



Meadowbrook Public School Newsletter

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A Message from our Principal

March has come in like a lamb, leaving us hopeful that it will go out like a lamb as well. Even so, we can assume that winter has a few last gasps left before we see the snow and ice gone for good. We ask that you continue to monitor the weather to ensure that students are coming to school dressed warmly on cold days. Please be aware that the changes in temperature can lead to slushy or icy conditions in our yard. **Students are encouraged to wear proper footwear and to bring an extra pair of socks to have in case their feet get wet at recess.**

We have passed the midpoint in the school year. Primary classes celebrated 100th day with a variety of engaging activities, grade 8's are busy preparing for their transition to high school, our grade 3 and 6 students are gearing up for EQAO assessments in the spring and all students have received their first term report cards and are starting work on second term. We remind students that this is the time to set goals and action plans in order to plan for success.

Over the last few weeks, several parents have expressed interest in learning more about how their children learn math and how they can support their children at home. Each month, in the newsletter, we will highlight some resources to support parents. Here are some valuable resources that can be found online:

Guide and activities for math k to 6: (available in many languages):

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNum.html>

Mathies, a website designed for Ontario K-12 mathies.ca students and parents

<http://mathies.ca/learnMath.html>

February was an active month at Meadowbrook. Our junior and intermediate students attended an inspiring and entertaining Black History Performance. Our chess team competed in a tournament this month and represented our school very well. Our Honour Band competed at the Ontario Band Association festival and received the Gold Award for their outstanding performances. Our intermediate basketball teams hosted and participated in the area tournaments. Our teams participated with great sportsmanship and skill and we are very proud of them all. Ten of our families are joining us every Thursday over the next 7 weeks for dinner, kid fun and adult conversation. We are enjoying the time to get to know you all better. We hosted our Family Technology Night which was very successful and would like to thank our community for coming out and supporting this event this year.

March looks to be another busy month at Meadowbrook with assemblies, activities and tons of learning. March also includes a much deserved holiday for our students and staff. We hope you are able to plan some family activities and we look forward to seeing everyone following the break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your partner in education,

Lorraine Doran

Principal

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

Character Matters at Meadowbrook P.S.

This Month's
Theme:

"Perseverance"

We stick to a goal
and work hard
even in the face of
obstacles and
challenges.

We complete all
tasks and
assignments.



School Council Corner

The next School Council meeting will be on
Monday March 6th 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.



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.



Blooming Fundraiser

We will be sending a Vessey bulb fundraiser package home with your child. The program will start on March 6th and the final day to return any orders will be March 24th. Please help to support our fundraising programs so that we can help to support the school and student needs.

We will be having a KERNELS popcorn sale on Fridays starting on March 10th. The KERNELS popcorn will be on sale at morning recess for \$2 per bag. KERNELS popcorn is nut free and gluten free.

We will have the following flavors for sale:

Butter & Salt, Salt & Vinegar, Dill Pickle and White Cheese.

All sales will be first come first served!

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy our Family Technology night .

It was fun to see all of the students showing their parents/guardians all the different ways they use technology at school. Thank you also to everyone who helped to organize the event . Without your help , the event would not have been possible. Congratulations to all the door prize winners.

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

Reporting Absences/Lates and Student messages:

Please call the school anytime (905-895-3081) to report absences/lates and/or messages as the office is a very busy place.

Also, it is hard to get messages to teachers/students about alternate pick up instructions during the school day. 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.

This will help avoid interrupting classes. Your cooperation on this matter is appreciated.

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 and is ongoing.

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 support
- 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.

Message from our Director,

With spring approaching and the hours of daylight increasing, now is a good time to enjoy the outdoors and our natural environment. Did you know that our Board has five [outdoor education centres](#), and students have opportunities to visit them and other outdoor learning spaces throughout their schooling? This is part of our commitment to giving students an opportunity to learn in and about the natural world. This learning supports students in gaining a deeper appreciation for nature and the importance of environmental sustainability.

"Modelling continuous environmental sustainability" is one of the goals outlined in our [Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#). We believe that we all have a role to play in reducing waste and protecting our environment. Our students, staff members and families continue to show leadership when it comes to supporting student learning and initiatives to reduce our ecological footprint.

Spending time outside as a family also provides a great opportunity to support and enhance your child's learning outside of school. Whether visiting a park or museum, reading with your child in your home language or asking questions about their day at school - know that there are many ways you can support their education and that you are making a difference.

I hope you all have a happy and safe March Break and enjoy the warmer weather ahead.

Sincerely,

J. Philip Parappally

Director of Education

Inspire Learning!

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.



Meadowbrook Spirit

Students will continue to meet twice a week, days will vary, in house 3 up to the 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.

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

Congratulations to the following students: (picture below left)

Kyle, Lucas, Max, Evan, Tony, Adrian, Karikalan, Dylan, Evangelos, Ryder, Edmond, Saige, Carolyn, Arielle, Maya, Daniel, Capilan, Micheal, Kenadee, Tristan, Will, Aaron and Kate who competed in the Newmarket Optimist Chess Tournament on Wednesday, February 22nd.

They played with skill and displayed exemplary sportsmanship!

Further congratulations are extended to:

Evan who placed first in grade three and

Maya who placed second in grade six.

We wish them good luck as they go on to compete in the Provincial Chess Challenge!



On **March 8th** a group of grade 8 students will be competing at the **Engineering Design Challenge** at

Sir William Mulock S.S. 4-8pm.



Our band received Gold at the OBA Festival and we are invited to Nationals!!

Families should keep their eyes open for our Grad cupcake Fundraiser coming up this month.



Let's go Wildcats! Let's go! We would like to give a big congratulations to our Intermediate Boys Basketball Team! Our team included Endri, Nolan, Tristan, Tyler, Will, Jack, Aiden, Nick, Johnathan, Brandon, Isaac, Ethan, and Jacen. They played some tough teams at the Area Tournament, but showed their drive and determination, coming in third place! Congratulations boys! You did a fantastic job representing the school and we're very proud of you. Great job wildcats!



We would also like to congratulate our Intermediate Girls Basketball Team! Our team included Nicole, Alyssa, Hope, Jordan, Bethany, Kalee, Elisa, Arnusha, Tass and Natalie. They played well as a team, they showed great sportsmanship and determination. Great Job Girls!

The Care Room:

Is looking for donations of gently used sweat pants of any colour & size.

With Spring approaching, the students are coming in wet and muddy. This way we can give them a dry pair and not have to call home. Thank you.



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.



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.

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.



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An Evening on Understanding Strategies to Connect with our Children
living with Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

Workshop: Connected Parenting Strategies as it pertains to LD/ADHD

Presented By: Jennifer Kolari from Connected Parenting

A workshop on how to use the tools that therapists implement to help children develop the emotional and neurological hardware they need to deal with whatever life throws at them! As the author of Connected Parenting, Jennifer will discuss her CALM technique which helps to de-escalate behaviour while building trust and increasing emotional resilience in children.

About the Author



Jennifer Kolari, M.S.W., R.S.W., author and founder of Connected Parenting is a therapist who has been helping children, teens and families get connected for 20 years.

Teaching techniques used by therapists, Connected Parenting empowers parents to use mirroring and empathy to attune to their child's feelings. This helps to set limits, shift negative behaviours and avoid ugly power struggles. Parents learn to help their children and teenagers organize and control their emotions – so they become more confident and emotionally resilient.

Time:

Wednesday April 26th 2017
6:30pm — 8:00pm

Location:

York Catholic District
School Board Head Office
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, ON L4G 0M1

Cost:

\$10.⁰⁰ LDAYR members
\$15.⁰⁰ Non-LDAYR members

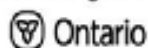
*Workshop fees are transferable
and non-refundable.*

How to Register:

Register by: April 21st
905-884-7933 x 23
info@ldayr.org
www.ldayr.org

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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

Newmarket, ON

Telephone: 905-853-5100

Walmart

1111 Davis Drive

Newmarket, ON

Telephone: 905-853-5355

Real Canadian Superstore

18120 Yonge Street

Newmarket, ON

Telephone: 905-830-4072

Walmart

17940 Yonge Street

Newmarket, ON

Telephone: 905-853-8811



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>27 Day 3</p> <p>"Girls Inc" - after school program</p>	<p>28 Day 4</p> <p>ASD swimming</p>	<p>1 Day 5</p> <p>Ontario Early Years 8:45 - 11 AM</p> <p>Pizza Lunch</p> <p>"Next Gen Men" - after school program</p>	<p>2 Day 1</p> <p>FAST Program</p> <p>"Girls Inc" - after school program</p>	<p>3 Day 2</p>
<p>6 Day 3</p> <p>School Council Meeting 7:00 - 8:30PM</p> <p>"Girls Inc" - after school program</p>	<p>7 Day 4</p> <p>ASD swimming</p>	<p>8 Day 5</p> <p>Ontario Early Years 8:45 - 11 AM</p> <p>Pizza Lunch</p> <p>"Next Gen Men" - after school program</p> <p>Gr. 8's - Engineering Design Challenge (Sir Mulock SS - 4 to 8 pm)</p>	<p>9 Day 1</p> <p>FAST Program</p> <p>"Girls Inc" - after school program</p>	<p>10 Day 2</p>
	<p>14</p> <p><i>March</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Break</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Holiday</i></p>	<p>17</p>
<p>20 Day 3</p> <p>"Girls Inc" - after school program</p>	<p>21 Day 4</p> <p>ASD swimming - last day</p>	<p>22 Day 5</p> <p>Ontario Early Years 8:45 - 11 AM</p> <p>Pizza Lunch</p> <p>"Next Gen Men" - after school program</p>	<p>23 Day 1</p> <p>FAST Program</p> <p>"Girls Inc" - after school program</p>	<p>24 Day 2</p>
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