

Service Dog at MAPS

This ebulletin is to inform you that there may be a service dog, a hypoallergenic standard poodle, in our school assisting one of our students.

This dog is a highly trained working dog for the student and is able to assist in many of the routine activities which may pose some challenges for the student. The service dog will help the student by increasing their independence in our school.

There will be an assembly at the school to integrate the service dog into our daily routines and all of our students will be instructed as to the proper procedure regarding the dog. They will be informed that the service dog is a working dog and not a pet while at school. Therefore, students will not pet or play with the dog.

We look forward to the service dog increasing the independence of the student. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Should you wish further information or would like to speak about the possible entry of a service dog into the school setting, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

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PETS

Only certified and approved service dogs are to be coming into the school or onto the playground.

Grade 8 Open House at Huron Heights

The new date for the Grade 8 Open House at Huron Heights is **Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 6:30 PM.** The previous date interfered with the Parent- teacher interview night for elementary schools.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



November 9 at 10:30.

Our assembly will be on Friday,

Parent Teacher Interviews - online booking

If you haven't already created an Edsby account, please do so by Wednesday, November 7. We will open bookings up to parents on Friday, November 9. It is a very useful tool because you are able to see all available interview blocks and it allows you to book and then edit if you need to change the interview.

If you have difficulty creating an account, please email me directly.

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EQAO

We have recently received our EQAO results from the spring testing with our grade 6s. The results are shown below. Math remains our focus for improvement..

Grade 6 Assessment Results

(Percent Levels 3 and 4)

	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Writing</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>
Mount Albert P.S.	82	80	49
York Region	88	88	61
Ontario	85	76	45

FLU SEASON IS HERE

Get the flu shot as early as possible



The first and best step to preventing the flu (or influenza), is to **get the flu shot every year**. The flu spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others and anyone can get it. Getting the flu shot can protect you, your family and those around you.

Students may be at higher risk of getting the flu as they come together in close public spaces including the classroom, gymnasium, lunch room and library.

The flu shot is especially important for students who have a chronic condition (e.g. asthma, diabetes) or those who live with or have close contact with a pregnant woman, kids less than five years old, or a resident of a nursing home or other chronic care facility since these groups are at higher risk of getting very sick or being hospitalized because of the flu.

Flu shots are **free** and are readily available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

In addition to getting the flu shot annually, here are some other health tips that can help prevent the spread of the flu:

- Wash your hands well and often with either soap and water or alcohol based hand rub
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze (if you do not have a tissue, cough into your upper sleeve)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Stay home when you're sick
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and shared items

It's important to get the flu shot as early as possible as it can take nearly **two weeks** for the influenza vaccine to take full effect.

To learn more about flu and flu vaccine, visit york.ca/flu.

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