

## Nellie McClung P.S.

#### <u>Adminstrator's Message</u>

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

As a part of our Earth Dav activities, our Eco Schools Committee continue to remind us of what we need to continue to do to protect our environment. McClung students should be proud that they are helping save our planet. By throwing out less garbage and placing items to be thrown away in the correct container we are keeping our school waste levels down. Please take a moment to visit this useful earth day website to learn more about saving our earth everyday:

www.earthday.org/2014

## *Empathy* is the character trait for May.

Multiculturalism and diversity sculpt the face of our community, we are a second family and accept people for who they are.

#### **Education Week**

The week of May 5th is Education Week where schools across Ontario celebrate the achievements of students. In anticipation of Education Week we have decided to recognize some of our students' artistic achievements in the Arts. The Spring Concerts on April 30th and May 1st as well as the terrific artwork displayed around the school and in the gymnasium are a product of some of the AMAZING work and success of our students and staff. Finally, **Monday, May 5th is Music Monday**. Students are **invited to bring towels** to sit on as the students will assemble in the field to participate in singing songs just like other schools all across Ontario. For safety reasons this is a student only event.

#### **EQAO Testing**

EQAO tests will be administered to Grade 3 & 6 students between May 26th and June 6th. We will be asking participating families to please <u>avoid scheduling appointments and absences</u> during these times as making up testing activities are 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.





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Superintendent: J. Parappally Trustee: Joel Hertz

All parents are welcome to our next School Council Meeting on May 6th

> EQAO Testing for Grade 3 students May 26th - June 6th

Reminder that **no dogs** are allowed on school property even on weekends.



#### **Upcoming Dates**

Apr 30-May 1	Spring Concert
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May 5	Hoops for Heart
May 20	Council Meeting
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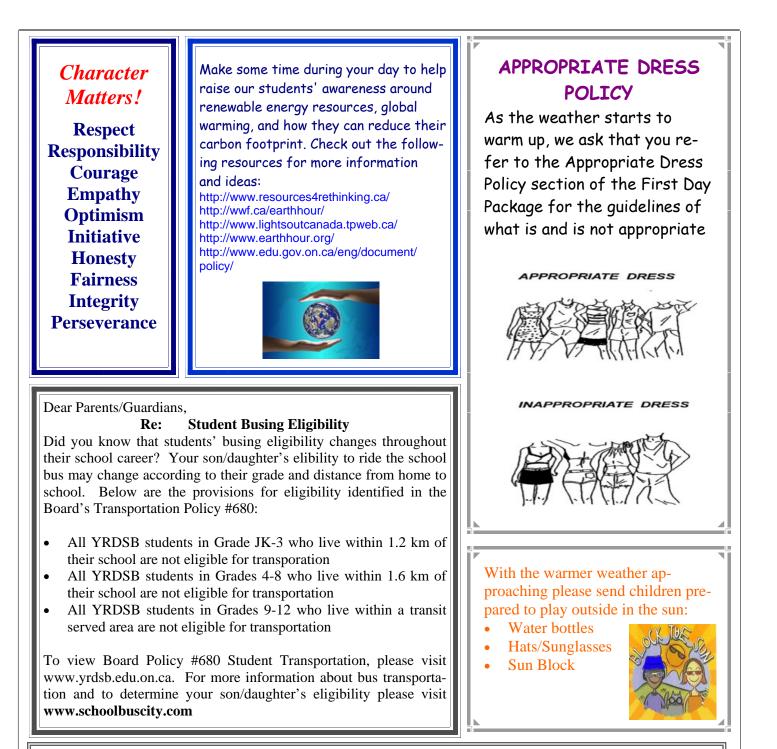
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#### Hours of Instruction for French Immersion

YRDSB offers a French Immersion program that is highly sought after. As we continue to implement recommendations from our recent French as a Second Language (FSL) review, we are making a slight adjustment, based on our research, that will provide better consistency within our schools while also better meeting student needs. Research shows the importance of time spent learning in French at the beginning of a program. In Grades 1 to 3, YRDSB students receive 100 per cent of their instruction in French. Beginning in Grade 4, English instruction is introduced for a number of subjects. Starting in the 2014-15 school year, weekly instructional time in Grades 4-8 will be shared equally between French and English language of instruction. Students will accumulate at least 5,000 hours of French language instruction by the end of Grade 8, which far exceeds the 3,800 hours mandated by the Ontario Ministry of Education. YRDSB remains deeply committed to providing high quality and sustainable French as a

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#### **CYBER BULLYING**

Cyber bullying is using the telephone, email, internet, instant messaging, chat rooms, web sites or other forms of communication to harass, bully or intimi-



date others. This is the latest tool in a bully's arsenal to harass, intimidate and bother their victims. Did you know?

70% of children aged 9-17 have email accounts and 44% of their parents don't know about it.

25% of students that use the internet indicated that they have had someone email them material that said hateful things about them.

85% of students that use chat rooms say that they are unsupervised when they use the internet. - Media Awareness Network 2001.

#### What can you do to help ensure that you are safe when using these new technologies?

Never give out personal information online. This can include your name, age, sex, phone number, address or information about your parents.

Never respond to hateful, intimidating, sexual or menacing e-mails. Just ignore them and tell a trusted adult.

Never send anyone your picture over the internet.

Never agree to meet anyone that you have communicated with on the internet without your parent's consent.

Always use common sense when on-line. You never really know who you are talking to on-line.

Be aware of individuals who misrepresent themselves. Not all people are who they say they are.

Young students are discouraged from using chat rooms because most are not monitored. If you do use chat rooms never go into "private rooms".

Never respond to situations that make you feel uncomfortable. Leave the site and tell a trusted adult.

Protect your password. Never give it out, even to a close friend.

Watch what you write, don't get involved in putdowns, harassing comments etc. Be polite on-line.

Report individuals or groups to your internet service provider if they are bothering you on line.

Block harassing individuals from accessing your e-mail or MSN list.

Class Placements for 2014/2015

We will begin the process of organizing classes for September. We attempt to place students in the most positive learning environment possible given each student's skills, knowledge, attitude and work and social habits.

#### ECO TIP Cycling

Cycling is a great eco-friendly way for fun, fitness and also to enjoy the fresh air. It is a fantastic workout that can be enjoyed by both kids and adults.



#### Fun Websites for Children



The following Websites are suitable for grade school aged children and are an enjoyable way to learn. The

first two sites provide children with news from around the world written in a manner so that they can understand it. These sites are helpful for students doing current events assignments.

http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/ http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/kidspost/orbit/kidspost.html http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/ http://www.funbrain.com/ http://www.thekidzpage.com/

Finally, are you looking for a website that can help your child learn reading comprehension skills? www.intothebook.org is excellent!



We will be recognizing all the volunteers that have helped out in our school this year at our **Volunteer Breakfast on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. Breakfast will be served from 8:30am to 9:30am. If you should run into babysitting issues we will be able to accommodate school-aged students from 8:30am-8:55am in the library, until regular supervision begins. We could not do all that we do to support our students without our volunteers!

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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.

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#### Welcome to Kindergarten

Future Kindergarten students registering at Nellie McClung PS for the 2014/2014 school year are invited to Welcome to Kindergarten information session on **Wednesday, May 14th from** in the library. (Due to space limitations, we ask that you find alternate care for siblings please).



#### **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.



#### May is Asian Heritage Month

During the month of May, students across York Region and Ontario honor the contributions that Asian Canadians have made to the history of Canada.



Many Cultures, Many Languages, One Celebration May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada! www.explorasian.org



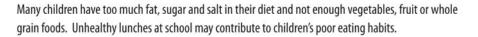
The last day to purchase yearbooks was April 30th. The yearbook committee would like to thank all the students who entered our yearbook cover contest. This year the winners are Tami Sorovaiski for the front cover and Sherry Schneider for the back cover. Congratulations!



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### What's in the lunch bag?



The next time you pack your child's lunch:

- ✓ Get children to help in planning. Use Canada's Food Guide to show children how much of each food group they need for a healthy diet. Include three of the four food groups in every lunch
- ✓ If your kids want commercial lunches (meat, crackers, candy and drink) make your own. Use a plastic container to put in high fibre crackers, lean lunch meats and fruit or include soft tortillas, low-fat cheese and lettuce to make a taco. Pack tomato slices on the side
- ✓ Buy 100 per cent juice rather than pop, cocktail, flavoured drinks or "ade". A can of pop has nine to 12 teaspoons of sugar

Children will not always eat their entire lunch. Don't worry, be sure to offer other healthy meals and snacks throughout the day.

For more information about creating a healthy school nutrition environment, visit www.nutritiontoolsforschools.ca

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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#### More fruits and veggies please!

Eating more fruits and vegetables may help to protect our children from obesity, diabetes, heart disease and cancer. *Canada's Food Guide* recommends that children (four to 13 years) eat at least five to six servings of vegetables and fruit each day. A serving is ½ cup 100 per cent fruit juice or medium fresh fruit, ½ cup cooked vegetables or 1 cup salad.

Tips to encourage your children to eat more vegetables and fruit each day:

✓ Include fruit at breakfast e.g., ½ cup of banana slices or berries added to cereal

✓ Include two of a variety of fruits or vegetables for lunch daily. Applesauce and unsweetened canned fruit can be good when you run out of fresh fruit

- ✓ Have healthy snacks after school e.g., fresh chunks of fruit along with cheese and crackers or low fat fruit yogurt
- Keep washed fruit and vegetable sticks (baby carrots, green, yellow or red pepper strips, etc.) with low fat salad dressing for dipping ready where children can reach them
- ✓ Provide two vegetables for dinner and encourage children to choose at least one
- ✓ Set a good example by eating lots of vegetables and fruit yourself

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#### It's time to remind children about being safe in our community.

This is a good time for parents to learn about and review ways to protect their children from potential dangers.

Here's what children need to know:

- Their name, age, telephone number, address, city and province. This can be done through rhyme or song.
- How to contact their parents at any time, by memorizing cell or work numbers.
- How and under what circumstances to call 911.
- To never approach or enter a stranger's vehicle. A responsible adult would never ask a child for directions or any other question for that matter.
- Make sure they know they have a right to say "no" to an adult, especially when the adult is asking them to do something they have been taught is wrong or feels uncomfortable. Reminding children of this right is important because children are taught from a young age to respect adults.
- To always tell parents where they will be and to never enter someone's home without their parent's permission.
- If home alone, never admit it when answering the phone. Never answer a knock at the door or speak through it. Adults can be very persuasive. Teach your child to call you if there is a knock at the door and if they fear for their safety, teach them to call 911. Make sure they know that police officers are there to help them and would not get mad if it were a false alarm.
- If they think they are being followed or are in danger they should run home or to a public place. If someone grabs them, they should try to get away, yelling and screaming while doing so.
- It is important to play in safe areas, never take shortcuts and stick with a buddy whenever possible.

It is never too early or too late to teach children the importance of personal safety. Common sense, communication and consistency are the keys. Remind children to alert a responsible adult if something strange happens that makes them feel uncomfortable. Remember, crime prevention is everyone's responsibility.

For more information on this subject, contact the York Regional Police Community Services Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7980, or by e-mail at <u>info@yrp.ca</u>, or visit <u>www.yrp.ca</u>.



We are excited to host Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart again this year! Jump Rope for Heart will run on the afternoon of Friday, May 2nd. Hoops for Heart will run on the afternoon of Monday, May 5th. Please remember to dress comfortably to be active that day! Also, pledge forms can be returned to the school on the event day. We greatly appreciate all of your fundraising efforts! If a rain date needs to be scheduled, you will be notified.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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## **Accessibility Concerns?**

The York Region District School Board is committed to eliminating obstacles to accessibility for all members of our school communities, including students, parents, staff, volunteers, visitors, suppliers, trades people, and anyone else who may come in contact with our school system. Recognizing that barriers to access often remain unknown to able-bodied persons, and that those with disabilities may not wish to draw attention to themselves, a method of submitting suggestions electronically has been created. Anyone concerned with a potential barrier to access a building or service is invited to report the concern online at the Board's website.

Please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca:

- Click on the "accessibility for all" icon on the bottom left hand side of the page;
- On the "accessibility for all" page click on "Barrier Buster" on the top right hand corner; and
- Complete the "Barrier Buster" form and click "Submit".

This reporting procedure will allow all members of the school community to identify and describe particular impediments they or someone they know is experiencing in obtaining access to Board services or buildings. Some barriers may be easily resolved simply through an adjustment to processes or other physical conditions, while others may require consideration for extensive planning and capital investment. All submissions will receive a prompt response.



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#### **2014 ELEMENTARY** SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL LOCATIONS



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	CONTACTS & LOCATIONS
	For information or registration:
A	Armadale SI 11 Coppard Ave., Markham Email: armadale.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from June 30 - August 8
	Crosby Heights SI

	111 1 1 1 1	с	Crosby Heights SI 190 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill Email: crosby.heights.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from June 30 - August 8
		D	Discovery SI 120 Discovery Trail, Maple Email: discovery.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from June 30 - August 8
		L	Lakeside SI 213 Shorecrest Road, Keswick Email: lakeside.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from June 30 - August 8
		LW	Lake Wilcox SI 80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill Email: lakewilcox.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from June 30 - August 8
*		ML	Maple Leaf SI 155 Longford Dr., Newmarket Email: maple.leaf.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from June 30 - July 25
		мм	Milliken Mills SI 289 Riseborough Circuit, Unionville Email: milliken.mills.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from June 30 - August 8
		0	Oscar Peterson SI (at Wendat Village PS) 99 Reeves Way Blvd., Stouffville Email: oscar.peterson.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from June 30 - July 25
		PC	Prine Charles SI (at Stuart Scott PS) 247 Lorne Ave., Newmarket Email: prince.charles.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from June 30 - August 8
		s	Sixteenth Avenue SI 400 16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Richmond Hill Email: sixteenth.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from June 30 - August 8
		UM	Unionville Meadows SI 355 South Unionville Ave., Markham Email: unionvillemeadows.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from June 30 - August 8
		w	Woodbridge SI 60 Burwick Ave., Woodbridge Email: woodbridge.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from June 30 - August 8

Summer Institute Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning 36 Regatta Avenue (905) 884-2046 ext. 240 performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca

Host Families Needed

Hest Families Needed This Summer for international students attending Crosby Heights P.S. SI Program! If your family can provide a caring, confortable and secare home for an international studer, and provide transportation to and from Crody Heights P.S., please contact Biomestry Services at homestay @ynthk.cs. Applicants will be interviewed by a Homestay Services at homestay @ynthk.cs. Applicants will be interviewed by a Homestay Services at homestay @ynthk.cs. Applicants will be interviewed by a Homestay Services at homestay families receive \$225 per week.

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18 International Museum Day	19 ECLOSEDE VICTORIA DAY	20 Council Meeting	21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	22	23	24
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