

LEGACY PUBLIC SCHOOL

EBULLETIN

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RIDVAN

Ridvan (pronounced Riz-wan) is a twelve-day festival, the most important one of the Baha'i year. Ridvan, which means "paradise", is the name of the garden in which Baha'u'llah, the Founder of the Baha'i Faith, proclaimed His identity as a Messenger of God. This happened in 1863 as Baha'u'llah was about to be exiled from the city of Baghdad.

The twelve days of Ridvan, April 21 to May 2, commemorated the twelve days that Baha'u'llah spent in the Garden of Ridvan, on an island in The Tigris River. The First, Ninth, and Twelfth Days of Ridvan are considered significant holy days by Baha'is. The First Day (April 21) was the day that Baha'u'llah identified himself as a Messenger of God. On the Ninth Day (April 29), His family joined Him in preparation for the journey into exile. The Twelfth Day (May 2) represents the day that Baha'u'llah and His family were banished from Baghdad to Constantinople.

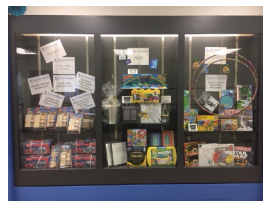
We extend good wishes to all staff, students and members of the Baha'i community who will be celebrating Ridvan.

READ-A-THON

Students participated in a school assembly to kick off our Read-a-Thon Fundraiser!!!

Students were provided with instructions on how the The Read-a-thon is organized, how they can win prizes and how to collect pledges. (See information below)

From April 23rd through May 4th students are asked to read a minimum number of minutes every day for two weeks based on their grade . Students will be provided a ballot for every \$5.00 raised which they can place in draws for a prizes of their choice.



Pledge forms, instructions and envelopes went home this weekend. Please

ask your children for all the information!!

YEARBOOK

Yearbook orders are on sale for all students until Monday April 30th.

If you would like to purchase a yearbook full of memories from the 2017-2018 school year please return the order forms to the school or use school cash online to make a purchase.

Calling all Artists!! Calling all Artists!

If you are interested in submitting a creative cover for our yearbook, start thinking about what you might like to illustrate to represent our Legacy PS school year. We welcome all yearbook cover submissions from grades K-8!!!



KEY DATES

April 21st: Ridvan

April 23rd-May 4th- SCHOOL COUNCIL
READ-A-THON

April 27th-Superhero Day

April 27th: ME TO WE WATER WALK

May 2nd: Welcome to Kindergarten
Night

Please check our Calendar at:
<http://bit.ly/2DdPcaJ>



AREA BAND

Legacy students were visited by our YRDSB Area Band this week. These musicians must audition to be part of the band. We are very proud to have two Legacy grade 8 students participate in this group. We wish them success while they travel around and perform at a variety of York Region Schools!



ME TO WE WATER WALK

On April the 27th, Legacy will participate in a Walk for Water. In the next week, students will be learning about the importance of water and how everyone deserves access to clean water. They will learn about what people around the world have to do to gain access to clean, safe drinking water. They will also discover that some of these issues rest within our York Region Community.

From April 23-27, students will have the opportunity to donate \$1-\$2 dollars, or buy a Water Rafiki for \$10, or a Brita Water Bottle for \$10 to help make a difference for communities living without safe drinking water.

When you buy a unique ME to WE rafiki bracelet, you've made a commitment to helping transform the world. Every purchase gives a life-changing gift to a child or family in WE Charity's partner communities, from school supplies to health care to alternative income.

Thank you for support this initiative.



WHAT IS GOING ON OUTSIDE OF CLASS

Stacking Club

Study Hall

PLAY Program

Volleyball

Me to We

Earth Club

Student Parliament

Intermediate Basketball

Band

Equity Team

Healthy Schools Team

Tech Team

Girls Can Run

Intermediate Badminton



READ-A-THON FUNDRAISER!!

We are excited to announce our annual fundraiser will be a Read-a-thon this year! This is a fun event to encourage kids to read and build literacy skills while also raising money for the Legacy School Council. 100% of the proceeds go to the School Council to support our mission of benefiting all students at Legacy. Past fundraising efforts have supported the purchase of additional technology for the school, outdoor recess equipment, literacy initiatives and math manipulatives to name a few.

HOW IT WORKS

1. The Read-a-thon will run from April 23 through May 4
2. Before it starts, students ask for pledges (either a flat donation or a donation per minute read) from family and friends. Use the Pledge Form to record the pledges. Cash and Cheques payable to Legacy Public School will be accepted.
3. Once the Read-a-thon starts, students should read, read, read as much as they can! See below for what reading counts. They can keep track of how many minutes they've read each day on the Reading Tracker; parents must sign the sheet at the end. No guessing or rounding up minutes; please use a clock or timer and be honest, so this can be fair and fun for everyone!
4. After the Read-a-thon ends, collect any remaining pledges and turn them in with your Pledge Form and Reading Tracker by Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

WHAT READING COUNTS

- Anything before April 23 and after May 4 does *not* count.
- Reading during class time, recess or lunch does count!
- Reading to younger students, or being read to by someone else does count!
- Reading aloud to someone else (or a pet or stuffed animal) does count. If that person is also participating in the Read-a-thon, it counts for both of you!
- Reading something assigned as homework does count.
- Reading instead of doing your homework or chores does *not* count.
- Reading in all languages does count!
- Friday, April 27th is Super Hero Spirit Day; reading on that day has super powers and counts for DOUBLE MINUTES!
- Use the force! Reading on Friday, May 4th, "May the fourth be with you" counts for DOUBLE MINUTES!




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PRIZES

To be eligible for a prize, students must turn in a completed Reading Tracker, Pledge Form, and all collected pledges by Tuesday, May 8th.

- Every student who participates gets a Read-a-thon Ballot, and a Legacy Lightning Bolt Bookmark!
- For every \$5 raised, students will be awarded 1 ballot to enter into a draw for the prize of their choice. Ballot boxes and prizes will be on display May 9th & 10th; draws will take place Friday May 11th in our Library!!
- Every student who reads at least the suggested goal for his/her grade (see the Reading Tracker) will be entered into a raffle for one of 3 Indigo gift cards (one to be awarded in each division)!
- The class with the highest average minutes read per student in each division will be awarded a movie party in the library.

Pledges turned in after May 8th will be gratefully accepted but unfortunately will not be eligible for prizes.

Why Read 20 Minutes at Home?		
STUDENT A	STUDENT B	STUDENT C
• Reads an average of 20 minutes per day.	• Reads an average of 5 minutes per day.	• Reads an average of 1 minutes per day.
• 3,600 minutes/school year	• 900 minutes/school year	• 180 minutes/school year
• 1,800,000 words per year	• 282,000 words per year	• 8,000 words per year
By 6th grade student has read for an equivalent of : 60 school days	By 6th grade student has read for an equivalent of : 12 school days	By 6th grade student has read for an equivalent of : 3 school days
		
In order for children to become better readers, they need time to read.		

READING LINKS

Some books recommended by Ted-Ed

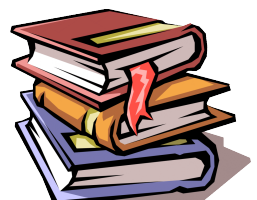
<http://blog.ed.ted.com/2015/06/15/ted-eds-summer-reading-list-31-great-books-for-students-chosen-by-students/>

Books for Differently-Abled Children

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/guide/special-needs/s/reading%20%26%20writing>

Books recommended by age

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/lists/50-books-all-kids-should-read-before-theyre-12>



HAPPY READING!