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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.

“Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after another.”

EQAO Testing

EQAO tests will be administered to Grade 3 & 6 students between **May 27th and June 7th**. 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.



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: J. Parappally

Trustee: Joel Hertz

All parents are welcome to our next **School Council Meeting on April 3rd**

**EQAO Testing for Grade 3 students
May 27th - June 7th**



Upcoming Dates

- Apr. 3.....School Council Meeting
- Apr. 4.....Character Assembly
- Apr.9.....Gr'8 females HPV
- Apr.9/15/16...Com. Safety Village (KG)
- Apr.11.....Com. Safety Village (Gr 3)
- Apr. 12.....Hoops/Jump Rope Kick Off
- Apr 15-May 3...Swim to survive (Gr 3)
- Apr.16/17...Scientists in the School (Gr 3)
- Apr.17.....Gr.7's Hep B & Meningitis
- Apr.22/23.....BORC trip-Gr 2
- Apr.24/25.....BORC trip-Gr 4
- Apr.25..... Scientists in the School (Gr 5)
- Apr.27.....Community Class Filed Trip
- Apr. 29/30.....BORC trip-Gr 7
- Apr 10-June 20 (Wed/Thurs)...Milk Days
- Mar.21-Jun.27 (Wed's only)...Pizza Day

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Character Matters!

- Respect**
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- Courage**
- Empathy**
- Optimism**
- Initiative**
- Honesty**
- Fairness**
- Integrity**
- Perseverance**

Scent Free Environment

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NMPS 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

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. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com

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

- Water bottles
- Hats/Sunglasses
- Sun Block



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.

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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 10th 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 7, 2013 from 11 am to 3pm at the Markham Event Theatre located at 95 Duffield Drive, Markham, Ontario. Please RSVP to the Diversity and Cultural Resources Bureau at 1-866-876-5423 ext. 6028 or email 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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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 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 Mrs. Scott by April 8th, 2013. A group of teachers will be on the judging committee. The winner will be announced later in April.



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LSL Summer Technology Camp

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MOVIE TIME!

An interactive and exciting experience for both campers age 8-16 and their parents! Using Assistive Technology to enhance your child's learning style while producing your very own short film! Campers will enjoy the opportunity to create their very own movie! From story-boarding to scripting, filming and editing. By the end of their camp experience, they will have created a work of art that they can be proud of!

"Not only was it a fun and exciting week for both my child and I, I really feel like I have true understanding of his LD and the tools and knowledge to help him. It was honestly one of the most important weeks of my life!"
Wanda, Assisitve Technology Camp 2012

STUDENTS:

Hands-on Learning:

Hands-on learning with Assistive Technology and Multimedia 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

PARENTS:

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

PRICE
\$225

WHEN

August 26-30
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

WHERE

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As with all of our programs, registration is required. Our groups and workshops are open to all members of the community regardless of cultural, religious and/or racial background. For more information or to register please call Shawna Sidney at 416-638-7800 Ext # 6215 or go to our website at www.jfandcs.com.

HIGH CONFLICT DIVORCE- A workshop for parents wanting to develop strategies and techniques to deal with a High Conflict situation and help to lessen the impact of that conflict on their children. This workshop requires **active participation** and is not for individuals in an abusive situation. **Thursday April 4/13 at 4600 Bathurst St. – Lipa Green Centre from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

BEYOND THE CHUPPAH, BECOMING A COUPLE- A five session Marriage Preparation group for couples who are going to be married in the next year. Topics include: Changing roles and expectations, finances, conflict negotiation and resolution, communication, and Jewish home and family life. This program is offered in partnership with the Rabbinical Assembly- Ontario Region. **Thursday April 4/13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.**

LOOKING AHEAD- A six session group for newly separated or divorced individuals who are dealing with the initial feelings of loss, anger, loneliness and wanting to let go of the past and move forward. **Tuesday April 16/13 at 4600 Bathurst St – Lipa Green Centre from 7 to 9 p.m.**

MIND, BODY, CONNECTION for Women: Join us in an 8 session group for women who want to learn mindfulness and meditation in a safe and supportive group setting. Topics will include: stress and anxiety reduction, connecting with your mind and body, enhancing your self worth and self esteem, and learning about general relaxation and happiness. **Wednesday April 27/13 at 35 Madison Ave from 3 to 4:30 p.m. OR Thursday April 25/13 at 4600 Bathurst St- Lipa Green Centre from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

WIDOW/WIDOWERS 65+ BEREAVEMENT- A six session daytime group for men and women over 65 years who have recently lost a partner or spouse. Topics to be discussed may include: coping with grief, living with loneliness, changing relationships, and new beginnings. **Thursday April 18/13 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at 4600 Bathurst St- Lipa Green Centre.**

YOUNGER WIDOW/WIDOWER BEREAVEMENT GROUP- A six session discussion series for individuals **60 and under** who have recently lost a spouse. Topics include: coping with grief, living with loneliness and new beginnings. **Tuesday April 23/13 at 4600 Bathurst St- Lipa Green Centre. from 7:30 to 9 p.m.**

New- UNDERSTANDING EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING IN CHILDREN WITH ADHD & LEARNING DISABILITIES - A one session workshop for parents or professionals who want to learn more about the nature of executive functioning and higher order thinking skills, the difficulty children may have regulating themselves, and suggestions on how to support kids with these issues. **Wednesday April 24/13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at - 4600 Bathurst St.- Lipa Green Centre**

ADULT CHILDREN LOSING A PARENT- A six session group for adult children who have recently lost a parent. Topics include: coping with grief, loss and legacy and resolving unfinished business. **Tuesday April 30/13 at 4600 Bathurst St.- Lipa Green Centre. from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

Sincerely,

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