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Message from the Principal

Jersey students and staff will soon be into the second term of the school year. Report cards will be coming home the week of February 10th. If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, families are encouraged to contact their child's teacher.

There are many upcoming opportunities for student in the coming weeks. The gr. 4's will be participating in a Sound Sense presentation on January 28th. This presentation will have direct connections to the health curriculum for gr. 4 students. Our gr. 7 and 8 teachers will be planning a project with the Board's "Artist in Residence Project" which will provide an opportunity for our intermediates to explore their artistic skills and create a permanent art project for the school.

Many students are also involved in Jr. Volleyball and Sr. Basketball practices to prepare for area tournaments. Our students are looking forward to the opportunity to represent Jersey and we appreciate the efforts of our coaches in preparing them for each event.

Our School Council is busy planning the Jersey Annual

Dance-A-Thon which is being held on February 14th. This is a fun day for our students and helps to raise money to support student learning at Jersey. In the past, funds raised by Council have gone towards the purchasing of technology, supporting Scientists in the Classroom and class trips. If you would like more information about how fundraising supports Jersey students, please don't hesitate to contact School Council. We would like to remind our families that the Council meets the first Wednesday of the month starting at 7 pm in the library and we welcome new members.

Junior Kindergarten registration is early this year. Registrations will be accepted beginning January 17th. If registering a child or if you know of a community member who will be registering a child, please remember to bring the child's birth certificate and proof of residency.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at any time.

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.

Parenting
and Family
Literacy
Centres

where parents/parents
and children learn together to
learn and play together in
their local school



News from the Jersey
Parenting and Family Literacy Centre



COOK UP SOME FUN ON FAMILY LITERACY DAY

The families of the
Jersey Parenting and
Family Literacy Centre
invite you



to

<http://www.york.ca/nutrition>

Come Cook with Us



Family Literacy Day

to
celebrate

Family Literacy Day

PLACE: Jersey P.S.

DATE: Monday January 27th

TIME: Drop in between

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon



Snack provided. No registration required.

Please bring indoor shoes.

Parent Worker: Tina Harrow
No cost or registration required

Open: Every school day between 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Snacks are provided for the children Room 101

Student Bussing Eligibility



Did you know that student's bussing 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 service 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.

Supporting Students with Learning Disabilities – How Can Parents Support Their Children?

Children with learning disabilities have a range of strengths and needs. Here are some strategies that you can use at home to support your child with school:

Help to develop organizational skills

- Provide the necessary materials (backpack, binders, pencil case, highlighters, etc)
- Make a checklist of materials to use at home and at school
- Establish a daily routine with expectations clearly defined and discussed. Include your child when establishing these routines.
- Write down and post responsibilities in a visible place
- Encourage your child to get ready and ensure their homework and back pack are ready the night before and leave it by the door

Teach your child time management skills

- Teach your child how to use calendars, agendas and schedule
- Post all due dates and create a checklist



- Help to prioritize tasks and activities
 - Use timers to help keep your child on task
- Help with homework**

- With your child, establish a routine and schedule
- Read your child's agenda daily
- Make a "to do" list for the week
- Provide a quiet location free from distractions
- Allow for breaks
- Help your child break down large assignments in to smaller, manageable chunks

Resources

"All Kinds of Minds: A Young Student's Book About Learning Abilities and Learning Disorders" by Melvin Levine

"When Your Child Has an LD: A Survival Guide for Parents" by Gary Fisher, Rhoda Cummings and Pamela Espeland

Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario
www.ldao.ca



SNOW DAY



Policy

Dear Jersey Parents,


I hope all of you had a wonderful holidays! It was sure a special holiday for most of us due to the two devastating ice storms in Ontario and the Polar Vortex effect in US. It seems like we are all going to experience more fluctuation in temperature and more inclement weather condition this winter. Just want to remind you our snow day policy which is included in our order menu: If the school bus service is cancelled, all lunches will be cancelled and credited to your account!

We appreciate your understanding and sincerely thank you for being a valued Lunch Lady customer!

Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 17, 2014

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 17, 2014 for the 2014-15 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2014, 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 held on May 29th. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

Bus Service in Inclement Weather



When extreme weather conditions are experienced, we ask that you make your own decision as to whether to send your child to school or keep him/her at home. An announcement on the radio of an overall decision to run buses should not override your own best judgment in the particular situation. If the conditions of the roads force cancellation of bus services, local radio stations will be informed as early as possible, normally not later than 7:00 a.m. During severe weather conditions, you are advised to tune in to one of the following radio stations:



RADIO

640 AM; 860 AM; 1010 AM;
1050 AM; 590 AM; 680 AM
1540 AM; 1580 AM; 88.5
FM; 89.9 FM; 92.5 FM; 93.1
FM; 94.1 FM; 94.9 FM; 95.9
FM; 97.3 FM; 98.1 FM; 99.1
FM; 99.9 FM; 100.7 FM;

101.1 FM; 102.1 FM; 104.5 FM; 107.1 FM

TELEVISION

City TV; The A-Channel; CFTO TV; The Weather Network; Global News. When buses are cancelled in the morning due to stormy weather/poor road condition, they are cancelled for the afternoon as well. If you decide to drive your child to school in the morning, you must also arrange for them to have a ride home in the afternoon. A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and 1-877-330-3001. Students who would normally be bused, may be taken to school by their parents, however, parents must make their own arrangements to pick up their children at the end of the day. It is important for everyone to realize that on the days in which school buses are cancelled, schools are open.

