

Nellie McClung P.S.



Administrator's Message

Principal Mrs. W. Thompson Vice-Principal Mrs. C. Schlosser

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Great memories are made of what we have experienced in a positive way, and what has changed our lives for the better. As we head off into summer and say farewell for this school year, we share with you the pleasure we have had in serving your children.

Nellie McClung is a school that sets high expectations, is dedicated to student learning and shows commitment to providing motivating, educational experiences for students. Staff deliver the curriculum, and give of themselves to offer many "extras" that enrich your children's lives. I have also been fortunate to work with some amazing parents here at Nellie McClung. Nellie students excel because of the support that parents give on a regular basis. The families in this community are involved in supporting their children, whether it is with running fundraisers, volunteering on school trips or just reading at home. This collaborative effort, aroused by our School Council, has truly been the magic to success!

Imagine...Believe...Achieve... Mrs. Thompson Principal

Integrity

is the character trait for June.

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.

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast Wednesday, June 12th 8:30-9:30 a.m.

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

Class Disruptions

Please be aware that at the end of day, learning is still going on and students are receiving important end of the day instructions. Please avoid picking up your child early as it causes a disruption for all students. We will not disrupt the classroom after 3pm. If you must pick up your child early, please write the teacher a note so that your child will be waiting for you in the office.

Your cooperation is always appreciated.

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Superintendent: J. Parappally

Trustee: Joel Hertz

All parents are welcome to our

School Council Meetings
The next one is in:

September

Date to be confirmed.

Upcoming Dates

June 4....Comm. Safety Village (JK)
June 6.....Annual BBQ/Carnival
June 6.....Jr. Track & Field
June 7.....NO SCHOOL
June 10....Pioneer Village (Gr 3)
June 10....MADD Presentation (Int.)
June 12.....Volunteer Tea
June 12.....Jr. Track & Field
June 13.....Int. Track & Field
June 21.....KG Picnic
June 25.....KG Picnic
June 25......KG Picnic
June 26.....KG Picnic
June 27.....Character Assembly
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June 27.....Last day of school
(12:10pm dismissal)

September 3......first day of school SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!



Class Placements for September 2013

Class placement information will be available on the first day of school, September 3rd. Please see any staff member outside in the yard for your child's class and teacher.

School Summer Office Hours

The office will reopen on August 26th at 8:30am.

Beginning the week of August 26th, 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 3, 2012.



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 21st.



Thank-you everyone who participated in the fundraising for the **Heart and Stroke Foundation**. We raised \$4276.55 WAY TO GO!!





Summer Moves

If you are planning to move and your child will NOT be at Nellie McClung P.S. in September, please notify the school office as soon as possible by leaving a message over the summer on the school's answering machine at 905-303-8113.



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 Grades 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 deter-

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

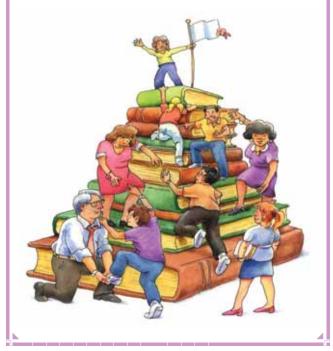
Literacy Suggestions

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

Using cool, new compact fluorescent light bulbs is the easiest way for you to quickly make a difference on this planet. Plus these bulbs save money by lowering your electric bill.



\$\$ Paid School Assistants \$\$

We are looking for School Assistants at Nellie McClung P.S. for this September 2013 through to the end of June 2014. This is a paid position and the hours will be approximately 12:50-1:50pm or 12:30-1:50 within the school day. Please call the school if you're interested at **905-303-8113**.

School Calendar for 2013-2014

September 2, 2013 — Labour Day

September 3, 2013 —School Begins

October 11, 2013 — P.A. Day

October 14, 2013 - Thanksgiving Day

November 22, 2013 — P.A. Day

December 20, 2013 — P.A. Day

December 23 to January 3, 2014 inclusive-Winter Break

January 17, 2014 — P.A. Day

February 18, 2014 — Family Day

March 7, 2014 — P.A. Day

March 10 to March 14, 2014 inclusive - March break

April 18, 2014 — Good Friday

April 21, 2014 - Easter Monday

May 19, 2014 - Victoria Day

June 6, 2014—P.A. Day

Save Our Subscriptions!



Our QSP Family Reading Magazine Fundraiser is returning this fall.

Please save your magazine orders (new and renewals) and order them through our school program.

- ♦ If you renew with the publishers directly, the school does NOT receive any profits.
- Save any publisher discount renewal coupons you receive as QSP will honour all price discount coupons! Our school earns a profit while you save money.
- ♦ You'll get great magazines at great prices. You can save up to 85% off newsstand prices. A single magazine can cost as little as \$2.00 per issue.
- ♦ Magazines encourage children to read and there are subscriptions that suit everyone in your family.

If you can't wait until the fall, you can order early and support our school by shopping online! It's easy...just visit www.QSP.ca. If you ever have a question about your order, please call QSP Customer Service at 1-800-667-2536.

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

- Water bottles
- ♦ Hats/Sunglasses
- ♦ Sun Block



Thank you very much to all the parents and staff who supported our Scholastic Book fair. The proceeds will really help our library grow.



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: Adam Levy, Darren Greenspoon, Gayla Ber, Jody Bresi, John Kennedy, Keith Isaac, Maria



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During the literacy block, students are engaged in fun and enriching learning activities that address reading, writing, media and oral communication expectations from the Ministry of Education curriculum documents under the supervision of YRDSB Teachers and Administrators.

During the activity block, students are engaged in purposeful, intentional learning which is embedded within the following electives:

- Actor's studio
- Archery
- Ball Hockey
- Basketball
- Beginner Golf
- Computers
- Cricket
- Dance

- Digital photography
- Racquet Sports
- Ready, Set, Cook
- Soccer
- Visual Arts
- Volleyball
- Wacky Science World



Contact Information:

Discovery Public School

Phone: (905) 895-8401 x240 (before July 1)

Phone: (905) 417-1622 (after July 1)

Email: discovery.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Cost for YRDSB students:

\$100 to \$115 per week

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2013 ELEMENTARY SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS





	CONTACTS & LOCATIONS
For information or registration:	
A	Armadale \$1 11 Coppard Ave., Markham Email: armadale.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - August 9
c	Crosby Helghts \$1 190 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill Email: crosby.heights.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - August 9
D	Discovery \$1 120 Discovery Trail, Maple Email: discovery.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - August 9
L	Lakeside \$1 213 Shorecrest Road, Keswick Email: lakeside.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - August 9
LW	Lake Wilcox SI 80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill Email: lakewilcox.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - August 9
мм	Milliken Mills \$1 289 Riseborough Circuit, Unionville Email: milliken.mills.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - July 26
0	Oscar Peterson SI 850 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville Email: oscar.peterson.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - July 26
PC	Prince Charles \$1 684 Srigley Street, Newmarket Email: prince.charles.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - August 9
s	Sixteenth Avenue SI 400 16 th Avenue, Richmond Hill Email: sixteenth.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - August 9
UM	Untonville Meadows \$1 355 South Unionville Ave., Markham Email: unionvillemeadows.si@yidsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - August 9
w	Woodbridge \$1 60 Burwick Ave., Woodbridge Email: woodbridge.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - August 9
If yo	Summer Institute Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning 36 Regatta Avenue (905) 884-2046 ext. 240 performanceplus.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Host Families Needed This Summer for international students attending Crosby Heights PS. SI Program! ur bmily can provide a caring, combrtable and secure tome for enational students, and provide to proportion to and from Cresby
Heights Applicants	PS_please contact Homesty Services at homestay@yrdsheduo.nca. will be interviewed by a Homestay Representative. Police scienting it y for anyone 18 years of age or other lining in the home. Homestay hmillies receive \$200 per week. Extended Child Care Provider
	YMCA 905 943-9622 ext 333

Make Sure Sure State Sta

It's the law in Ontario for children and youth (under 18) to wear a helmet when bicycling



SHAKE, SHAKE, SHAKE, your head up and down and side to side to make sure the helmet is snug!

Make sure your child always wears a properly fitted helmet!

For more information contact York Region *Health Connection* at 1-800-361-5653 or visit www.york.ca/injuryprevention



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JUNE'S HEALTHY TIP



GROW a PIZZA GARDEN

With just a little love, a little help and a little patch of ground, your children can grow a PIZZA GARDEN. Plant basil, parsley, oregano, thyme, cherry tomatoes, carrots, peppers, green onions and cucumber [if you have the room] and share the excitement when your garden grows!

SUMMER GARDEN CREAM CHEESE and VEGGIE PIZZA

Ingredients

1 whole grain ready made pizza shell*

1 package (8 oz) lite cream cheese, softened

1/2 C lite sour cream

1 tsp dried dill weed

1/8 tsp garlic powder

2 C assorted fresh veggies from your Pizza Garden like shredded carrots, quartered cucumber slices, halved cherry tomatoes, diced green, red or yellow pepper, green onion and chopped fresh parsley or basil

Cucumbers English/Hot House/Long Seedless/Telegraph/Continental

4 For \$5.00

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Sale Ends: 05/15

Directions

- In small bowl, mix lite cream cheese, lite sour cream, dill and garlic powder until smooth. Spread over crust.
- Top with cut vegetables and herbs
- ENJOY.

Be SUNSMART



One bad sunburn in childhood can double the risk of developing skin cancer (Canadian Cancer Society). Help protect you and your family:

- Reduce sun exposure between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. or when the UV index is 3 or more
- Seek shade or create your own shade
- · SLIP! on lightweight clothing that covers your arms and legs
- SLAP! on a wide brimmed hat and UV protected sunglasses with wraparound frames and even shading
- SLOP! on sunscreen and lip balm with SPF 30 or higher and reapply every 2 hours
- Keep babies under one year out of the direct sun

For health-related information call York Region *Health Connection* at 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933 or visit www.york.ca/healthyschools

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Online Anti-Stigma, Mental Health Campaign

Dear Parents and/or Guardians.

Our children are facing mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, or even conditions such as bipolar disorder or schizophrenia. These issues can affect them in school, at home and in the community. It is our job to let our kids know that they can ask for help when they need it. It is equally important to let them know that they need to support their classmates with mental health issues, and that making fun of them is never acceptable.

To this point, Kinark Child and Family Services has launched an online campaign, "Rise Against Stigma". Kinark is a children's mental health organization that provides help to children and youth, families and communities across Ontario. The anti-stigma campaign asks children, parents, teachers, and members of the community to sign an online pledge through their website or Facebook.

Signing the pledge is easy as easy as 1, 2, 3!

The pledge consists of three promises:

- 1. Speak up
- 2. Be mindful of the words I use
- 3. Be a friend

Taking the pledge is simple. To take the pledge, go to http://www.kinark.on.ca/pledge/Pledge.aspx or Facebook at www.facebook.com/kinark.

Anti-stigma videos also on web sites

In addition to the pledge, on Kinark's site you will see videos created specifically this week. Each video features youth Jacob and Jessica sharing their experiences and tips on how to fulfill the promises.

Caution regarding the video content

It is important to note that one of the videos contains language that is not suitable for younger viewers. The video is the personal story about when Jacob was bullied and beaten. The makers of the video, Kinark Child and Family Services, feel an ethical obligation to allow Jacob to tell his story using his own words. In it, he describes the bullies' name calling.

The video emphasizes Kinark's Rise Against Stigma pledges: Be Mindful of the Words I Use. They hope that by providing the audience with unedited, authentic content that other youth will benefit from Jacob's story. Regardless, we want to make you aware of this content, so you can make an informed decision as to whether or not to watch that video with your youth.

Please join us in this worthwhile campaign!

This campaign offers you the opportunity to not only sign the pledge with your youth but to talk with him/her about the importance of respecting others and asking for help when your child needs it.

I just signed the pledge and have encouraged our teachers to do the same. I hope you, with your youth, sign up as well too!

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Sincerely,

Wendy Thompson Principal

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Spoil a mosquito's dinner plans

Protect yourself ... Cover up ... Wear repellent

NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE

York Region West Nile virus Mosquito Control Program:

From May 14, 2012 to October 5, 2012, The Regional Municipality of York in conjunction with the York Region District School Board and York Catholic District School Board will be conducting a larvicide program under the authority of the Medical Officer of Health. The purpose of the program is to control larval mosquitoes to prevent their development into carriers of West Nile virus.

The pellet formulation of the larvicide methoprene (product name Altosid), with Registration No. 21809 or the Altosid XR briquets (methoprene) with Registration No. 27694 under the *Pest Control Products Act* or Bacillus sphaericus (product name VectoLex WSP) with Registration No. 28009 under the *Pest Control Products Act* will be placed into catch basins along roads and in catch basins on private property as required.

In addition, the biological larvicide Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies israelensis (product name Aquabac XT), with Registration No. 26860 or Aquabac 200G with Registration No. 26863 under the *Pest Control Products Act* or VectoLex CG Registration No. 28008 under the *Pest Control Products Act* may be placed in ditches and temporary or permanent pools including storm water retention ponds if evidence of mosquito breeding is found.

All larvicide will be applied by Ministry of the Environment licensed applicators or trained technicians.

Larviciding is a low risk and effective way to control West Nile virus when used according to label directions. The slow-release pellet formulation interferes with the mosquito life cycle, preventing the mosquito larva from reaching maturity. It is not sprayed. The products have been approved by both the provincial and federal governments and are considered low risk for humans, pets and the environment.

For exact locations and dates of larvicide treatment contact:

York Region *Health Connection* at **1-800-361-5653**, TTY: **1-866-252-9933**

York Region District School Board at **1-800-268-1660** or visit **www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/wnv**

York Catholic District School Board **1-800-363-2711** or visit **www.ycdsb.ca**

Prevention and protection are the best ways to protect yourself and your family from West Nile virus. For simple and common sense precautions that should be taken, contact York Region *Health Connection* at

1-800-361-5653, TTY: 1-866-252-9933 or visit **www.york.ca/westnile**





