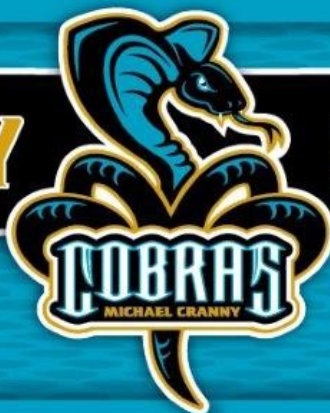


# THE CRANNY

# CHRONICLE



MICHAEL CRANNY  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

As we move out of February and into March and Spring Break both staff and students have been busy enjoying many Wellness Week activities. Motivational speaker Sara Westbrook energized everyone with the power of positive thinking towards self and others. Staff and students participated in a Spirit Assembly, Appreciation Circles, completing Act of Kindness cards, positive journaling, and a yoga class. On March 1st, Dr. Kiru gave a presentation to parents around how foster confidence in their children.

In addition, our Intermediate Boys and Girls Basketball teams are competing in Regionals at Tommy Douglas S.S.

The March Break begins on March 12th and we hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday. If you are going staying in town for the break here are some things you might look at doing (press the 'Control' button and click on the link to visit the sight) :

Vaughan Communities Centers offer free activities

[www.vaughan.ca/services/recreation/Pages/Holiday%20Central%20Hours%20and%20Activity%20Schedules.aspx](http://www.vaughan.ca/services/recreation/Pages/Holiday%20Central%20Hours%20and%20Activity%20Schedules.aspx)

The Vaughan Public libraries have many events. Join the Minecrafters club or the chess club. Check out the events calendars at

[http://www.vaughanpl.info/events\\_calendars/calendar/2018/february](http://www.vaughanpl.info/events_calendars/calendar/2018/february)

For things to do in Toronto or the GTA check out

<http://www.todocanada.ca/city/toronto/family-day-events/>

Ideas for when you are home. [https://www.thespruce.com/](https://www.thespruce.com/fun-kids-winter-activities-2997492)

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## Parent Information

### Visitors to the School

We welcome visitors and volunteers to the school. All visitors and volunteers must start their visit in the office. All visitors and volunteers are required to wear a "visitor" or "volunteer" sticker while in the school. If you are bringing an item for your child or picking up your child for an appointment, please come to the school office. A staff member will contact the classroom and ensure the item is delivered, or direct your child to the office if you are picking up your child. If possible, try to arrange appointments after school hours so that your child does not miss valuable class time.

Please notify us in writing or by telephone if someone other than the parent/guardian will pick up your child. We will only release children to adults listed as emergency contacts.

If you wish to arrange a meeting by phone or in person to speak with your child's teacher, please call the school ahead of time to arrange a convenient time. We cannot ask teachers to leave their classrooms during the instructional day to take a phone call or meet with a parent. If you are coming to school for a pre-arranged appointment, please begin your visit in the office and we will notify the teacher that you have arrived.

### Will your child be late or absent from school?

BE SURE TO CALL THE SCHOOL BEFORE 8:10 A.M. TO LET US KNOW.  
YOU CAN ALSO LEAVE A MESSAGE ANYTIME AT (905) 832-4922  
IN THE ATTENDANCE MAILBOX.



## SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE

All YRDSB schools are now using School Cash Online as an online payment system. School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including yearbooks and field trips. It helps to reduce paper and the amount of cash/cheques handled by parents and students.

If you have not yet registered to School Cash Online you are missing important notifications, all you need is your child's student ID number to get started!

You can [register for School Cash Online](#) at any time. There is also a button on our school website. Once you are registered, you will be notified of any new items available for your child.

## School Council 2017-2018

Our school council meetings for the 2017-2018 school year will take place on

Thursday, March 22, 2018  
 April , 2018 to be determined  
 Thursday, May 17, 2018

All Parents are welcome to join us in the library  
 at 7:00 p.m.



Dear Parents,

Are you interested in becoming more involved in your child's school? Do you want to learn more about or have input in decisions that affect his/her school life? School Council is a group of parents, formed in September, which advises the Principal on decisions that affect the entire school community, speaking on behalf of the entire parent community. So we need to hear from you!

Meetings take place monthly and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Each meeting, we hear from the Principal an update on the behind-the-scenes work that staff is doing to better engage our kids, and the upcoming, co-curricular activities being planned for students like guest speakers, sports and clubs, and field trips. The Treasurer also reports on the funds raised from your generous involvement in initiatives like the pizza lunches and gift card fundraiser we decided to plan in the Fall.

We have also learned about the School Improvement Plan and analysis of EQAO data, school budget, prepared feedback for the Trustees on important Board policies that affect each one of us, and voted to decide how to spend your fundraising dollars to best serve the kids. Teachers have attended meetings as guest speakers on special topics (e.g., modern learning; music program). We have also brought forward many issues or questions for discussion (What is covered in the physical and health education curriculum? What happened to teaching cursive writing? Can we review the school dress code?) and had the opportunity to tour the Jungle Sport equipment back in the Fall and see firsthand why our kids were so excited about this program!

We hope to see you at 7 pm in the school library for the meetings, held on the following dates:  
 March 22, April 4 (date to be adjusted due to conflict with Regional School Council), May 17, 2018

Sincerely,

Michael Cranny ES School Council

# Your Fundraising at work!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The staff and students of Michael Cranny wish to thank our School Council for their hard work and dedication towards making our life at Cranny a more hands on, creative and positive place to be with their fundraising efforts.

School Council has raised through Fundscrip (just over \$800) and pizza lunches (projected to be about \$17 000 to the end of the year) close to \$18,000.00. With this school council has dispersed monies in the following ways:

- Graduation - \$1000.00
- Computer purchases - \$5000.00
- Author visit, Forest of Reading - \$1000.00
- Duck Hatching kits, Butterfly larva - \$200.00
- Mental Health/Well being events/guest speakers - \$2000.00
- Kindergarten Lego and manipulatives - \$500
- Modern Learning classroom - \$2350.00
- Music - \$4000.00
- Agendas - \$650.00



## GRAD COMMITTEE

As well as School Council, our graduation committee has also been fundraising. They have raised to date \$1499.00 through popcorn, cookie and frozen yogurt sales. This money will offset the graduation expenses such as trophies, Gr. 8 trip, commencement exercises, refreshments and dinner/dance for the 62 grade 8 students.

All our students are expected to be outside before, during and after school in all weather conditions (i.e., rain or shine, snow or heat). Students need to come to school dressed to play outside during recesses. Boots (for rain or snow), rain jackets, hats, mitts, scarves and snow pants will help make recess an enjoyable time.

## Weather Conditions

If the condition of the roads necessitates the cancellation of bus service, local radio stations will be informed as early as possible and will broadcast this information to the community. **Please be advised that if buses are cancelled in the morning they will not run after school - regardless of the weather.** Review your plans as to what your children will do in the event of late buses or cancellations. The following radio stations announce cancellations:

AM 590 AM 640 AM 680 AM 1010 AM1050  
 AM 1530 AM 1540 FM 88.5 FM 90.3 FM 92.5  
 FM 93.1 FM 97.3 FM 98.1  
 FM 99.9 FM 100.7  
 FM 104.5 FM 107.1

You can also go to  
[www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)



## Dress Warmly for Cold Weather

It is advisable for children to keep extra pants and socks at school in case they get wet. To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found Bin, please be sure to label all articles of clothing.



# POP TABS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

On January 10th, we took the initiative to start collecting pop tabs to make a wheelchair for a person in need. After speaking at our monthly assembly, we handed out various containers to each class so that they could help us gather pop tabs for the cause. We will be collecting pop tabs from January 10th to June 15th. At last count, we collected 8304 tabs. A wheelchair takes approximately 8 million pop tabs to create. While we know that this will be almost impossible for the school to collect, we would like to make a difference by being able to contribute to making one. The pop tabs will be brought to Sick Kids Hospital because they collect for the charity "POP TABS FOR WHEELCHAIRS." We are hoping everyone can help us by bringing in as many pop tabs as they can, to help those in need.



Organized and Written by Amelia, Maddalene and Emma

## Area Tournament Results



Our intermediate basketball teams for boys and girls participated in the Areas tournament last month. They practiced extremely hard to prepare for the teams to come. Both teams gave it their all, and they performed phenomenally. They both made it out of the round robin, making it to the bracket stage. Unfortunately, they lost in close quarter finals matches, where the boys only lost by one point.

Good job Michael Cranny!



## MCES Computer Science Club

*What is computer science?*

*The science that deals with the theory and methods of processing information in digital computers, the **design** of computer **hardware** and **software**, and the **applications** of computers.*

**What is coding?**

*A system of signals used to represent letters or numbers in transmitting messages. The instructions in a **computer** program. Instructions written by a programmer in a programming language are often called source **code**.*

*Students may explore a variety of computer **programming languages** like Python or Scratch (created by MIT). Google CS First offers Scratch tutorials online. There are plenty of other sources for early **coding** that students may explore. Examples are code.org, Code Academy, C++, Java, and Kodable.*

*We also have a few Raspberry Pi kits and resources that students can investigate. Students are welcome to bring in their own items, like Arduino, with both parent and teacher permission.*

*Students may also wish to investigate the field of **robotics** and the mechanics behind it, through several Lego Mindstorms kits and other resources we have.*

*The Computer Science & Coding Club will be held **Thursdays** after school for interested students in **Grades 6-8**, **beginning Thursday, March 1st**. Your son/daughter will need to be picked-up promptly at 4:00pm.*

*- Mr. Milette & Mrs. Speers*

### Moving? A New Child Attending? Help Us Plan Ahead!

It may only be March, but our school has already started preliminary planning for 2018- 2019. In some respects, the work we do now in the offices is especially important, because our accuracy with anticipated enrollment helps us better plan, and optimistically, minimizes the need to move students across classes in September. We need to recognize there is always a possibility in any given year for reorganization in the Fall, especially as enrollments increase or decline. We would ask our community for its help in this work. If you know you will be moving out of the area in the months ahead, please let the office know as soon as possible, to help us be accurate with our enrollment estimates. Similarly, if you have a child who will be joining us at the school for the first time in Kindergarten Year 1 and have yet to register, we would ask you to do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your support in helping us plan for continued success at the school.



## Summer Institute

### Summer Institute

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? [Summer Institute](#) offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 11 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](#) page on [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

Registration opens March 7. Families can now register online, as well as in person or by mail.

#### Base Registration Weekly Fees:

York Region District School Board students: **\$105 (4 day weeks) \$120 (5 day weeks)**

Non- York Region District School Board students: **\$130 (4 day weeks) \$155 (5 day weeks)**

## Kindergarten Registration For September 2018

Michael Cranny is accepting Kindergarten Registration forms for September 2018. Children who were born in 2014 are eligible for Junior Kindergarten. Children born in 2013 and not currently attending a public school are eligible for Senior Kindergarten in September. Registration forms are available on the Board's Website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

As space is limited, some children may be required to attend a school outside their neighbourhood. Please note that all required documentation must be submitted and complete in order for your child to be enrolled. You and your child must also live within the school boundary. Again, space is limited, so please don't delay in having your child registered. The following documentation is required:

- Proof of Child's Age (Birth Certificate or Passport)
- Proof of Residency (for child and parent/guardian)
- Citizenship and immigration status (for child and parent/guardian where applicable)
- Direction of School Support form (if applicable)

Keep checking the web site and reading the newsletter for future information regarding kindergarten orientation.



## Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls

York Region District School Board is revisioning its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

### Save the Date!

TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES	LOCATIONS
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 9 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill