



# Nellie McClung P.S.



## Administrator's Message

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Nellie McClung staff continue to work with students to improve all aspects of the curriculum by providing descriptive feedback. **Descriptive feedback** may be verbal or in writing, and are encouraging statements that indicate what a student has done well, based on the expectation or learning goal, followed by a prompt which explains one or two steps a student needs to apply to improve his/her work. Teachers will work with students incrementally to improve work. In this way students may not feel overwhelmed with corrections and new learning may be long-lasting.

**Perseverance is April's character trait and is defined as:**

**“Setting our own standards and striving to surpass them is our road to success”**

### EQAO Testing

EQAO tests will be administered to Grade 3 & 6 students between **May 25th and June 5th**. We will map out the specific days as we get closer to the testing period and we will share them with the community. We will be asking participating families to **please avoid scheduling appointments and absences during these times as making up testing activities is difficult to plan for.** We certainly want our students to give their very best efforts on these assessment activities and ask that you encourage them as well. Please note the tests are based on the curriculum taught over the entire year and not a specific topic. In other words, students will be applying skills and knowledge that they have acquired to date and really reflect learning from Kindergarten to present.



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**EQAO Testing for Grade 3 students  
May 25th - June 5th**



### Bicycles, Skateboards and Scooters It's That Time of Year Again



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Common sense should always be the prevailing approach to any activity, and this is no different with the use of bicycles, roller blades, skateboards, and scooters. Please wear a CSA approved helmet and take care and be respectful of pedestrians, other cyclists and motorists. **No riding or use of these items on school property.**

### Upcoming Dates

Apr 8.....Day of Pink  
Apr 20-26.....Pitch-in Canada Week  
Apr 23rd and 29th..... Spring Concert  
Apr 30th ..... Yearbook cover contest due

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## Common Sense Safety for Children



It's spring and children are out and about and more active in the community. Greater visibility means increased exposure to outside risks. Please remind children to be vigilant about their own safety when they are unsupervised and outside of the home. Encourage your children to remember some common-sense personal safety rules:

- Never to approach or enter a vehicle of someone they do not know.
- Never to accept gifts from people they do not know.
- Always keep you informed as to his/her whereabouts. Never enter someone else's home without your permission.
- Always play in safe areas and never take shortcuts when traveling from one place to another.
- If your child thinks he/she is being followed they should run and get help immediately, run home or go to the nearest public place and yell for help.
- How to contact you and use '911' to contact the police, fire department, or ambulance in the event of an emergency. *(Courtesy of York Regional Police)*

**Let's work together to help children enjoy outdoor activities safely.**

## Day Of Pink

April 8th is the Day of Pink which is the International Day against bullying, discrimination, homophobia and transphobia in schools and communities. At Nellie McClung PS, we will find an appropriate way to engage students, staff and community members to promote the Day of Pink at our school. Students are encouraged to wear shades of pink to school on April 8th to support anti-bullying and anti-discrimination.

## ECO TIP

### Share With Friends

Share things like books, magazines, movies, games, and newspapers between friends and neighbours.



Pitch-in Canada began in British Columbia, Canada in 1967 after a group of concerned citizens noticed an increasing amount of litter around their communities and shorelines. This was a great success and many other people followed. Once word spread across Canada, communities all over were participating in this event during Earth Week. Each year, more and more communities keep piling up litter to help keep our country and clean and safe place. At Nellie McClung, we will participate in this event during Earth Week 2015 (April 21-24).

## Me to We - We Create Change

Children under the age of 13 make up 1/3 of the worlds extreme poor. We can make a change. Please bring in your toonies for "We Create Change" 25 toonies provides a goat for a family overseas to help them create a sustainable income changing their lives for the better.

Mavericks we can do this. Let's make a change!!!!



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### Scent Free Environment

The York Region District School Board is committed to a safe, healthy and respectful workplace and learning environment for staff, students, and all other persons who are invited to or who work on Board property. Exposure to fragrances or scented products can trigger serious health reactions in individuals who suffer from asthma, allergies and migraine or chemical sensitivities. Staff, students and all other persons who are invited to or who work on Board property are asked to be considerate of those who are sensitive to fragrant chemicals by voluntarily refraining from using scented products and replacing them with unscented alternatives.

## **Nellie McClung PS School Touchstone**

At Nellie McClung our voices are heard

Multiculturalism and diversity sculpt the face of our community  
Through our eyes we appear different, but deep down we are all the same

We are responsible for our actions, words, and learning

The world is our home; we treat it with kindness and respect

We are a second family and accept people for who they are

Bullying is not an option

We are global citizens, believing one school can make a difference

Setting our own standards and striving to surpass them is our road to success

We cherish all the possibilities

There are no limits

Like Nellie McClung, we believe in standing up for what's right

**WE ARE THE MAVERICKS!!**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **Re: Student Busing Eligibility**

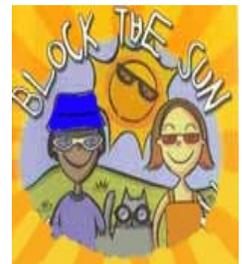
Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grade 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](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)



With the warmer weather approaching please send children prepared to play outside in the sun:



- Water bottles
- Hats/Sunglasses
- Sun Block

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# Parent Corner

## Planning Ahead

We are now in the early stages of planning for next year. If you are moving or plan to be moving over the coming months, please be sure to let the office know as we are already planning for our students and staff.

## Emergency Information

If you have a change in home phone number, work numbers or emergency contact information, please be sure to let the school secretaries know so that we can update our records accordingly.



## Need help with homework?

“Ask a Teacher” offers FREE online tutoring with certified teachers five nights a week and even has a free essay feedback service. Go to this website [www.ilc.org](http://www.ilc.org) and your child can register and receive this free service. The Independent Learning Centre is funded by the Ministry of Education to provide an alternative source of public education in Ontario.



“We would love to help at school but we both work and don’t have time. We feel guilty about not being involved”

You don’t have to be a volunteer to be involved in your child’s education. Research shows that learning at home is one of the beneficial ways to help your child succeed. **Tips: Show an interest, make everyday an opportunity to learn, work and play together, and help them find math everywhere.**

I really want to help but I don’t understand what the teacher expects. When I went to school we didn’t do it like that.

You don’t need to know how to do the homework to help. When teachers and parents are on the same page students do better in school.

**Tips: Praise successes, give them the confidence to seek help from the teacher.**

Resource: Council of Ontario Directors of Education

# Yearbook News

A **Consent form** and **Order form** will be sent home in April for all parents to sign in order for their child to be included in our school yearbook.

Our yearbook cover contest is underway. All students are welcome to submit an 8 1/2 by 11 cover to Mr. Raha by April 30th. A group of teachers will be on the judging committee. The winner will be announced at a later date.



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