



Meadowbrook Public School Newsletter

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A Message from our Principal

It has been a busy start to 2017. At this time we have some staff to welcome and some to say farewell.. We want to wish Janine Daniels well as she begins her maternity leave with her new baby girl, Zoe and we welcome Brenda Caricari in for her until June. We would also like to wish Shira Young well in her new role as Occasional Teacher with the Board and welcome Alisha Geniole in for her.

There are several events scheduled this month at Meadowbrook. Here are some highlights:

Feb. 2, we are participating in National Sweater Day to see the impact that dropping the temperature a couple of degrees has on our energy use. Everyone needs to wear layers, including SWEATERS as the building will be a wee bit chillier than usual. On Feb. 13 our grade 3 to 8 students are attending a Black History Performance at Newmarket Theatre. On Feb. 14 and 15, our intermediates host the area Basketball Tournament. On Feb. 17, our honour band competes in the Ontario Band Association Music Festival. On Feb. 22 we are hosting a visit from author Celia Godkin.

On Feb. 23, we invite our entire community to our Technology Night. The first part of the night will be an open house where students will be sharing how they use technology to support their learning in innovative ways. The second part of the evening, we welcome Chris Vollum to present about the benefits and appropriate use of social media. He will be speaking to our grade 4 to 8 students during the day, so the evening talk is geared to adults. Childminding will be provided for ages 4+. Please let us know if you need this service by contacting the office.

There are two new community programs beginning this month as well. On Feb. 9, we begin the FAST program, a FREE meal and activities for the whole family on Thursday nights. This program is open to families who have a student in kindergarten to grade 2. Registration is required. If you would like more information, please contact the office as soon as possible. Also, the Ontario Early Years has set up a drop-in program for pre-school age children and their parents. This runs on Wednesdays from 8:45 to 11am. Please pass this along to friends and family who may be interested.

The staff at Meadowbrook have been busy since the November Progress Reports in guiding student learning and this will be shared when the first term report cards go home on the 14th of the month. The term one report card is intended to continue communication with you on how well your child has achieved the overall curriculum expectations for each subject and how well your child has demonstrated the development of learning skills and work habits essential to succeed in school and daily life. This report card represents evidence of student learning that has been gathered from September to the end of January. Our kindergarten reports have changed a bit this term. More information will come home with reports to help parents to make sense of the new structure. There are no scheduled days for interviews around this report card; however, please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss your child's progress.

We remind parents, caregivers, and students that regular and punctual attendance at school is extremely valuable and contributes greatly to success. We would like to ask everyone to ensure that students arrive on time each day in order to maximize their learning. We also ask parents to work with students to ensure that they attend school regularly and avoid unnecessary absences. Our work together helps to ensure that all students succeed.

Planning for the 2017/2018 school year is beginning this month. It opened with kindergarten registration in the middle of January and continues with families moving in and out of the community over the next few months. As part of the process of having accurate information it is important for us to know how many students to expect for September at Meadowbrook Public School. If your children (grades JK to 7) will not be returning to our school in the fall, please inform the office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your partner in education,

Lorraine Doran

Visit our school
[website](#) for the
most update to date

Character Matters at Meadowbrook P.S.

This Month's Theme "Initiative"

We act without being prompted (asked) by others. We are eager to do what needs to be done without having to be told to do it. We take the first step towards the achievement of a goal.



social media fitness



Listen ~ Connect ~ Engage ~ Influence

Join us for an exciting and visual journey into the world of Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and more. And leave inspired, skilled and confident to support your family's journey through Social Media. Our kids are already engaged in this space. *We need to be engaged, too.*

Core Discussions...

- Mental Health; Stress & Anxiety
- How Students are Evaluated, Online
- How Students Use Social Media
- Building a Sustainable Reputation
- 5 Prominent Social Platforms
- Become "Googleable"
- Achieve Balance; less screen time
- Increase Online Confidence & Skill

Chris Vollum

International workshops

Presented to more than
500,000 students throughout
Canada and the United States



Recognized educator on

Twitter, Instagram, Periscope,
Snapchat, Facebook,
YouTube, Tumblr

Date: February 23, 2017

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm - open house
7:30 to 8:30 pm - parent presentation
+ babysitting

Location: Meadowbrook Public School

Questions & RSVP: 905 - 895-3081



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School Council Corner

The next School Council meeting will be on **Monday February 6 at 7:00 to 8:30 PM** in the school library. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend, come out even if you can only make a few of the meetings.



The **Wildcats spirit wear**

Remember to keep sending

in your UPC's from all the Campbell products.

They are used to purchase gym equipment for the students. See the info flyer for all the products that are included. Just send them into the school with your child and we will do the rest.



Meadowbrook P.S. is doing a fundraiser with BOSTON PIZZA.



All you need to do is put 'Meadowbrook P.S.' on the receipt (restaurant copy) and 10% of the order goes to our school.



The proceeds will go towards the music department and gym equipment.

Thank you!

On Thursday Feb. 23rd we will be hosting a Family Technology night.

The evening will be split into 2 parts.

At 6:30 we will commence with hands on technology activities. The activities will be a variety of technology that is used in the school such as robotics, green screening, coding, smart board activities and much more.

The second half of the evening from 7:30 -8:30 will feature a guest speaker, Chris Vollom, who will be talking about social media. Chris's talk, "Social Media Fitness" delivers from the perspective that many of us are connected 24/7 across a variety of social apps and platforms. And that the old way of teaching students and others from the primary perspective of risk and fear is simply that; old – and redundant – and done. Rather, we support students' (and others) natural technology skills by illustrating, in detail and through hands-on examples and stories, the significant upside to telling your story responsibly and with character, integrity and honesty. Interestingly, when purpose and relevance of content is introduced to students in a school presentation, incidents of bullying and inappropriate and embarrassing content tend to diminish.

There will be free babysitting available for the speaker part of the evening, please just let us know if you will be taking advantage of this so we can ensure that we have enough adults that evening.

There will also be a free snack supplied and some door prizes.

We look forward to seeing you!!

Inclement Weather

If ever in doubt about Bus or School Cancellations/ Closures due to inclement weather, check the local radio or television stations or the York Region District School Board's Website.

www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

www.schoolbuscity.com

As the office is a very busy place, it is hard to get messages to teachers/students about alternate pick up instructions.

We understand that some last minute circumstances are unavoidable. However, we are asking for your help in trying to make these arrangements in advance and sending a note to the teacher.

ONLINE PAYMENTS !

Our school is accepting online payments through School Cash Online.

School related expenses such as hot lunches, field trips and fundraisers will be online for you to order and make payments.



School Cash Online



Student Registration

Kindergarten registration commenced on **January 20, 2017** for the 2017-18 school year.

Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who:

- turn four or five years old during 2017
- live within the school boundary
- 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 the school.

Grade 1 French Immersion registration began on **January 20, 2017** at Mazo de la Roche P.S.

Parents of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2017 and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call their child's 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 the designated FI program location (Mazo de la Roche P.S.) to register between January 19 and February 16, 2017. 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 enroll. 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.

Message from our Director,

We are now halfway through the school year. This is a good time to reflect on all that your child has learned and to look at setting goals for the rest of the school year.

Our Board believes that student well-being and achievement go hand-in-hand. One of our goals set out in the Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Plan is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture of caring and learning."

The Ministry of Education has recently identified four priorities for well-being: positive mental health, safe and accepting schools, healthy schools, and equity and inclusive education. As a Board of Trustees, we will continue to further work in all of these areas to support student well-being in line with these priorities.

There are many resources on the Board website to help support student well-being, including tips for talking about mental health, managing stress, packing healthy lunches and addressing incidents of bullying.

Creating a healthy, safe and welcoming learning environment is key to helping our students reach their full potential. All of us have an important role to play in creating an environment that enables our students to thrive.

I wish you all the best for a healthy, happy and successful 2017.

Sincerely,

J. Philip Parappally

Director of Education

Inspire Learning!

Maple High School

Presents

Maple's Closet - The Diva and GQ Balls

Maple High School is proud to present the 11th annual Maple's Closet Diva and GQ Balls. Maple's Closet has helped provide graduation attire to over 500 grade 8 and 12 students. Our objective is to provide a graduation dress, suit and accessories to every female or male York Region student in need.

Please let your child's teacher know if you need your child to be referred for this great program in order to assist with clothing for graduation.



Meadowbrook Spirit



The Chess Club has begun! Students will meet twice a week, days will vary, in house 3 from now until March Break.

Students in grades 1 to 8 who either know how to play or wish to learn how to play may join.

They do not need to bring their own chess set. The students eat their lunch first

(12:20 – 12:40), then meet to learn about and play chess for the remainder of the lunch hour

(12:40 – 1:20). Students who normally go home for lunch need to bring a lunch on these days if

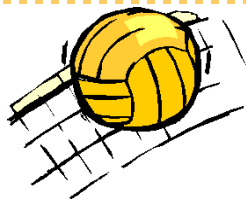
they wish to participate in the club.

Three students from each grade will be chosen by mid February to represent Meadowbrook at the annual **Optimist Chess Challenge**.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Myers at 905-895-3081, ext 232.

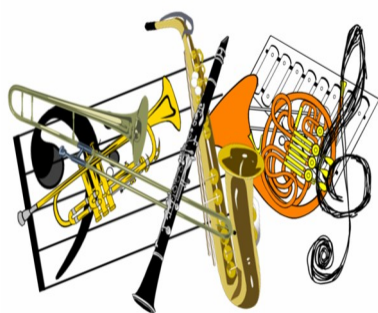
The members of the junior volleyball team were:

Aiden, Maya, Elisa, Saige, Kenadee, Jillian, Kayla, Chase, Micheal, Max, Terrell and Kiegan.



A special thank you to our Intermediate Coaches:

Endri, Nolan, Tyler, Tristan and Nicole for all of their dedicated time and expertise in running drills.



Honour band is preparing for the OBA Festival on February 17th at

Le Parc Convention Centre in Richmond Hill

Student Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students' busing 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 served 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 please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.



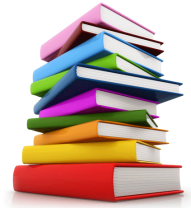


Author Visit -February 22nd

Canadian author ,Celia Godkin will be visiting Meadowbrook during the morning of February 22nd. Celia Godkin is the author of several well known children's books including

Wolf Island and **Ladybug Garden**. She will be speaking to students in grades 2-5.

Parents are welcome to join us.



Forest of Reading

Student in grades K-8 are reading the books that have been nominated for this year's Forest of Reading awards. Thank you to school council for supporting us in this activity.

Spirit Day -Crazy Hair Day

Friday, February 24th is Crazy Hair Day! One of our student's favorite spirit days ! Add some funky colour, ribbons braids - be creative and have fun!



Family Technology Night

School Council and the staff are presenting a **Family Technology night** on **Thursday February 23rd**.

Please join us at 6:30 to play with technology!

Our students will be leading events around the school that will include robotics, green screening and coding.

At 7:30 guest speaker Chris Vollum will be speaking in the gym about how we use technology .

There will be babysitting provided. Come and join and have some fun playing with technology!!



**ldayr • Learning Disabilities
Association of York Region**
The right to learn, the power to achieve

Free Workshop — Understanding Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorders

Thursday, Feb 2nd at RL Graham P.S. – 70 Biscayne Blvd, **Keswick** from **6:30PM – 8:30PM**

Free child minding, light refreshments, students welcome to attend with their family

For more information and to **pre-register** contact:

pauline.costello@yrdsb.ca or jennifer.gillespie@yrdsb.ca 905-895-5155

or LDAYR info@ldayr.org 905-884-7933 ext 24

Blue Hills Child and Family Centre seeks Board of Directors' Volunteers

Blue Hills Child and Family Centre is now recruiting volunteers for our Board of Directors.

Blue Hills has been serving York Region 's children, youth and families with mental health needs for over 47 years.

If you are up to the challenge or know someone who might be:

Please call (905) 773-4323, extension 329, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday or

email bluehills@bluehillscentre.ca to receive a nomination package.

School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather is not affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff 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 CTV Barrie CFTO TV CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YCDSB and YRDSB on twitter.



Plastic Bag Take-Back Program

Ontarians use an estimated seven million plastic bags each day, which is roughly 80 bags per second. Plastic bags can take up to 1,000 years to break down. York Region started the *Plastic Bag Take-Back* program to let residents know they can bring their plastic bags back to retailers to be recycled. This reduces the number of bags being sent to landfill.

What is the Plastic Bag Take-Back Program?

Retailers across York Region have joined the *Plastic Bag Take-Back* program. You can drop off your plastic bags at their stores so they can be sent for recycling. Recycled plastic bags are used to make things like new plastic bags, plastic lumber, patio furniture and park benches.

How do I Recycle my Plastic Bags?

Turn your plastic shopping bags inside out / Stuff your plastic shopping bags into one bag / Drop them off at a *Take-Back* bin at a participating store below in Newmarket.

Metro

16640 Yonge
Street **Newmar-**
ket, Ontario
L3Y 4V8
Telephone: 905-
853-5100

Walmart

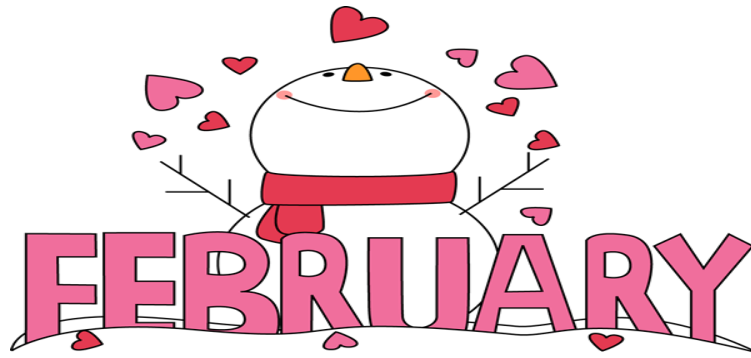
1111 Davis Drive
Newmarket, On-
tario L3Y 2R9
Telephone: 905-
853-5355

Real Canadian Superstore

18120 Yonge
Street **Newmar-**
ket, Ontario
Telephone: 905-
830-4072

Walmart

17940 Yonge Street
Newmarket, On-
tario
Telephone: 905-
853-8811



.....Is Black
History Month

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
30 Day 5 Grade 7 • Sibbald Point “Girls Inc” - after school program	31 Day 1	1 Day 2 Ontario Early Years Drop in 8:45—I I am Pizza Lunch Next Gen Men after school program	2 Day 3 -SK Vision & Hearing Testing - National Sweater Day Groundhog Day “Girls Inc” - after school program	3 PA DAY No school
6 Day 4 School Council Meeting 7:00 - 8:30PM “Girls Inc” - after school program	7 Day 5 Intermediate girl's Basket- ball Tourne— Prince Charles—after school ASD swimming begins	8 Day 1 Ontario Early Years Drop in 8:45—I I am Pizza Lunch Next Gen Men after school program	9 Day 2 Gr. 7 round 2 Meningococcal vaccine FAST Program begins... Girls Inc” - after school program	10 Day 3
13 Day 4 Glenn Marais Black His- tory Concert— Newmarket Theatre GR. 3—8 “Girls Inc” - after school program	14 Day 5 Intermediate Basketball Area Tournament hosted at Meadowbrook Reports go home	15 Day 1 Ontario Early Years Drop in 8:45—I I am Intermediate boys Basketball Tournament Pizza Lunch	16 Day 2 FAST Program “Girls Inc” - after school program	17 Day 3 OBA Festival
20 Family Day Holiday	21 Day 4 Grad Photos	22 Day 5 Ontario Early Years Author visit - Celia Godkin AM Pizza Lunch Chess Tournament	23 Day 1 FAST Program “Girls Inc” - after school program Grades 4 to 8 Social Media Technology Night	24 Day 2 Crazy Hair Day
27 Day 3 “Girls Inc” - after school program	28 Day 4	March 1 Day 5 Ontario Early Years Pizza Lunch	2 Day 1 FAST Program “Girls Inc” - after school program	3 Day 2