



# Nellie McClung P.S.



## Administrator's Message

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

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Vaughan, Ontario  
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(905)303-8113

**June 1, 2012**

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**Superintendent: Sharon List**

**Trustee: Joel Hertz**

All parents are welcome to our  
**School Council Meeting**  
The next one is on: **TBA**



### Upcoming Dates

June 3.....Year-End School Carnival  
June 4 & 5 .....Career Fair GR 6-8  
June 13 & 14.....Area Track & Field  
June 15.....Volunteer Breakfast  
June 19...Kindy Picnic (10:30-12:30)  
June 22.....Character Assembly  
June 25.....Grade 8 Graduation  
June 28 .....Last Day of School  
(12:10 p.m. dismissal)

**HAVE AN FANTASTIC & SAFE  
SUMMER - SEE YOU IN  
SEPTEMBER!**

As the 2011-2012 academic year draws to a close we have time to reflect upon all the academic and non-academic activities that have flourished within the confines of our school. Official Opening, Spirit Days, monthly character assemblies, Junior track and field, Scientists in the School, Earth Week events, Movie Night, class trips, School Carnival, and much more have heralded the year. Academically, we continue our commitment to building balanced literacy programs that complement the myriad of learning styles of our students. This is now the opportunity to congratulate students for their diligent efforts and staff for continuing to encourage each student to achieve to his/her full potential. We wish to thank our super students, our supportive parents and our outstanding staff for a very memorable and productive year! Wishing you all a healthy and safe summer.

**Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Birnie**

**Integrity  
is June's  
character trait  
and is defined as:**

*"We are truthful  
and sincere.  
We ensure consistency  
between what we say and  
what we do as well as  
between what we believe  
and how we behave."*

With four weeks of school remaining, there is still much to cover; therefore, we expect every student to be at school ready to learn. Please keep this in mind and refrain from booking early summer vacations.

### **MELANIE AND TOMMY HAVE TWO PET RATS AND ONE SYNDROME**

On May 17th students in grades 1-6 attended a presentation called Melanie and Tommy Have Two Pet Rats and One Syndrome. Eight-year old Tommy and his 10-year old sister Melanie shared their story about Melanie's rare condition Cornelia de Lang Syndrome (CdLS). The children spoke about their life experiences and the impact Melanie's condition has had on them. The presentation was informative and well received by our students.

For more information about Melanie and Tommy and CdLS visit the website:

[www.2petrats.com](http://www.2petrats.com).



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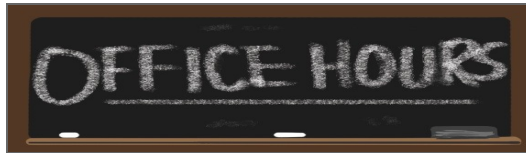
## Class Placements for September 2012

Class placement information will be available on the first day of school, September 4th. Please see any staff member outside in the yard for your child's class and teacher.

### School Summer Office Hours

The office will be closed from June 29th until August 24th, 2012. Beginning the week of August 27th, the office staff will return to work and will be accepting registrations for the coming school year.

*Students do not return to school until Tuesday, September 4, 2012.*



## Class Placements for September 2012

As our school begins the process of organizing classes for September, we appreciate parents' understanding that there is a procedure used in student placement decisions. The ultimate goal in all our efforts is to enhance student learning. We attempt to place students in the most positive learning environment possible, given each student's skills, knowledge, attitude, and work and social habits. Classes at each level are formed using the following criteria:

- \* Class sizes consistent with Ministry and board guidelines;
- \* Gender balance in each class;
- \* A range of performance levels within each class;
- \* Matching pupil learning styles with teaching strategies wherever possible;
- \* Promoting positive social relationships while minimizing unproductive associations.

**Please be aware that staffing remains tentative at this point.** Combined classes are often more the norm than the exception. **We may still need to adjust our organization again before next September.** As we get closer to the end of the school year, we have a clearer, yet tentative, picture of our organization for September. In the cases where we do have more than one class for a grade, requests for specific classes are usually difficult to accommodate, and so we ask your assistance in refraining from such requests except in extreme circumstances.

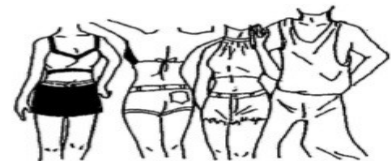
## APPROPRIATE DRESS POLICY

As the weather starts to warm up, we ask that you refer to the Appropriate Dress Policy section of the student agenda for the guidelines of what is and is not appropriate apparel for school.

### APPROPRIATE DRESS



### INAPPROPRIATE DRESS



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

- Water bottles
- Hats/Sunglasses
- Sun Block



## Integrity



Doing what is right even when it is difficult.

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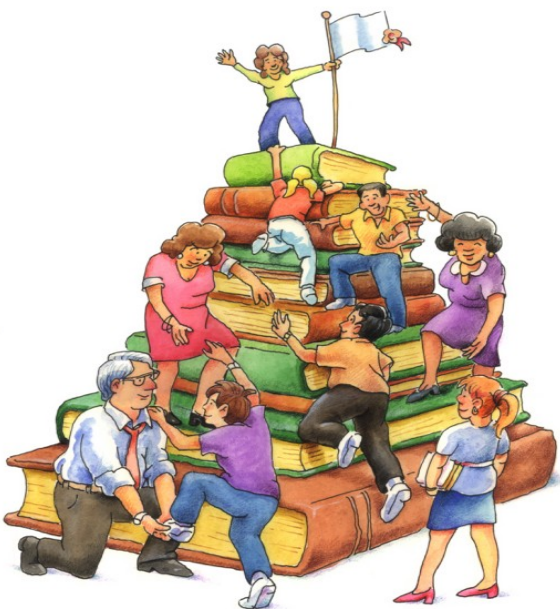
## Literacy Suggestions

Choosing “just the right books . . .”

Becoming a fluent reader means reading a lot both at home and at school. Some-times though, students aren’t reading as much as we think. Even though students often are given the time and encouragement to read independently they may be “faking” it. “Just right books are not so challenging that the students are solely occupied with figuring out words, but not so easy that they are likely not to learn any-thing new. You can tell if your child has chosen a “just right” book by listening to your child read a page or two. Here’s what to watch for:

- ◇ *The reading should be fairly smooth*
- ◇ *The child should be able to tell you what he or she read*
- ◇ *The child will have trouble with no more than two or three words on the first two pages.*
- ◇ *Your child should not appear bored.*

Children need the enjoyment and satisfaction that comes from being able to read “just right” books frequently and independently.



## ECO TIP Turn off lights!

Flipping off the light switch is one of the easiest way to start saving energy. By making this small change to your daily routine, you can reduce the amount of energy in your household and save the environment. Our constant demand for energy puts a strain on Earth’s natural resources. Be the change by turning off your lights!



## Paid School Assistants

We are looking for School Assistants at Nellie McClung P.S. for this September 2012 through to the end of June 2013. This is a paid position and the hours will be approximately 12:50 - 1:50 pm within the school day. Please call the school if you’re interested 905-303-8113.



## School Council

*A special thanks goes to the wonderful group of dedicated individuals who meet regularly throughout the school year and offered support, effort and suggestions to make our school a better place for student learning. We will be soliciting our community for new members in September. Please consider joining us.*

*Thanks to the following members of Council who worked very hard on behalf of our school community this year:*

*Mark Jacobson, Jacklyn Garber, Sonia Buk, Roman Kanter, Marjie Fazeli, Marina Avisar, Miriam Goldenberg, Carol Klait, Pooja Gulati, John Kennedy, Mike Kemper, Sheetal Jogie, Zvi Vaxman, David Lui, Gayla Ber. and an associate from Fun on the Run.*



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## Thank you to our School Assistants

We are very pleased to recognize our hard working School Assistants who supervise students eating lunch in their classrooms and monitor safe play on the playground at lunch time. A great big thank you from our students, staff and parents.



## Lost & Found Items



Please take a moment to retrieve your child's

clothing from the Lost & Found either before or after school. These items will be sent to charity on June 22, 2012.

# the schwartz/reismancentre for your life!

The new **Schwartz/Reisman centre** scheduled to open June 1, 2012 is now giving tours! Be one of the first to see the Centre and discover what we have to offer.

- ◇ Family and Individual Memberships Available
- ◇ Convenient Month to Month Memberships
- ◇ State-of-the-Art Fitness and Strength Centre – including cardiovascular and weight training
- ◇ Drop-in and pick-up sports for all ages and many other gymnasium based programs & events
- ◇ Over 70 (all inclusive) Weekly Group Fitness Classes – including Yoga, Zumba, Spin and Aquafit
- ◇ 2 Indoor and 1 Outdoor saltwater pools
- ◇ Amenities including showers, sauna, steam room
- ◇ Towel service available
- ◇ Underground parking
- ◇ Variety of cultural and community programs and events
- ◇ Children's Fun Centre / Babysitting
- ◇ Full Time Daycare and Before/After School Programs
- ◇ Personal Training
- ◇ Members Rates on registered programs such as swim lessons, karate, ceramics and more!

There are many membership options to choose from – Adult, Family, Senior, Individual, Couple etc. Come on in to discuss the best option for you.

Special incentives for all those who join before June 1, 2012.

**PLEASE CALL: 905 303 1821** (press 1) or email us at [membership@srcentre.ca](mailto:membership@srcentre.ca) for more information.



## June 28th Early Dismissal in Elementary Schools

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to student success and well-being. On **Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012** an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in staff meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan. As has been our practice over the past three years, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **12:10 p.m.** Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bussed to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.



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## Bicycles, Skateboards & Scooters

### It's That Time of Year Again

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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*The student fundraising team (grades 6-8) raised \$350 for Eric Walters' organization The Creation of Hope and it will fund their entire Rolling Hills orphanage (everything from the food the kids eat to the staff employed)*



Congratulations to our **Battle of the Books** team!!

They competed on May 11th against 9 other schools at St Robert's High School.

We came in second place!!

We are very proud of *Miryam* and *Jennie* in grade 6, *Ian*,  
and *Sabina* in grade 5, *Leor* and *Nicole* in grade 4.

A special thank you goes to *Anna* and *Kamilya* in grade 5 for their support to our team.





**Volunteer Breakfast**  
**Friday, June 15**  
**8:30am - 9:30am**

*Please join us for a special breakfast for our wonderful volunteers who have contributed their time to our school.*



*Thank-you everyone who participated in the fundraising for the **Heart and Stroke Foundation**. We raised just over \$7000!*  
**WAY TO GO!!**



**HEART & STROKE**  
**FOUNDATION**  
**OF CANADA**

***Finding answers. For life.***

*We are pleased to inform you that **Benli Raitman's** artwork has been selected for display in York Region's "Holidays & Observances" Calendar for the 2012-2013.*  
*Thank-you Benli for supporting this year's multi-faith calendar.*



**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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Sunday May 27	Monday May 28	Tuesday May 29  Sub Day	Wednesday May 30  Pizza Day Milk Day	Thursday May 31  Milk Day	<b>Friday June 1</b>  Grade 4 BORC Trip	Saturday June 2
Sunday June 3 <b>Nellie McClung Year End Carnival @ Camp Green Acres 10am-3pm</b> 	<b>Monday June 4</b>  Milk Day  School Council Meeting  Track & Field Day Grades 4-6	<b>Tuesday June 5</b>  Sub Day  Community Class Trip  Track & Field Day Grades 7-8	<b>Wednesday June 6</b>  Pizza Day Milk Day	<b>Thursday June 7</b>  Milk Day	<b>Friday June 8</b>  <b>Elementary P.A. DAY</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Saturday June 9
Sunday June 10	<b>Monday June 11</b>  Milk Day  Career Fair Grades 6-8	<b>Tuesday June 12</b>  Sub Day  Career Fair Grades 6-8	<b>Wednesday June 13</b>  Pizza Day Milk Day   Area Track & Field	<b>Thursday June 14</b>  Milk Day   Area Track & Field	<b>Friday June 15</b>  Primary Toronto Zoo Trip  Grade 7 Trip  Volunteer Breakfast 8:30-9:30	Saturday June 16
Sunday June 17  	<b>Monday June 18</b>	<b>Tuesday June 19</b>  Sub Day  Kindergarten Picnic (outdoors) 11:30-12:30	<b>Wednesday June 20</b>  Pizza Day Milk Day  Grade 8 Grad Trip 	<b>Thursday June 21</b>  Last Milk Day	<b>Friday June 22</b>  Character Assembly "Integrity" 	Saturday June 23
Sunday June 24	<b>Monday June 25</b>  Grade 8 Graduation 	<b>Tuesday June 26</b>  Last Sub Day	<b>Wednesday June 27</b>  Last Pizza Day	<b>Thursday June 28</b> <b>Last Day of School</b> <b><u>12:10 pm dismissal</u></b> 	<b>Friday June 29</b>	Saturday June 30


**Woodbridge Public School**

60 Burwick Ave.

Woodbridge, Ontario L4L 1J7

☎ (905) 884-2046 ext. 240 (before July 1)

☎ (905) 851-0102 (after July 1)

e- woodbridge.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

**\$115/week (YRDSB students)**

Monday to Friday—9:00 am to 3:30 pm

**Extended Child Care**

Before Care (7:30 am to 9am) \$15/wk

After Care (3:30pm to 6pm) \$35/wk

## GREAT Programs!

**Words Alive** For children entering Senior Kindergarten & Grade 1, Words Alive is designed to further build literacy skills. Activities may include: chants, music, games, guided reading sessions, and word hunts, balanced with recreational activities. Clubhouse For children entering Grades 2 & 3.

**Clubhouse** provides opportunities for children to participate in a full day program designed exclusively for this age group. This program has a focus on theme related literacy activities balanced with recreational activities.

**Skills 'n Motion Level 1** For children entering Grades 4 & 5, this program has both an intentional literacy focus and an opportunity to participate in a variety of engaging and fun elective activities in athletics, arts and recreation.

**Skills 'n Motion Level 2** For youth entering Grades 6, 7 & 8, this program has both an intentional literacy focus and an opportunity to participate in a variety of engaging and fun elective activities in athletics, arts and recreation.

## FUN Activities!

**Actor's Studio**

**Ball Hockey**

**Baseball**

**Basketball**

**Computers**

**Dance**

**Ready, Set, Cook**

**Soccer**

**Ultimate Frisbee**

**Visual Arts**

**Volleyball**

**Wacky Science World**



Registration forms are available online:

[www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

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# See you this summer at the Woodbridge Summer Institute!





**Discovery Summer Institute  
(located at Teston Village PS)**

80 Murray Farm Lane  
Maple, Ontario L6A 3G1  
☎ (905) 884-2046 ext. 240 (before July 1)  
☎ (905) 417-0555 (after July 1)  
e- [discovery.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:discovery.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

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# See you this summer at the Discovery Summer Institute!

(located at Teston Village PS)



# Information for Schools

2012 SUMMER INSTITUTE PROGRAM LOCATIONS	ADDRESS	DATES
<b>*Armadale S.I. Located at Parkland P.S.</b> Principals - Paul Oabel (Buttonville P.S.)/Don Kemball (Kettle Lakes P.S.)	18 Coxworth Avenue, Markham	6 weeks, July 3 to Aug. 10
<b>Crosby Heights S.I.</b> Principals – Arin Otis (Lester B. Pearson P.S.)/Monica Wand (CIES)	190 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill	6 weeks, July 3 to Aug. 10
<b>*Discovery S.I. Located at Teston Village P.S.</b> Principals - Deborah Joyce (Sam Chapman P.S./Ashton Meadows P.S.)/ Jennifer Rosenberg – Blue Willow P.S.)	80 Murray Farm Lane, Maple	4 weeks, July 3 to July 27
<b>Lakeside S.I.</b> Principals – Anne Kukurudza (Deer Park P.S.)/Jordan Appelberg (Fairwood P.S.)	213 Shorecrest Road, Keswick	6 weeks, July 3 to Aug. 10
<b>*Lake Wilcox S.I. Located at Bond Lake P.S.</b> Principals – Arin Otis (Lester B. Pearson P.S.)/Monica Wand (CIES)	245 Old Colony Road, Richmond Hill	6 weeks, July 3 to Aug. 10
<b>Maple Leaf S.I.</b> Principals – Anne Kukurudza (Deer Park P.S.)/Jordan Appelberg (Fairwood P.S.)	155 Longford Drive, Newmarket	4 weeks, July 3 to July 27
<b>Oscar Peterson S.I.</b> Principals - Paul Oabel (Buttonville P.S.)/Don Kemball (Kettle Lakes P.S.)	850 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville	4 weeks, July 3 to July 27
<b>Prince Charles S.I.</b> Principals – Anne Kukurudza (Deer Park P.S.)/Jordan Appelberg (Fairwood P.S.)	684 Srigley Street, Newmarket	6 weeks, July 3 to Aug. 10
<b>Sixteenth Avenue S.I.</b> Principals – Erik Khilji (Sixteenth Avenue P.S.)/Steven Sevel (Nellie McClung P.S.)	400 Sixteenth Avenue, Richmond Hill	6 weeks, July 3 to Aug. 10
<b>Sutton S.I.</b> Principals – Anne Kukurudza (Deer Park P.S.)/Jordan Appelberg (Fairwood P.S.)	5147 Baseline Road, Sutton West	4 weeks, July 3 to July 27
<b>*Unionville Meadows S.I. Located at Milliken Mills P.S.</b> Principals - Paul Oabel (Buttonville P.S.)/Don Kemball (Kettle Lakes P.S.)	269 Risebrough Circuit, Markham	4 weeks, July 3 to July 27
<b>Woodbridge S.I.</b> Principals - Deborah Joyce (Sam Chapman P.S./Ashton Meadows P.S.)/ Jennifer Rosenberg – Blue Willow P.S.)	60 Burwick Avenue, Woodbridge	6 weeks, July 3 to Aug. 10

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## Summer Institute Bursary Process

Any parent, teacher, school or community member requesting a bursary or bursaries for Summer Institute for one or more of their students must apply to their home school Principal (or school designate) first. The home school Principal (or school designate) will need to investigate potential financial assistance from school related resources i.e. school council, Community Resource Facilitator or any other local organization (Georgina Cares, CAS, etc.) for bursary support prior to applying to the Summer Institute. If unsuccessful the Principal of the home school (or school designate) must then send a written request for a bursary to the Summer Institute Principal. Requests will be decided based on available funds. Any questions regarding the bursary process and requests should be directed to the Summer Institute Principal.

We look forward to a great summer learning experience for all elementary students. If you have any questions please contact any of the CIES Summer Learning Team:

Greg Morandi, Regional Coordinator Elementary Summer Learning [greg.morandi@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:greg.morandi@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

Roxanne Hibberd, Regional Coordinator Elementary Summer Learning  
[Roxanne.hibberd@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:Roxanne.hibberd@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

Drew McNaughto, Principal, Community and International Education Services  
[Drew.mcnaughto@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:Drew.mcnaughto@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

Linda Aihoshi, Performance Plus Program Facilitator  
[Linda.aihoshi@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:Linda.aihoshi@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

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## 2012 Summer Institute Student Bursary Application

Summer Institute Bursaries are available to those students who have displayed a keen sense of enthusiasm and engagement towards learning throughout the school year. This application is to help us decide whether you are eligible for this chance of a lifetime..

*If you have difficulty filling out the bursary form, please have a teacher or EA assist you. This staff advocate will sign the application form on your behalf.*

Home School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Advocate: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT INFORMATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt./Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT/ GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2012 Summer Institute Student Bursary Application  
Questionnaire**

1. Why do you want to attend the Summer Institute?

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2. If I don't go to the Summer Institute this summer, what will I be doing?

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3. At Summer Institute, there are athletic, academic and artistic activities.

What do you like to do?

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4. What would you like to become better at?

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Staff Advocate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use :

Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Program Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Bursary \_\_\_\_\_

Weeks:      Session A    B    C    D    E    F

DEP: \_\_\_\_\_ P/D \_\_\_\_\_ PIF \_\_\_\_\_



## INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

*Uplands Community Learning Center*  
8210 Yonge Street  
Thornhill, ON L4J 1W6  
Tel: 905.731.9557 905.731.2997  
Fax: 905 731 9117  
Email: [uplands@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:uplands@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

### CANTONESE; FARSI; KOREAN; SIMPLIFIED MANDARIN AND RUSSIAN

#### INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES – ELEMENTARY PROGRAM DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING SEPTEMBER 2012

International Language classes are offered to all York Region elementary school children (grades SK -8) free of charge. The program, funded by the Ministry of Education and Training, provides children with the opportunity to read, write and speak a new language, or maintain their heritage language and culture.

In September, 2012, we would like to offer Cantonese, Farsi, Korean, Simplified Mandarin and Russian at the Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning. To open a new site, we need at least 6 classes of students with at least 25 students in each class. Hence, we are inviting interested parents to register their children.

**WHERE:** Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning  
36 Regatta Ave., Richmond Hill L4E 4R1

**PRE-REGISTRATION** Wednesday, June 6, 2012  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
0 – 7:30 p.m.

**REGISTRATION** Wednesday, September 12, 2012  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**FIRST CLASS:** Wednesday, September 19, 2012  
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The program operates once a week for 30 sessions of 2.5 hours each from September to June.

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