.yrdsb.ca) or contact the school.

French Immersion Information Session

An information session for the French Immersion (F.I.) program will take place at Ventura Park Public School on January 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. F.I. 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 enrol in the F.I. Program, can visit or call our 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 Ventura Park Public School to register between January 16 and February 13, 2015.

YRDSB's F.I. 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 F.I. program to all who wish to enrol. The F.I. 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 F.I. program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's F.I. 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.ca. Please note: Some of the F.I. 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.

A Message of Welcome From Our New Trustee

As we near the end of 2014, I hope everyone has had a great school year so far and found opportunities to get involved with the life of the school. Partnerships with families are essential to student achievement and well-being, and to creating a caring and supportive learning environment in which students can thrive.

There are many ways for families to get involved - from volunteering with the school and getting involved with the School Council to attending school events, communicating with your child's teacher and supporting learning at home. However you choose to get involved, know that you are making a difference.

Earlier this year, the Board of Trustees reviewed and revised our Multi-Year Plan, the plan which guides system direction. The plan continues to have a sharp focus on student achievement and well-being, the delivery of effective and sustainable educational programs and the stewardship of Board resources.

Thanks to your support and the hard work and commitment of our staff, students, families and community partners, we continue to move forward in achieving our goals. As an elected trustee and an advocate for high quality public education, I am committed to ensuring the highest quality public education possible for our students and their families.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to the new year. I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends.

Linda Aversa, Trustee, Vaughan Wards 3 and 4