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FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Dear Families,

The past few months have been filled with learning and goal setting as students have been working through units of study and developing their learning skills. This month students will receive a Progress Report Card (page 4) and parents will have an opportunity to meet with teachers and their children to reflect on new learning and set goals for future learning. Our school focus is to build our students' critical thinking skills through authentic, differentiated learning tasks, in an inclusive and welcoming student-centred community.

Beyond the classroom walls, our cross country team did very well at our area meet and we congratulate the boys and girls that participated on this team. As well, our volleyball teams have been practising and are midway through the season. Go Cranny Cobras!

On November 11th, our school will be having a Remembrance Day Assembly in recognition of all the men and women who fought to keep world peace. This assembly will be held at 10:40 and parents are welcome to attend.

We are excited to introduce our online interview booking system. Parents can choose from the available times. Visit www.schoolinterviews.ca and enter the event code **6HQK9**. You will receive a verification email and you may go back in to edit/change your time up to and including November 7th, 2014. Interviews will take place on the evening of Thursday, November 13th and during the morning of Friday, November 14th. You may also choose to return the slip at the bottom of the hard copy sent home last week, and a confirmed time will be sent home with your child, however, selecting your time on-line is the preferred method.

Finally, we warmly welcome our new West Area Superintendent, Becky Green. We look forward to welcoming Ms. Green to our school community.

Sincerely,

Mr. D. Rossi

Mrs. O. Soroka

Did you know...?

All students in the York Region District School Board have a Google Apps account. Your child can work and learn collaboratively with the teacher and other students by creating and updating "live" documents. Ask your child to show you're his/her Google Apps account and give you a tour!

Arrive on time!

Try to arrive by...



Class begins at 8:15!

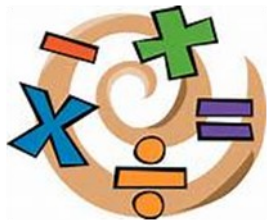
School Information and Updates

Math Night

**We look forward to our
Primary Math Night on**

December 4th, 2014

**More information
will follow.**



School Council

In October our council discussed

- Student Survey Data Trends
- Positive Climates @ Cranny
- Hot Lunch Programs
- Upcoming Fundraising Ideas

**Join Us for our next meeting on
November 19, 2014**

7:00pm!

Remembrance Day

This year we will honour Remembrance Day with an assembly on November 11th. Students will showcase all the reasons why it is important to remember the past wars and celebrate our war veterans, through music, poetry, drama and art. We will also welcome a guest speaker, earlier in the month, who will meet with our Grades 4-8 students to tell about his story as a war veteran.

Students will receive a sticker poppy on November 11th and can bring small donations which will be sent in on behalf of our school.



Scientifically Spectacular!

The Grade 8s at Cranny recently engaged in a fun project relating to their Science unit on Fluids. They were instructed to build a toy for kids that functioned using concepts they had learned in class such as buoyancy, hydrodynamics, etc. Students had some very interesting ideas including boats, hot air balloons, and lava lamps. It was also required of them to create a blueprint for their toy, and design a brochure that would appeal to their target audience as well as explain how the toy works, how it uses fluids, the materials used, and the environmental impacts of the toy. The students presented their toys to the class, and wrote a reflection piece stating the problems they encountered and how they came up with the final product. This project was a great way to expose students to the use of fluids in the real world, and let their creativity run wild.

School Information and Updates

Volunteers

Volunteers assume an important role within a school. A requirement of the YRDSB to assist in ensuring a safe environment for students and staff is the completion of a [vulnerable sector screening](#) (VSS) and the signing of a confidentiality agreement. ***Please be aware that anyone wishing to volunteer in any capacity (including field trips, driving other students to athletic events, in-class presentations, etc.) must first complete a vulnerable sector screening.*** If you plan to volunteer during the year, please consider obtaining your VSS well in advance as we will not be able to have you assist in the school without providing this documentation. The link above will provide you with information regarding the process that needs to be followed. The application form is also linked to the YRP website page. Please contact the school to obtain a letter from the school to take to the York Regional Police customer service unit when applying for your VSS. We appreciate your support.

Interviews:

November 13 and 14

Don't forget to book your interview by November 7th, online at:

www.schoolinterviews.ca

Event Code: **6HQB9**



Cold Weather

As the cooler weather approaches, we ask that you ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately. All students are expected to go outside during morning and lunch recesses.

When severe weather conditions threaten the safety of our students, the School Board informs radio stations about bus cancellations by about 6:00 a.m. Please see Page 5 of this newsletter for further information. Cancellation of bus service does not mean that schools are closed. Buses cancelled in the morning will not be running in the afternoon. Parents who drive their children to school in the morning must also pick them up at 2:50 p.m. On days when school buses have been cancelled, it is up to the parents' discretion whether or not to send their children to school. Please remember to always contact the school to inform us of your child's absence.

Creating Pathways to Success

The new ministry document, "Creating Pathways to Success" (2013), describes the transitioning from elementary to secondary school as among the most challenging periods of adolescence. Beginning this school year, students will access and engage in their IPP (Individual Pathways Plan). Students will begin their planning in grade 7 and continue through to secondary school. Students record their reflections in the areas of:

- Who am I?
- What are my opportunities?
- Who do I want to become?
- What is my plan for achieving my goals?

Elementary and Secondary schools will work collaboratively to develop strategies that support students throughout this transition. The IPP supports students in Grade 8 in the planning they need to do in order to make a successful transition from elementary to secondary and support them in:

- Selecting secondary school courses;
- Setting goals for community involvement (which can begin during the summer before Grade 9);
- Identifying areas of interest for extracurricular activities and leadership opportunities.

School Information and Updates

All assessment, evaluation and reporting in Ontario schools are based on the policies and practices described in *Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting In Ontario Schools, First Edition, Covering Grades 1 to 12*. There are three formal reporting periods in elementary schools where teachers share student's information regarding their learning and achievement of their learning skills and work habits and the Ontario curriculum expectations:

Elementary Progress Report Card

- ⇒ Progress Report to be sent home: November 12, 2014
- ⇒ Interviews to be held (SK-grade 8): November 13 (evening) and/or November 14 (morning)

Elementary First Provincial Report Card

- ⇒ Provincial Report Card to be sent home: February 12, 2015

Elementary Final Provincial Report Card

- ⇒ Provincial Report Card to be sent home: June 25, 2015

Elementary Progress Report Card (Grades 1-8)

The purpose of this report card is to communicate the progress your child has been making since the beginning of the school year in each subject. The progress report also indicates how well your child is demonstrating the various learning skills and work habits and identifies areas where you may be able to support your child in achieving success this year. This report is not an evaluation or a record of achievement levels. It reflects preliminary observations of your child's learning to date. It is our hope that this report will serve as a central part of rich discussions between home and school.

Junior Kindergarten:

The parent in-class Observation Visit has started. The purpose of this visit is to enable you to observe your child in the classroom setting. In February, you will receive your child's term 1 report card. The term 2 report will be sent home at the end of June. For both term 1 and term 2 reports, the teacher will report on your child's achievement based on curriculum expectations from the 6 learning areas (Personal and Social Development, Language, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Health and Physical Activity and The Arts.)

Senior Kindergarten:

A progress report will be sent home on November 12th. The report is personalized to highlight your child's unique strengths, needs, interests and next steps in a few of the learning areas from the Kindergarten program. The Personal and Social development learning area will be reported on. A term 1 report card will be sent home in February as well as a term 2 report card at the end of June. At these times, all six learning areas will be reported on.

Below are some board and ministry documents which you may find helpful in understanding the report card, assessment and evaluation.

[YRDSB Elementary Report Card Brochure](#)

[YRDSB Parent Brochure on the Achievement Chart](#)

[YRDSB Parent Brochure Assessment in Schools Today](#)

[YRDSB Parent Brochure Learning Skills and Work Habits](#)

[Parent Brochure on Academic Honesty and Timely Completion and Submission](#)

[Ministry Parent Brochure on Assessment and Evaluation](#)

***Growing Success:
Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting
in Ontario Schools***



School Information and Updates

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 bussing 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 may not be 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 YRDSB on twitter or checking the YRDSB website at www.yrdsb.ca

Please note that school bus charters, such as buses for school trips, will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled.

Positive Climates for Learning

PC4L - Positive Climates for Learning at Michael Cranny

Michael Cranny's PC4L team met on October 29th to look at our school climate data and goals for this school year. The committee includes staff, student and parent representatives.

Positive Climates for Learning Teams are charged with intentionally building environments that are equitable and inclusive, safe, supportive, respectful and caring. This requires all members of the school community to work together to identify and remove barriers that can limit achievement and well-being.

During our first meeting, we looked at our school improvement plan goal of **building a welcoming and inclusive student-centered school/community** and collaborated to brainstorm how we can achieve our goals at the individual, classroom, school and community level.

We look forward to sharing PC4L news and updates throughout the school year!

Peer Mentors/Anti-Bullying Crew @ Michael Cranny

Who? Students of student council.

What? Each recess we bring outdoor equipment outside. We encourage students who appear to be alone to take part in the activities offered and act as mentors to younger students by demonstrating good sportsmanship, communication skills and modeling what it means to be a good friend

Why are we doing this? To make sure that no student is left out during recess time. To prevent bullying and create a safe and positive outdoor environment for everyone!

Eco Theme - What's In/What's Out?

Staff and students are encouraged to **Rethink** their actions before disposing of an item. That is, stop and consider the impact every disposal action will have on the environment and the world around us. It is important to be well-informed about what goes in the Blue Box for recycling and what goes in the garbage bin for landfill. Putting items in the Blue Box that shouldn't be there can ruin an entire batch of recyclable material. Not sure which bin? Refer to the [York Region's Bin-dicator tool](#).



Community



LDAYR and Evoke Learning Present:

Mindful Parenting

A workshop for all parents and caregivers

Time:

November 26, 2014
7:00pm — 9:00pm

Location:

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

Cost:

\$50 LDAYR members
\$65 Non-LDAYR
members

Workshop fees are transferable, but
non-refundable.

How to Register:

905-884-7933 x 23
info@ldayr.org

www.ldayr.org

While parenthood brings immense amounts of joy, pride, personal growth and other good things to those with children, it can also bring a lot of challenges. Researchers are beginning to find that these challenges can take a toll; parents have significantly higher levels of depression than adults who do not have children.

A recent study from Mt. Sinai hospital in New York highlighted that the greatest source of childhood and adolescent stress is not school work, extracurricular activities, or peer pressure, but parental stress.

Recent research has also demonstrated the positive impact that mindfulness-based techniques can have on the ability to enhance parental/caregiver presence. This in turn increases attunement between the parent/caregiver and the child, by reducing stress and reactivity in both.

This workshop will provide an introduction to the foundations of mindfulness and look at the effects of mindfulness based practices on emotional regulation and stress reduction, which has been shown to create healthier relationships between family members.

This experiential workshop will teach parents and caregivers the art of being fully present with children. Mindfulness-based techniques will be shared and experienced to help parents improve their emotional regulation skills. These techniques allow parents to step out of reactive patterns and move into a place of skillful responses that can enhance the child/parent relationship during unplanned and stressful moments.

Active listening skills will be reviewed highlighting the importance of learning how to place our attention fully on the child. As parents and caregivers we can learn to respond (versus react) with empathy and compassion. In turn, our children can learn to respond with the same traits, which are the keystones of a mindful life.

About the Speaker — Sarah Kinsley BA (Hons.), BEd, MEd Counseling Psychology

Sarah Kinsley is the coordinator of the Embodied Mind stream of the Applied Mindfulness Meditation program in Continuing Education at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto. She has been a Primary school teacher, and a Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT) in Ontario and abroad. Most recently she served at Native Child and Family Services of Toronto (NCFST) as a Child and Family therapist.

In addition, Sarah works as a facilitator and therapist at The Mindfulness Clinic, The Centre for Mindfulness Studies, Outward Bound Canada and Mindfulness Without Borders, where she utilizes her training in Mindfulness-based interventions (MBIs) including extensive training in Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy (MBCT).

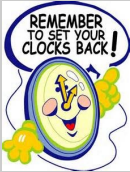







Sarah teaches classes, workshops and retreats in Canada and abroad, aiming to make each experience unique and accessible to all learners.



Congratulations Cross Country Cobras!

The Cross Country Running Team trained really hard this year. They had practices almost every day at lunch for the month of September. Their hard work paid off at Areas on Oct. 1st when they made our school proud. The following students advanced to the Regionals on Oct. 10th: Mateo, David, Ciente, Aparna, Hope, Cameo, Dante and Shaquan. They competed against 22 of the other best schools in York Region and did a great job! Congratulations to all the members of the team and thanks to the coaches, Mr. Milette and Mrs. Hempseed. Go Cobras!!!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Bookfair November 12-18						
2 	3 Photo Day for Class Pictures and Retake Day	4 Gr. 6 VIP	5 Grade 8's Visit Maple High	6	7 Kindergartens to Community Safety Village	8
9	10	11 Remembrance Day Assembly	12 Progress Reports Go Home 	13 Interview Night  HAPPY POPCORN DAY! 	14 Interview Day PA Day No School 	15
16	17 Gr 4 Medieval Presentation "Blades of Glory" 	18 	19 School Council Meeting 7pm	20 Gr 6 Scanlon Creek	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28  HAPPY POPCORN DAY!	29

Coming up in ...

- Dec 4 - Primary (K-3) Math Night
- Dec 12, 19 - Popcorn Days
- Dec 19 - Last Day of School
- Dec 22-Jan 2 - Winter Holidays
- Jan 5 - Back to School

Will your child be late or absent?

Be sure to call the school before
8:15am to let us know.

You can also leave a
message anytime at
(905) 832-4922.

