



Nellie McClung P.S.



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We were very pleased to see all of you at the student-led evening/day. Communication between home and school is extremely important in order to support student learning and student achievement.

Communication about student achievement should be continuous throughout the year and should include, in addition to the report card, such things as parent-student conferences, interviews, phone calls, communication through students' agendas, parent signature on assignments and tests, and review of rubrics.

Communication about student achievement should be designed to provide detailed information that will encourage students to set goals for learning, help teachers to establish plans for teaching, and assist parents in supporting learning at home.

Studies show that students perform better in school when their parents are involved in their education. Effective ways in which parents can support student learning include: attending parent-teacher interviews, participating in parent workshops and school council activities, and encouraging students to complete their assignments.

Throughout the school year, parents have the opportunity to meet with their child's classroom teacher. Some of these opportunities will be casual, while others will be more formal.

In mid February, your child will bring home his/her first term Provincial Report Card. The Provincial Report Card is only one of several means used by teachers for reporting student achievement to parents and students.

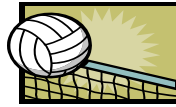
It has been a busy and productive autumn and we are getting close to the holidays.

December is a time of celebration and we are looking forward to seeing you at our Recognition Assemblies where we celebrate student achievement. On behalf of the staff at Nellie McClung P.S., we wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Whatever you celebrate at this time of year, we hope it is fun and special for you and your family, and we thank you for all of your support thus far.



Our First Athletic Victory!



The Intermediate Boys and Girls volleyball teams had fantastic seasons. All of our Mavericks demonstrated commitment, perseverance and sports like behaviour throughout the season. Both Intermediate Volleyball teams did very well during the practice season and played hard during the Area Qualifier Tournament. The Boys team had some thrilling matches and finished first in the round robin games. They finished third overall. The Girls team played strong and finished second in their round robin, but lost a heartbreaking match in the semi-final. Excellent season and congratulations to both teams.

Go Mavericks Go!



A special thank you to Mr. Bartolomeo and Mr. Raha for coaching our teams to achieve success.



Indoor Shoes



Please consider footwear that can be reserved for indoor wear only (usually running shoes). This will help keep feet dry and warm and the classrooms clean as we approach the winter season.

Upcoming Dates

- Dec.3.....School Council Meeting
- Dec 4.....JK-4 Performance
- Dec 4 Math Night
- Dec 10, 11 & 12... Cookie Sales
- Dec.22.....Winter Break begins
- Jan. 5, 2015.....Back to school
- Jan. 19, 2015....School Council Meeting

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The library would like to thank everyone very much for supporting our Scholastic Book Fair. It has been a great success. Through our sales we have earned over \$4000 to put towards our library.



Initiative

is our Character trait for the month of December.

Kindergarten Registrations

Kindergarten registration begins January 16, 2015. Any child born in 2011 should be registered for Junior Kindergarten. Registration will not be on a first come, first serve basis.

To register, please provide the following:

1. Birth certificate or Passport
2. Proof of residence

If you own your home:

Utility bill (Enbridge or Power Stream) & the MPAC Property Assessment tax form

If you rent your home:

Legal rental agreement & child tax benefit



French Immersion

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Ventura Park P.S. on January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 16, 2015.

Remembrance Day—Thank you!!

A huge thank you to all who contributed to our very sensitive and thoughtful 2014 Remembrance Day ceremony. Special thanks to each class for their artistic contributions.

LUNCH OPTIONS

The School Council has engaged in deep conversation about lunch options for our children. For the Winter Session we are offering a new Sushi option, a second pizza day and instead of Lunch Lady we will now be using Kids Kitchen as this company was



able to offer lunch on a new day (see Council minutes for more information).

Monday	Pizza
Tuesday	Sub
Wednesday	Kids Kitchen
Thursday	Pizza
Friday	Sushi

Council will send out a lunch survey soon so we can make final decisions about lunch options for the Spring Session (March to June). Please watch for the survey in 2015.

Illness and Appointments

Thank you to all parents who call in or send in a note if their child is to be away ill or at an appointment. It is also important that parents with ill children keep them home to avoid spreading any contagious germs. Thank you for your cooperation.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

York Region District School Board has instructed all schools to ensure that any adults coming into our building to volunteer (even for a day) or going on a school trip are required to get a **Vulnerable Sector Screening** from the York Region Police Department. The following link provides information and a printable form to complete the process:

<http://www.yrp.ca/pvsc.aspx> .

Before you go for this document please contact the school's office so we can provide you with a YRDSB letter to waive the fee. Once the school has a Vulnerable Sector Screening, we will keep it on file to enable you to volunteer; the final part of the process from year-to-year will be signing an Annual Offence Declaration form.

Friendly Reminder:

If you are signing out your child early, please send a note to the teacher so that your child will be waiting in the office for you. If you're not able to send a note, please call the office before 3pm as we do not like to interrupt classes. after 3pm.

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LEARNING SKILLS HONOUR ROLL

Kaitlin Y	Ilana M
Paige T	Leah S
Leona T	Lauren B
Rebecca A	Maria T
Jaden S	Cate W
Sabina G	Naomi R
Shani S	Alison K
Daniel J	Mishel F
Benjamin P	Maya G
Libby A	Noah B
Jerah G	Joseph C
Daniel J	Julian C
Elizaveta P	Sloane Z
Aidan M	Jordyn B
Lucas H	Jackson B
Brandon L	Tatyana G
Eden L	Isabella S
Kelly G	Micaela H
Danielle Z	Andrew H
Nicole P	Emma S
Yuli S	Chelsea K
Martin T	Julia K
Ava W	Emma S
Eman K	Michal F
Agam L	Maysa A
Lily W	Sadie G
Jordan R	



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Nellie McClung 2014 Holiday Food Drive!



Nellie McClung School Council is pleased to announce that Nellie McClung P.S. is teaming up with Humanity First Canada and will sponsor a food drive this coming Holiday Season. All non-perishable items are welcome! However, kids are encouraged to take an active role in this collaborative community initiative and try to bring the most needed items. For every food item brought, students will enter in the draw to become the "Nellie McClung Ambassador". Twenty chosen students will go on a very special Nellie McClung mission to the local food bank run by Humanity First Canada.



Humanity First
FOOD BANK
Help fight hunger by supporting Humanity First Food Bank.

Humanity First Food Bank offers emergency and short term support to the low-income individuals and families living in York region and GTA. Humanity First Food Bank helps people in need of food support by providing monthly food hampers. We also provide free home delivery service to those who have no transportation means or are physically challenged. Humanity First also assists clients of shelters, neighbourhood centers, unemployment referrals and referrals from religious centers.



"A Kid Like Me" Campaign Now Until December 12th

Our Campaign will work together with the "Holiday Heroes" campaign started by the York Regional Police in 2008. 100% of the donations directly support the children from our community who are in need.

We all do our best to nurture social responsibility in our children. The inaugural "A Kid Like Me" Campaign at Nellie McClung gives us a chance to pull together, involve our kids, and help those less fortunate in our community. On behalf of our kids and those less fortunate, we hope you can help make this Campaign and its goal a success. Let's help our children help children, making our community a happier place for the holidays.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.

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ECO TIP

As part of our initiative to be certified as an Eco School, we will be adding in an eco tip and some information about some eco things we are doing at Nellie. We are selling reusable water bottles!

ECO TIP:

It takes a lot of energy to produce bottled water! Drink tap water instead.

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Nellie McClung continue to partner with a company called Think Recycle. Think Recycle recycles unwanted electronics including cell phones and inkjet cartridges. We receive compensation for each item we recycle. As well, for every 24 qualifying items that we recycle, the company plants a tree in our school's name.

Bring in your old ink cartridges and cell phones to our school and drop them off in the box near the office. Our goal is to be an environmentally friendly school. Through this initiative, we will be saving the landfill from these items, earning money for our school and helping the environment.

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## Cold Weather Guidelines as the Temperatures Drop

*Students need to come to school dressed to play outside during recesses (i.e., hats, scarf, gloves/mittens, boots, etc.). It is advisable for children to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet. Being physically active during late fall and winter is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle.*

*The school administration keeps a close eye on weather conditions, including wind chill. When conditions necessitate, students will remain inside for recess. When conditions allow, reduced outdoor recesses may take place.*

**If a student is well enough to attend school, then they will be expected to go outside for recess.**

*We would ask that parents be sensitive to the demands placed on our secretary and not call the school to inquire about indoor recess, but rather that parents send their children dressed for outdoor winter play.*

## SNOW RULES

The time has come to review some of the rules around safety involving snow.

Packed snow poses many hazards including embedded grit and loose debris which can cause injury, heavy packed snow can also result in injury.

Our expectations/rules are few and simple:

1. All snow stays on the ground (no snowballs at all)
2. Snow can be moved to create snow forts, snowmen and snow angels
3. The construction of the aforementioned structures will be respected by all and
4. no knocking down or destruction by others.



These expectations/rules are repeatedly reviewed on the announcements, by the classroom teachers and school assistants.



## **Stay on Your Feet This Winter!**

Now that winter is almost here, it is critical that staff be particularly vigilant on icy and snow-covered pathways and parking lots and on wet floors.

To stay on your feet during inclement weather, the following techniques are suggested to reduce your chances of slipping:

- wear slip resistant footwear, appropriate for the weather. Leather soled shoes and high heeled shoes or boots are especially hazardous in winter.
- When getting in and out of a vehicle, always keep at least one hand on the handle or grab bar so you can catch yourself if you start to slip
- Don't hurry when conditions are likely to be slippery (take short steps)
- Check the bottom of your feet every time you enter a building and dry them in doormats at the entrance
- Don't carry items that will obstruct your vision

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## Weather Watch

All students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 are expected to go out for every recess unless the principal or vice-principal decides that weather conditions are so poor that it would be detrimental for them to be outdoors. Students are to come to school ready for winter and prepared to be outdoors up to 40 minutes after lunch. **We always monitor the weather and, in extreme conditions e.g. wind chill; we keep the students indoors or shorten the recess breaks.**

We often receive requests from parents asking us to keep their children indoors during recess times because they are not feeling well. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff or facilities to supervise students who are sick or still recovering from an illness. Students with heavy colds, etc., which are serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until their condition improves. This will likely benefit the students concerned and prevent the spread of this illness to others.

Please make sure that your children are dressed properly for our invigorating winter days. It is advisable for students to bring extra pants and socks. A change is often necessary due to the wet and cold weather of the winter months. To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found, please be sure to label all articles of clothing. Boots, hats, mitts/gloves, scarves, and snow pants for the younger children will help make recess an enjoyable time.

**Wind chill - Minutes to Frostbite for exposed skin (Environment Canada)**

| The following are approximate values |     |      |      |      |       |       |       |       |
|--------------------------------------|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Temperature<br>(°C)                  | -15 | -20  | -25  | -30  | -35   | -40   | -45   | -50   |
| Wind (km/h)                          |     |      |      |      |       |       |       |       |
| 10                                   | *   | *    | 22   | 15   | 10 ❖  | 8 ❖   | 7 ❖   | 2 ❖❖❖ |
| 20                                   | *   | 30   | 14   | 10 ❖ | 5 ❖❖  | 4 ❖❖  | 3 ❖❖  | 2 ❖❖❖ |
| 30                                   | *   | 18   | 11   | 8 ❖  | 5 ❖❖  | 2 ❖❖❖ | 2 ❖❖❖ | 1 ❖❖❖ |
| 40                                   | 42  | 14   | 9 ❖  | 5 ❖❖ | 5 ❖❖  | 2 ❖❖❖ | 2 ❖❖❖ | 1 ❖❖❖ |
| 50                                   | 27  | 12   | 8 ❖  | 5 ❖❖ | 2 ❖❖❖ | 2 ❖❖❖ | 2 ❖❖❖ | 1 ❖❖❖ |
| 60                                   | 22  | 10 ❖ | 7 ❖  | 5 ❖❖ | 2 ❖❖❖ | 2 ❖❖❖ | 2 ❖❖❖ | 1 ❖❖❖ |
| 70                                   | 18  | 9 ❖  | 5 ❖❖ | 4 ❖❖ | 2 ❖❖❖ | 2 ❖❖❖ | 2 ❖❖❖ | 1 ❖❖❖ |
| 80                                   | 16  | 8 ❖  | 5 ❖❖ | 4 ❖❖ | 2 ❖❖❖ | 2 ❖❖❖ | 2 ❖❖❖ | 1 ❖❖❖ |

The wind speed, in km/h, is at the standard anemometer height of 10 metres (as reported in weather observations).

**Legend:**

- Frostbite unlikely
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- Frostbite possible in 2 minutes or less
2 ❖❖❖
- Frostbite possible in 3 to 5 minutes
5 ❖❖
- Frostbite possible in 6 to 10 minutes
10 ❖

## SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATION

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 busing 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](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB on twitter.

**Please note that school bus charters will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled.**

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