

The Bernard Bulletin

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

It's hard to believe that the end of June is almost here and another fantastic year is coming to an end at HG Bernard PS. The students have accomplished a great many things in ten short months. Behind all of their accomplishments are dedicated, energetic teachers and support staff, and a School Council who have given many hours of their free time to help out our school. Sincere thanks to each of you.

As summer approaches the students are looking forward to enjoying the sunshine at the park and being active outdoors. The summer break is a unique and special time for children to learn new skills and spend some time pursuing other interests.

While students prepare for the summer, the staff at HG Bernard are already planning for September. Ms. Jessa, Ms. Ricketts, Ms. Lefort, Ms. Baldoni, Ms. Mauti, Mrs. Aleyassin and Ms. Dionne have accepted positions at other schools, so they will not be with us in the fall. We would like to thank them for their commitment and dedication to the HG Bernard PS community. Ms. Fridlander and Ms. Paré will be on leave next year, so they will rejoin us in the fall of 2015. We would like to thank Ms. Hennigar, Ms. Elstone, and Ms. Silva for being with us this year. We welcome back Ms. Ward in September.

Teachers, in consultation with resource staff and school administration, will continue to work hard to develop balanced classes for September that strive to best meet the needs of all of our students. When we prepare classes, we consider such factors as: gender balance, academic abilities, some grouping of Special Education and ELL students to facilitate extra support, and matching student learning styles with teaching strategies where possible. Our primary goal is to develop balanced classes that reflect the diversity of our community and allow the variety of abilities, interests and talents of our learners to emerge and be appreciated. Your child will find out who their teacher will be on the first day of school in September. This is common practice in the York Region District School Board due to changes in staffing that frequently occur during the summer; teacher assignments do change based on shifting enrollments, staffing models and a variety of other factors.

We wish you a safe and happy summer, enjoying summertime fun with family and friends. We'll see you on September 2nd.

Kathryn Prince
Principal

Andrea Welburn
Vice-Principal



POETRY CAFÉ

Ms. Downing and Ms. Payne's classes had a Poetry Café! The students did a great job sharing some of their favourite poems and songs from the year. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for this celebration!



FUNDRAISER FOR AUTISM AWARENESS

Thank you to all those that participated in our rainbow loom fundraiser for Autism Awareness. We greatly appreciate all the donations and support from families.

PAUSE TO PLAY CHALLENGE

The students of H.G. Bernard took part in the Pause to Play activity during the week of April 28 to May 2nd. The Pause to Play activity was a life lesson for many students. The children realized that we need to put down all the electronic games and increase



our physical activities. The point of the Pause to Play was that we would have less screen time and more play time for a week. From

there the students are supposed to carry on with this new and great lifestyle and have a healthier and better life. Ms. Keith's grade 3 class and Ms.

Dawson's 4/5 class was awarded chalk for the least amount of screen time, for primary and junior divisions. I challenge you to continue the Pause to Play program and help others in your community to live a more active and better life!

By Megan L., Grade 4, Ms. Dawson's class

GIRLS ON TRACK

The Girls on Track Team had their final run at Windham Ridge Public School on Thursday June 5th. They trained for the run for the last 9 weeks and represented our school well with their positive attitudes and perseverance! Way to go girls!



ARTS CAMP 2014

From May 24th to May 31st, Zehra B., Jennifer M., and Maral M. had the pleasure of attending this year's York Region District School Board Arts Camp at Camp White Pine in Haliburton, ON. The three Grade 8s were able to experience a week of inspiring activities while undergoing intense study



of the Arts. "Going to this camp was life-changing," they said. "It was like finding a group of people just like you, who welcomed you instantaneously, like a family." The girls are forever changed by this opportunity and would be ecstatic to return in the coming years.

LIBRARY

Time has passed quickly! Before we close this school year, I wanted express appreciation for the support given to the library this year and share a few free online reading resources for summer reading fun.



Volunteers

Our library would not be the same without our dedicated volunteers. They are in our library regularly, contributing their time to serve our community. Their hard-work makes our library a welcome, great place to be. I am very thankful for all of their support this year. Much appreciation, Jelveh, Stephanie, Barb and Roya!

Library Helpers

We had an awesome team of committed students in grade 5 through 8 who take excellent care of our library. Creating wonderful bulletin boards, shelving books and tidying up our space are just a few ways that they took care of our library. Well done, team!

Library Books

Book exchange ended on June 13, 2014 in order to prepare for the upcoming school year. If you happen to find a library book at home, please return it in the fall. No questions asked! We would be very appreciative!

Summer Reading Selections

Here are a few resources to support summer reading.

- ABDO ebooks: my.abdodigital.com
Username: hgebooks
Password: hgblibrary
- Tumblebook: www.tumblebooks.com
Username: hgbernard
Password: books
- TumbleBookCloud's Graphic Novels:
www.TumbleBookCloud.com
username: summer231
password: login

Have a great summer! Happy reading!
Ms. Ricketts



TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER



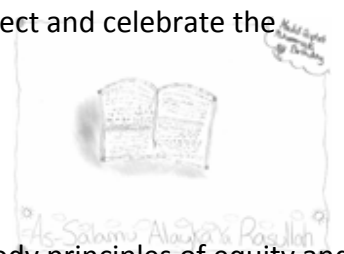
KORTRIGHT CENTRE

On June 5th, the three kindergarten classes visited the Kortright Centre in Woodbridge. We spent a wonderful day outside. We learned about bee keeping and even saw the bee handler hold the bee hives. We learned that honey comes from the nectar that bees collect. Some groups went for a walk in the big forest, but they had to go down some very steep steps and across a very long bridge. Other groups visited the wetland and looked for tadpoles and insects. Some groups had a picnic lunch outside and enjoyed the wide open spaces. Parents, we encourage you to visit the Kortright Centre with your family during the summer. It's a lovely green space!



TALENT AT BERNARD

At HG Bernard, we respect and celebrate the diverse faiths, cultures, and backgrounds of our students and staff. On a daily basis, we strive to embody principles of equity and inclusivity. One of the many ways that this commitment is made is through student artwork.



Each year, the York Region District School Board produces a Holidays & Observances Calendar. The calendar is composed of original artwork created by students at both the elementary and secondary panels. We are pleased to announce that in the 2014-2015 calendar, artwork from one of our HG Bernard students, Eshal, will be represented! Congratulations, Eshal!

BERNARD SOCCER

This month, the H.G. Bernard Co-Ed Soccer team took to the field with great gusto! We had lunchtime practices, early morning practices, and after school practices, all with the help of Ms. Landsberg, Ms. Cheryl Brett, Mr. Adam Bernardo, and Ms. Paré. After a short season, due to the weather, we came up just short of making it to the tournament! Our team played well together and hopefully we will have another chance next year. A HUGE thank you to the parents who drove the team to the games!



HAVE A FANTASTIC SUMMER

The HG Bernard Staff would like to wish all of our students and their families a safe, healthy and happy summer! The last day for students is Thursday June 26th at 11:30 a.m. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday, September 2nd.

SUMMER FUN!

Here are some great websites for reading and math, as well as, fun activities that will support your child's learning:

www.rhpl.richmondhill.on.ca/RHPL/

This Richmond Hill Public Library. This is a fantastic place to visit online. Search under Programs to find lots of free programs for kids and the whole family. Story time is on many different evenings and told by different characters.

Tumble Books

Access to this website can be found through the Richmond Hill Public Library website. Go to Key Users and then go to Kids and you will find it on the side column. Students can search for their

favourite authors, illustrators, reading level, or subjects/genre. As an added bonus there are books in other languages (French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Chinese). Many of the games and activities will help support their reading comprehension and help build vocabulary. When you click on "kids" your child can find all kinds of websites to help with projects. As well there is a homework helper and an online catalogue to see what books are in the library system.

www.yorktourism.com

Official Source for things to do in York Region. Use the search bar to look for things to do in Richmond Hill. Lots of free ideas too! There are so many things to do and some you may not have thought about before.

www.richmondhill.ca

Welcome to the town of Richmond Hill. Check out the calendar that lists different events and activities that are great for the whole family. Sometimes you can also find great deals.

www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/tips/

Ontario Ministry of Education. This is a great place to look for activities to try at home. You can find these math and language resources in different languages from this webpage.

www.tvokids.com

This is a wonderful website that is totally Canadian. It is full of great learning activities, and there are many links to content that you can also view on television.

www.linktolearning.com

This is a fantastic go to site for beginning research and finding information on topics that are studied in Ontario schools. Once at the site links are divided up into subjects and then into grades. Students can find not only research information, but games, learning activities and links to other sites that will help them with research.

www.scholastic.ca/education/bookflix_ontario/

Bookflix is a great site for our early learners. You can login and read both fiction and non-fiction books.

Login information:

Username: dsbyork

Password: dsby7692

www.hedden-information.com/KidsInfoBits.html

This is a search site that students use at school. It will allow you to do an advanced search that limits document type and reading level.

www.starfall.com

This is a site is ideal for Kindergarten to grade 3. There are books, games, information, and downloads available. It is a great place for students to go to play online games in a safe environment.

www.scholastic.ca

This is a great and safe site for all students. It has lots of reading opportunities and some great links to other kid friendly sites.

Ontario Ministry of Education

Don't forget about these sites from the Ministry of Education. You can find math and language support and links to the whole curriculum. Get some great ideas.

www.ontario.ca/HomeworkHelp

www.edu.gov.on.ca

www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/

www.teachkidsnews.com

This is a great site to find timely and relevant news articles for kids.

www.ask.com

This is a site much like google that you child may use to help them search for information about a subject. As they type a list of related topics and vocabulary pops up below which may help guide them in their search.

www.kidsclick.org

This is a great search engine for students, but it does have pop-up advertisements, and often leads to research that is difficult for young readers.

If you do an advanced search you can limit the search to only your reading level.

www.factmonster.com

This is an American site that can still lead to some good research and learning games. It does have a great deal of advertisement that appeals to students, but these ads are deemed safe for young audiences.

It does have a search tool that allows students to search outside of the website so it does need to be supported at home.

funschool.kaboose.com/

This is a popular site for fun, research, and reading. It does contain some advertisements for related products that appeal to all students, but it is safe viewing for all ages.

www.biguniverse.com

This is a website full of lots of different reading and writing activities for students. There is also an online blog that students can participate in, and also links to publishing their own work.

www.funbrain.com

This is a fun and educational site for kids, but it is full of lots of advertisements and product placement. It does engage students with things that are familiar. Math games for all ages. Games include Math Baseball, Power Football, Change Maker, Fresh Baked Fractions, Line Jumper, and Shape Surveyor.

www.thewildclassroom.com

This website is devoted to science and animal discovery. The reading can be challenging but it does have a large number of great videos.

www.kidshealth.org

This website is designed for parents to support their child's understanding about health issues.

www.netismartz.org

This is a great website to visit if you are concerned with keeping your child safe online. It has discussion topics and activities that you can share

with your child that will help to promote internet safety.

www.childnet-int.org

This is a great site for teaching about internet safety, and a place for parents to visit when they are wanting to establish internet rules at home.

www.mathstories.com/

Includes over 1,000 math word problems for grades 1 through 6, plus instructions on how you can use numbers to do magic.

www.brainbashers.com

This website is for logic, and language puzzles, games, and illusions, separated into easy, medium and hard categories.

www.aaamath.com

Designed for grades K-8, this comprehensive math resource contains hundreds of pages of basic math skills and randomly-created interactive practice activities.

www.figurethis.org/index40.htm

Which shape holds the most popcorn? Can you combine the stamps to make \$1.77? These are just a couple of the problems you can ponder in this attractively designed collection of real-world math challenges. Updated regularly; includes resources for parents.

www.harcourtschool.com/menus/math_advantage.html

Math activities and games for grades K-8. Some of the games require that you have the Shockwave plug-in.

www.teachkids.com

Learn number basics, addition, subtraction, fractions, and much more with these interactive

online math worksheets. Exercises are designed for preschool through 3rd grade students.

www.coolmath4kids.com

Math games, fun math lessons, puzzles and brain benders, flash cards for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, geometry.

www.mathcats.com

Math Cats provides playful explorations of important math concepts through games, crafts and interactive projects. Includes a magic chalkboard and an art gallery.

