

THE BERNARD BULLETIN

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Happy New Year!

I would like to start by saying 'Thank You' to all the students, staff and community that have greeted me so warmly and made me feel so welcome. It is an honour to come to H.G. Bernard and work with such talented and dedicated people.

Within the YRDSB, H.G. Bernard has a reputation as a school of great things. In many ways, they are leading the way. It is my hope to work with everyone in a way that can expand this excellence and take that reputation across York Region and the Province.

We are also extremely excited to be starting 2015, with a fresh energy and dedication. Thank you for sharing your children with us. We are committed to doing everything in our power to ensure they have the most successful year possible.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you (Parents, Guardians, and Community) to get involved in the school. We welcome you in whatever role you can take on. Come in and volunteer (in the classroom, helping with pizza/sub lunches, etc), attend School Council meetings and have your voice heard, or visit and share your thoughts and dreams. Any way you can contribute to the school will help.

We welcome you and look forward to working with you, to better serve our children.

Stephen Hopkins

Principal

Megan Roberts

Vice-Principal

REGISTRATION

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 turn four or five years old during 2015, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public

school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.



French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations



Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Michaelle Jean Public School on January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. FI 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 FI Program, can visit

or call the 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 Michaelle Jean Public School to register between January 16 and February 13, 2015. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

YRDSB's FI 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 FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI 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 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI 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 FI 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.



INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS AND SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATIONS

PLEASE NOTE: Schools will remain open unless otherwise stated, even when school buses have been cancelled.

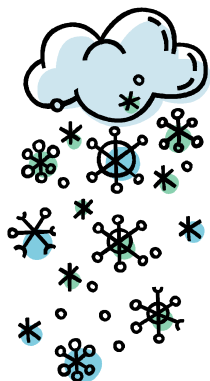
If road conditions force the cancellation of bus services, the following stations will be informed as early as possible, and will broadcast pertinent information to the community.

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CJBC 860 AM	CHUM 104.5 FM	CHFI 98.1 FM	CFRB 1010 AM	CKDX 88.5 FM
CKFM 99.9 FM	CHUM 1050 AM	CBC 99.1 FM	CHIN 100.7 FM	JACK 92.5 FM
Q107 107.1 FM	Z103.5 FM	CJCL 590 AM	CJKX 89.9 FM	95.9 FM

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DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Being physically active during winter is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle and recess is one opportunity for students to be physically active. Students need to come to school dressed to play outside during recess (hats, neck warmers, gloves/mittens, boots, etc.). It is advisable for children to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet.

The school administrators keep a close

eye on weather conditions, including wind chill. When conditions necessitate, the principal may decide that students will remain inside for recess or may go out for a shortened recess.

All students are required to go outside for recess times, unless there is a note from a medical doctor explaining why being outdoors may be hazardous to a child's health. Colds and flu are not made worse by being outside. If your child is too sick to go outside for recess, he or she is likely too sick to be productive and comfortable at school.

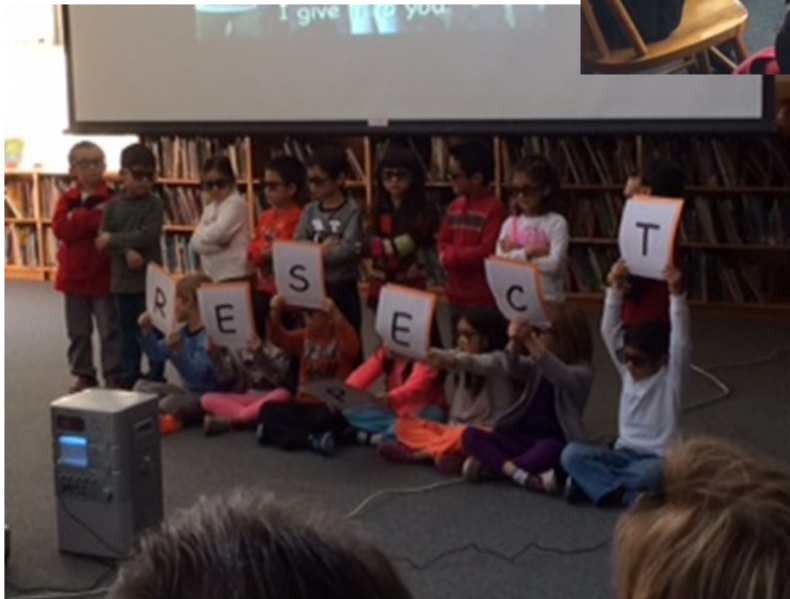


We ask that parents be sensitive to the demands placed on our administrative assistants and *not* call the school to inquire about indoor recess, but send their children dressed for outdoor winter play. Often the decision is made just prior to the recess as we observe changing weather conditions.



PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

The primary grades came together for an assembly to promote positive behavior and academic achievement. Ms. Downing and Ms. Payne's class sang a song about respect and gave examples of character education in their classroom. The students learned about important character education qualities such as grit, zest, self-control, optimism, gratitude, social intelligence and curiosity, as these traits have been linked to success. Which one do you see in yourself? Have a discussion at home about the importance of these traits!



GRADE ONE

On Wednesday, December 10th, 2014, the Grade Ones were very excited to meet their new Engineer-in-Residence: Fabio Saposnik. Fabio is an engineer who is partnering with the Grade One teachers at H. G. Bernard in order to volunteer his time in the classroom. The goal is to inspire children in the areas of math and science. Over 80 schools across Ontario are involved in this educational pairing program. For his first day, Fabio explained some of the things that engineers do, including designing computers to make vehicles drive themselves, like the Google car. Fabio will be coming back in January to do more exciting hands-on science activities with the teachers and students. For more information regarding this program, please visit www.eir.ca.



Food Drive Results!



The school Food Drive was a success! Ms. Downing and Ms. Payne's grade one students worked hard informing the school, gathering the food and keeping track of how much food each class donated. The class that donated the most amount of food and won a pizza party was Mrs. Tessier's grade 4/5 class!

We received so many donations that we partnered up with the Richmond Hill Fire Department to help deliver the food to the Food Bank. Thank you to all the families who helped support the Food Drive!



Girls Volleyball Team has Spirit!

There are two words to describe the Girls Volleyball Season, grit and zest. Right from the beginning of the season, the girls came ready and eager to play. The girls had many achievements throughout the season. They attended many practices and played several games against other schools. As the season progressed, the girls built on their skills and sportsmanship. The team attended the Area Volleyball Tournament on November 26, 2014. They demonstrated school spirit by being team players. The girls were listening to their teammates and playing as one. They encouraged each other to persevere when they were faced with challenges. They made H.G. Bernard proud with their skills and attitude.

Thank you to all of the parents who showed their support by bringing the girls to the Area Tournament, picking them up from practices, and coming out to watch the game. Way to go team!



MS. KIESER'S CLASS

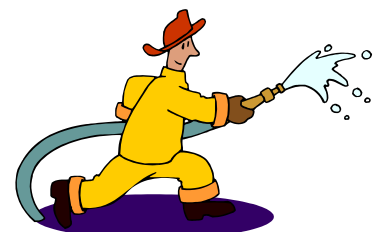
Rice Krispies Treats For Toys

Ms. Kieser's class participated in the Rice Krispies and The Salvation Army Treats for Toys program. The class created a giant Teddy Bear, Angry Birds, & Gingerbread men out of Rice Krispies. She took photos of their creations and uploaded them at RiceKrispies.ca. For each photo sent, Rice Krispies and Salvation Army will donate a toy to a child in need. The class had a lot of fun creating the treats and they were able to help children in need.



FIREFIGHTERS IN THE CLASS

Ms. Kieser's primary autism class had visitors from the York Region Fire Department. The class learned tips about fire safety and were able to answer firefighters' questions. The students were really excited to see the fire fighters in their uniforms as well as in their full fire fighter gear. At the end of the presentation, the class toured the fire truck and were able to explore inside. The firefighters sounded the sirens in farewell to the students.



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Dates to Remember:

January 5th — School Re-opens



January 15th — Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Michaelle Jean Public School at 7 p.m.

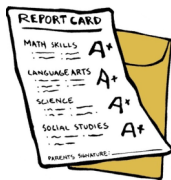
January 16th — P.A. DAY

Kindergarten Registration starts

French Immersion registration starts

February 2nd — P.A. DAY

February 16th — Family Day



February 18th — Reports Go Home

February 19th — Lunar new Year

