



# Nellie McClung P.S.



## Administrator's Message

Principal Mrs. W. Thompson Interim Vice-Principal Ms K. Birnie

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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 target, 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.

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

**"Fairness is being equal in provision, in opportunity or in result."**

### EQAO Testing

EQAO tests will be administered to Grade 3 & 6 students between **May 23rd and June 6th**. 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 effort 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.



### 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.**

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**Superintendent: Sharon List**

**Trustee: Joel Hertz**

All parents are welcome to our next **School Council Meetings**. April date to be communicated soon.

**EQAO Testing for Grade 3 students  
May 23rd - June 6th**



### Upcoming Dates

Apr.6.....Holiday "Good Friday"  
Apr.9.....Holiday "Easter Monday"  
Apr.10.....Hoops for the Heart Assembly  
Apr.10.....Jump Rope for Heart Assembly  
Apr.11.....Gr. 2's Burlington Outdoor Ed  
Apr.16.....Roy Thompson Hall Field Trip  
Apr.17.....Gr.7's Hep B & Meningitis  
Apr.17.....Gr'8 females HPV  
Apr.20.....Dental Screening(JK/SK/2/8)  
Apr.24.....Gr. 4's/5's Scientist in the School  
Apr.25.....Parent Social Networking Meeting  
Apr.27.....Community Class Filed Trip  
Apr.30.....Character Assembly "Fairness"  
Apr.3-Jun.26 (Tues's only)..... Sub Day  
Mon/Wed/Thurs.....Milk Days  
Mar.21-Jun.27 (Wed's only).....Pizza Day

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## Character Matters!

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### Be active.

Youth gain physical and mental health benefits when they participate in regular physical activity. Regular physical activity in childhood and adolescence improves strength and endurance, helps build healthy bones and muscles, helps control weight, reduces anxiety and stress, increases self-esteem, and may improve blood pressure and cholesterol levels. Positive experiences with physical activity at a young age also help lay the basis for being physically active throughout life.

### Eat healthy foods.

You can help children learn to be aware of what they eat by developing healthy eating habits, looking for ways to make favourite dishes healthier, and reducing calorie-rich temptations. To help your child maintain a healthy weight, balance the calories your child consumes from foods and beverages with the calories your child uses through physical activity and normal growth.

### Get immunizations.

Vaccines aren't just for babies. As kids get older, the protection provided by some of the vaccines given during childhood can begin to wear off. Older kids can also develop risks for certain infections as they enter the preteen and teen years. The preteen and teen vaccines not only help protect them, but also their friends, community and family members. Also, make sure that children's vaccinations are up to date. When traveling with children, outside of the country and for recommendations for specific countries, don't forget to check the destinations page for the region you are traveling to.

This year Earth Hour took place on March 31st at 8:30 pm. Make some time this week leading up to Lights Off/Monitors Off Hour to help raise our students' awareness around renewable energy resources, global warming, and how they can reduce their carbon footprint. Check out the following resources for more information and ideas:



<http://www.resources4rethinking.ca/>  
<http://www.wwf.ca/earthhour/>  
<http://www.lightsoutcanada.tpweb.ca/>  
<http://www.earthhour.org/>  
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/policy/readySetGreen.pdf>  
<http://www.earthday.ca/pub/assets/pdfs/CAN/SchoolsCAN.pdf>



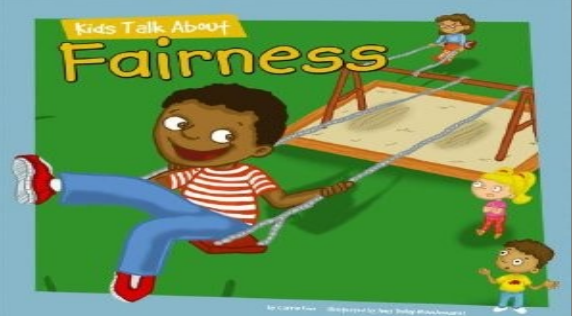
With the warmer weather approaching please send children prepared to play outside in the sun:



- Water bottles
- Hats/Sunglasses
- Sun Block

## Fairness

We are sensitive to the needs of each individual.  
 We treat each other as we wish to be treated ourselves. We interact with others without stereotyping, prejudice or discrimination.  
 We stand up for human rights.



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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.**

## SIXTEENTH AVENUE P.S.

### SUMMER INSTITUTE

400 Sixteenth Ave.

Richmond Hill, 905-884-8423 ext. 163

Email: [sixteenth.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:sixteenth.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

<http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/pdfs/w/pplus/si/2011-16thAvePSRegistration.pdf>

## ECO TIP

### Share With Friends

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



Over the past nine years, York Regional Police in partnership with our community has commemorated International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The event commemorates the Sharpsville Massacre in which 69 people lost their lives during a confrontation with South African Police in Sharpsville, South Africa on March 21, 1960 after peacefully protesting Apartheid laws.

In years past, partnerships with our communities in these events have provided us numerous opportunities to stand together and collectively speak out against racism, discrimination and hatred in all its ugly forms. These events have also highlighted on stage performances, ethno-cultural community booths, displays, music and food reflective of our connections to various regions of the world while at the same time showcasing our pluralism and the values and principles that unite us as Canadians.

As York Regional Police prepares for this year's upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event themed "Celebrating our Community", we invite you, along with family friends, and staff to join us in celebration. Admission is free and all are welcome.

This year's event will take place on **Sunday, April 15, 2012** from 12pm to 4pm at Milliken Mills High School located at 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, Ontario.

Please RSVP to the Diversity and Cultural Resources Bureau at 1-866-876-5423 ext. 6028 or email [diversity@yrp.ca](mailto:diversity@yrp.ca), should you require any further information.

We thank you most kindly for your consideration of this request and look forward to seeing you on April 15.  
Respectfully,

*Ricky Veerappan*

*Inspector #545*

*Diversity & Cultural Resources Bureau*

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### 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.

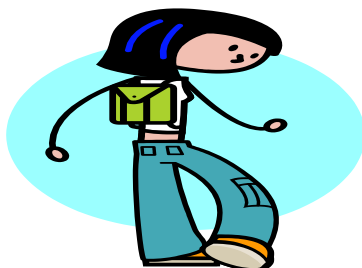
### Emergency Information

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.



### Parent Corner

“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

Dear Parents,

We are currently putting together Nellie McClung's first yearbook. The yearbook contains class photos, as well as candid photos of many students in the school. If you have any concerns with your child's photo being displayed in the yearbook, please call the school to speak with Mrs. Rak (905) 303-8113 ext. 186.

Our yearbook cover contest is underway. All students are welcome to submit an 8 1/2 x 11 cover to Mrs. Rak by April 9th, 2012. A group of teachers will be on the judging committee. The winner will be announced on April 20th.



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are proud to present...*

# Summer

## ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY CAMP

### Introducing...

# MOVIE TIME

*Students will learn to use **Assistive Technology** tools to organize, story board, script, edit, and produce their own movie. Combining words with images, sound and video, students are trained in the use of multimedia to express their ideas in a way that matches their preferred learning style.*



### Students:

### Parents:

#### Hands-on Learning:

- Hands-on learning with Assistive Technology and Multi-media software
- ⇒ One computer per participant
- Individual attention
- ⇒ Use technology to build academic skills

#### Learning Strategies:

- Writing
- Reading comprehension
- Research
- Attention/Self-monitoring
- Building Self-esteem
- Developing advocacy skills

#### Discussion Around:

- IPRCs and Individual Education Plans (IEP)
- Specialized Equipment Amount claims (SEA)
- Advocacy
- Struggles/Personal Support

#### Overview of LDs:

- LD resources
- LD success story
- Presentation of Assistive Technologies
- Working with the School System
- Constructive advocacy for your child

Find us on the [web](http://www.ldayr.org) or call to register

**1.866.324.9155**

**416.423.1441**

**[www.ldayr.org](http://www.ldayr.org)**

Students  
Grades 4  
through  
High School

**Date:**

Full day  
August  
20th – 23rd  
9am -3pm

**Location:**  
Richmond Hill

**Cost:**

\$475 for  
students

\$425 for  
LDA  
members

Full day  
Parent  
sessions are  
**FREE**

**SMART**  
Technologies

**WordQ**

**Kurzweil 3000**  
-read, write, speak

**Windows Live  
Movie Maker**

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## SAFE ARRIVAL FOR STUDENTS

It is important that students arrive on time before the bell in order to be in class for attendance. Attendance is taken at 9:10 a.m. and students who are not present will be marked absent and a phone call is made home. If your child is going to be late or absent from school, please CALL THE SCHOOL AT 905-303-8113 AND PRESS 6 TO LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ATTENDANCE LINE. Please include the students full name, teacher name, and the reason for the absence. Parents and visitors must report to the office when entering the school. Every visitor is asked to sign-in and wear a visitor's badge. If your child is being picked up by someone else other than parents/guardians, the office requires a note or a phone call with the name of the person coming into the school.

## ***Your Comments, Concerns or Compliments....***

If you have any comments or suggestions about our school, please write in the space below.

Comments:

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Please print your name and your child's name in the space provided.

Parent's Name

Child's Name

Grade

Teacher

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<b>Sunday</b> <b>April 1</b>  <b>April Fool's Day</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b> <b>April 2</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>April 3</b>  <b>Sub Day (first day)</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>April 4</b>  <b>Pizza Day</b> <b>Milk Day</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>April 5</b>  <b>Milk Day</b>	<b>Friday</b> <b>April 6</b>  <b>Good Friday</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>April 7</b>  <b>Passover Begins</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>April 8</b>  <b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b> <b>April 9</b>  <b>Easter Monday</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>April 10</b>  <b>Sub Day</b>  Hoops for the Heart Assembly  Jump Rope for Heart Assembly	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>April 11</b>  <b>Pizza Day</b> <b>Milk Day</b>  Gr. 2's Burlington Outdoor Education	<b>Thursday</b> <b>April 12</b>  <b>Milk Day</b>	<b>Friday</b> <b>April 13</b>  <b>Passover Ends</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>April 14</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>April 15</b>	<b>Monday</b> <b>April 16</b>  <b>Milk Day</b>  Roy Thompson Hall Field Trip	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>April 17</b>  <b>Sub Day</b>  Gr.7's Hep B & Meningitis  Gr'8 females HPV	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>April 18</b>  <b>Pizza Day</b> <b>Milk Day</b>  Junior Boys Basketball qualifiers	<b>Thursday</b> <b>April 19</b>  <b>Yom HaShoah</b>  Earth Day Activities	<b>Friday</b> <b>April 20</b>  <b>Dental Screening</b> (JK/SK/2's/8's)	<b>Saturday</b> <b>April 21</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>April 22</b>  <b>Earth Day</b>	<b>Monday</b> <b>April 23</b>  <b>Milk Day</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>April 24</b>  <b>Sub Day</b>  Gr. 4's/5's Scientist in the School	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>April 25</b>  <b>Pizza Day</b> <b>Milk Day</b>  Parent Social Networking Meeting 7:00	<b>Thursday</b> <b>April 26</b>  <b>Milk Day</b>	<b>Friday</b> <b>April 27</b>  Community Class Filed Trip	<b>Saturday</b> <b>April 28</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>April 29</b>	<b>Monday</b> <b>April 30</b>  <b>Milk Day</b>  Character Assembly "Fairness"	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>May 1</b>  <b>Sub Day</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>May 2</b>  <b>Pizza Day</b> <b>Milk Day</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>May 3</b>  <b>Milk Day</b>	<b>Friday</b> <b>May 4</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>May 5</b>