



# Nellie McClung P.S.



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## Administrator's Message

Principal Mrs. W. Thompson Vice Principal Mr. W. Chewchuk

### Earth Day Update

Earth Day Canada is creating a 2015 Earth Flag on which we will collect signatures from people across the country who are committed to making Earth Day everyday, and are doing their part to reduce carbon emissions by 20% by 2020. We have signed our own Earth Day flag to demonstrate our commitment to reducing carbon emissions. Our NMPS flag will then be sent to Toronto to be sewn with other flags to make one large Earth Flag. The 2015 Earth Flag will be taken to the COP21 International Climate Conference in Paris this December where a new international agreement on carbon emissions will be signed.

**Nellie McClung P.S  
cares about the  
Earth!!!**

### Girls and Boys Junior Basketball News

Both boys and girls junior basketball teams finished on a positive note. Although both teams were eliminated in area qualifiers, the children all had fun and learned valuable life and sports lessons.

### Badminton

Badminton season is upon us and the intermediate students already had their first tryouts. NMPS looks good!

### Jump Rope / Hoops for Heart

This month we will be having our kick off assembly for Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart. Our school has been very successful in previous years at raising money to support the Heart and Stroke foundation. On Friday **May 15th** the students will receive their pledge forms to begin their fundraising. Forms must be returned to school by **May 29th**. Our big event will take place on June 4th. Thank you for all your support.

### EQAO Testing

EQAO tests will be administered to Grade 3 & 6 students between **May 25th and June 5th**. We will be asking participating families to **please avoid scheduling appointments and absences 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 several years.

**May 1, 2015**

**Volume 4, Issue 10**

**Superintendent: C. La Touche**

**Trustee: Linda D'Aversa**

### 20 Minute Makeover

On **Friday, April 17th** Nellie McClung PS participated in a 20 Minute Makeover. The event was supported by our Vaughan City Councillor Sandra Racco. Councillor Ferri was also in attendance. We worked together to clean up our school yard and community.

### Safety Reminders

For the safety and well-being of all students, we ask that all dogs remain off school property between 8:55am and 3:40pm.



### Upcoming Dates

May 7.....Kindergarten Orientation  
May 12... Council Meeting  
May 13 ..Ms Short Heritage School  
May 14 Ms Okell Heritage School  
May 15 Jump for heart pledge begins  
May 18.....Victoria Day -**No School**  
May 25 .....EQAO Starts  
May 28 .....Grade 7 Niagara Falls  
May 29 Jump for Heart pledges end  
June 04... Jump Rope for Heart



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**Character Matters!**

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- Perseverance

Make some time during your day to help raise our students' awareness around renewable energy resources, global warming, and how they can reduce their carbon footprint. Check out the following resources for more information and ideas:  
<http://www.resources4rethinking.ca/>  
<http://wwf.ca/earthhour/>  
<http://>



[www.lightsoutcanada.tpweb.ca/](http://www.lightsoutcanada.tpweb.ca/)  
<http://www.earthhour.org/>

**APPROPRIATE DRESS POLICY**

As the weather starts to warm up, we ask that you refer to the Appropriate Dress Policy section of the First Day Package for the guidelines of what is and is not

**APPROPRIATE DRESS**



**INAPPROPRIATE DRESS**



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](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)

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

- Water bottles
- Hats/Sunglasses
- Sun Block



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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 intimidate 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 2015/2016

We will begin the process of organizing classes for September later in May. We attempt to place students in the most positive learning environment possible given each student's skills, knowledge, attitude and work and social habits. Decisions will be shared on the first day of school in September.

### **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](http://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, May 20th**. 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, infants are also welcome. 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.



### Welcome to Kindergarten

Future Kindergarten students registering at Nellie McClung PS for the 2015/2016 school year are invited to Welcome to Kindergarten information session on **Thursday, May 7th from 6:00pm (registration) to 7:30 pm** in the gym . (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.



## Yearbook News

Order forms for the yearbook will be distributed soon to our students, please order your yearbook. Thank you to all the students who submitted their year book cover entries, a job well done by all.



### 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.



**explorASIAN**

*Many Cultures, Many Languages, One Celebration*

*May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada!*

[www.explorasian.org](http://www.explorasian.org)

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## What's in the lunch bag?



Many children have too much fat, sugar and salt in their diet and not enough vegetables, fruit or whole grain foods. Unhealthy lunches at school may contribute to children's poor eating habits.

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](http://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](http://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 [info@yrp.ca](mailto:info@yrp.ca), or visit [www.yrp.ca](http://www.yrp.ca).

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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](http://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.

## Year End BBQ/Fun Fair

We are looking for volunteers for our BBQ/Fun Fair for **June 11th from 4:30 to 7:30 pm**. Please look at the schedule in the weekly update sent out on April 24th and sign up for an event as soon as possible. It is sure to be a fun filled event with great food and lots of entertainment. We look forward to spending time together as a school community. See you then!



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# 2015 ELEMENTARY SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS



PROGRAMS <small>For students entering SK to grade 8 in September 2015.</small>	SCHOOL LOCATIONS											
	AL	A	C	D	L	LW	ML	MM	OP	S	UM	W
WORDS ALIVE	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
CLUBHOUSE	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
SKILLS 'N MOTION LEVEL 1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
SKILLS 'N MOTION LEVEL 2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
JUNIOR			•							•		
JUNIOR HIGH			•							•		
JUNIOR GOLF CAMP										•		
JUNIOR PRO/CANOEING/KAYAKING							•					
LEADERS OF TOMORROW (L.O.T.)					•					•		
INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES		•										
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>												
<b>DESIGN</b>												
MODEL BUILDING												
ROBOTICS	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
SIMPLE MACHINES	•	•										
WOODWORKING												
<b>DRAMATIC &amp; FINE ARTS</b>												
ACTOR'S STUDIO	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
ARTZCOOL												
BROADWAY BOUND												
BUCKET DRUMMING												
CREATIVE ARTS												
DANCE												
DANCE PLUS												
DRUMS												
FINE ARTS												
GLEE												
LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!												
STOMP												
VISUAL ARTS	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>SCIENCE</b>												
NATURALLY CURIOUS	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
READY, SET, COOK	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
WACKY SCIENCE WORLD	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>SPECIAL INTEREST</b>												
CHESS												
CLAY PLAY												
CLAY PLAY PLUS												
COMIC BOOK WIZARD	•	•										
DUCK TAPE CREATIONS	•	•										
GAMES MASTER												
GAMES WIZARD												
GIRL POWER												
GUITAR STARS												
JAM SESSION												
KNIT KNOTS												
MUSIC MIX	•	•										
PASSION FOR FASHION												
PASSION FOR PINTEREST												
SCRAPBOOKING												
SEW CRAFTY												
SEW CREATIVE												
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS												
YOGA												
<b>SPORTS &amp; EXTREME SPORTS</b>												
ARCHERY	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
BALL HOCKEY	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
BASKETBALL	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
CRICKET												
FIELD INVADERS	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
HOOPS												
INLINE SKATING (INDOOR)												
INLINE SKATING (INDOOR) PLUS												
MOUNTAIN BIKING												
NET SPORTS												
RACQUET SPORTS	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
SKATEBOARDING												
SKATEBOARDING PLUS												
SKATEZONE												
SOCCER	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
SPORTTACULAR FUN	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
STREET BALL												
TABLE TENNIS												
TENNIS												
ULTIMATE FRISBEE	•	•										
URBAN BIKING												
URBAN BIKING PLUS												
VOLLEYBALL												
WET & WILD WATER FUN												
WIMBLEDON												
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>												
COMPUTERS												
DIGIART	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
DIGITAL CREATIVE DESIGN												
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY												
TECH WORLD	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
VIDEO FILMING												

For International Student Registration, please contact  
International Education Services at 905-884-2046 ext 237  
Email: international.education@yrdsb.ca

## CONTACTS & LOCATIONS

For information or registration:	
AL	<b>Aldergrove PS</b> 150 Aldergrove Dr., Unionville Email: aldergrove.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from July 6 - August 14
A	<b>Armadae SI</b> 11 Coppard Ave., Markham Email: armadae.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from July 6 - August 14
C	<b>Crosby Heights SI</b> 190 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill Email: crosby.heights.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from July 6 - August 14
D	<b>Discovery SI</b> 120 Discovery Trail, Maple Email: discovery.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from July 6 - August 14
L	<b>Lakeside SI</b> 213 Shorecrest Road, Keswick Email: lakeside.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from July 6 - August 14
LW	<b>Lake Wilcox SI</b> 80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill Email: lakewilcox.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from July 6 - August 14
ML	<b>Maple Leaf SI</b> 155 Longford Dr., Newmarket Email: maple.leaf.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from July 6 - August 14
MM	<b>Milliken Mills SI</b> 289 Riseborough Circuit, Unionville Email: milliken.mills.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from July 6 - August 14
O	<b>Oscar Peterson SI</b> 850 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville Email: oscar.peterson.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from July 6 - August 14
S	<b>Sixteenth Avenue SI</b> 400 16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Richmond Hill Email: sixteenth.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from July 6 - August 14
UM	<b>Unionville Meadows SI</b> 355 South Unionville Ave., Markham Email: unionvillemeadows.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from July 6 - August 14
W	<b>Woodbridge SI</b> 60 Burwick Ave., Woodbridge Email: woodbridge.si@yrdsb.ca Weekly from July 6 - August 14



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


**Host Families Needed**  
 This Summer for international students attending Crosby Heights P.S. SI Program!  
 If your family can provide a caring, comfortable and secure home for an international student, and provide transportation to and from Crosby Heights P.S., please contact Homestay Services at homestay@yrdsb.ca. Applicants will be interviewed by a Homestay Representative. Police screening is mandatory for anyone 18 years of age or older living in the home. Homestay families receive \$225 per week.

**Extended Child Care Provider**  
**YMCA**  
 905 943-9622 ext 333