

# Nellie McClung P.S.



## Adminstrator's Message

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

As a part of our Earth Day 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/2012



Perseverance is May's character trait and is defined as:

"We stick to a goal and work hard even in the face of obstacles and challenges. We complete all tasks and assignments.'



# **EQAO** Testing

EQAO tests will be administered to Grade 3

& 6 students between May 28th and June 1st. We will be asking participating families to please avoid scheduling appointments and absences during these times as making up testing activities is difficult to plan for. We certainly want our students to give their very best efforts on these assessment activities and ask that vou 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.

#### **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 dif-



ferent 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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Superintendent: Sharon List

Trustee: Joel Hertz

#### A message from your School Council Co-Chairs, Mark Jacobson and **Jackie Garber**

As your School Council, our goal is to improve the school for our children's benefit; with all the challenges that the first year brings with it (and there are many), we did a great job, from our first Movie night, pizza distribution and QSP-Magazines, we have raised around \$18,000 already which will largely all go toward technology and books to make our school an example for all others.

We would like to thank the school council members and volunteers for your time and commitment - it is our privilege and honor to work with you. We would also like to thank Mrs. Thompson for her support, patience and cooperation with us the parents - we really feel that we are all on the same team.

Last but not least I would like to thank you for supporting our efforts, if by directly volunteering or merely participating at our initiatives. Please remember we are here for you, we are your representatives, your voice, and we would love to hear more from you, to get your feedback and help.

Thank you again and we hope to see you all at our next Council meeting on May 14th, Movie night on May 24th and at our school Carnival in Green acres on June 3rd.

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#### 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 <u>www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca</u>. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit <u>www.schoolbuscity.com</u>.

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.earthhour.org/

http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/policy/

## Perseverance

"Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other."

## 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.



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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.

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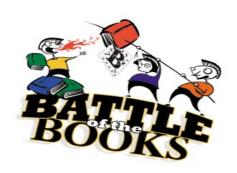
#### **Class Placements for 2012/2013**

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.





On Wednesday April 18th Nellie McClung's **Battle of the Books** team competed at Herbert H. Carnegie Public school. There were seven other schools there and the

competition was fierce. Congratulations to Miriyam and Jennie in grade 6, Sabina and Ian in grade 5, Leor, David and Nicole in Grade 4 for working well as a strong team.



#### 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.



From The Office

Wherever possible, please try to reduce the number of calls to pass on messages to your children. If possible, we urge you to make arrangements ahead of time and if necessary, send a note to the teacher.

#### Welcome to Kindergarten

Future Kindergarten students registering at Nellie McClung P.S. for the 2012/2013 school year are invited to Welcome to Kindergarten information session on Thursday May 17th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Due to space limitations, we ask that you find alternate care for siblings please).



#### 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 writ-ten 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!

# Verhook News

Nellie McClung's First Yearbook is on sale <u>until</u> **May 4th**. If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook, please send your **\$20** payment to your child's classroom teacher. *There will not be any yearbooks for sale after this date.* 

The yearbook committee would like to thank all the students who entered into our yearbook cover contest. We had many great entries.

This year the winner is: Monica Zhang

#### May is Asian Heritage Month

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



May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada! www.explorasian.org

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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 <u>www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca</u>:

- 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.



Immunization is one of the most successful strategies in preventing disease and illness. In our continued efforts to protect the health of all children, York Region Community and Health Services will be sending out Immunization Questionnaires to parents/guardians of students who have an incomplete immunization record in our database. It is

necessary for Health Services to have an up-to-date immunization record on file for every student attending out school in our community in accordance with the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*.

The Immunization Questionnaires are mailed to the student's home address.

#### Please not that the return date for the Immunization Questionnaires is June 11, 2012.

York Region Community and Health Services is working to educate parents/guardians about the need to provide us with immunization updates in order to protect all children as well as personnel from diseases that can be prevented through immunization. Your assistance and cooperation is appreciated.

Please feel free to visit <u>www.york.ca</u> for additional information.

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## 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 ATTEN-DANCE 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:** Please print your name and your child's name in the space provided. Parent's Name Child's Name Grade Teacher Don't Forget -Magazine Subscriptions Make GREAT **Gifts For Family & Friends!** And you can support our school & children at the same time! Simply go on-line to, www.QSP.ca and go shopping. Use the account finder to find our school account number to ensure we receive the profits from your orders (# 33258). A gift of a magazine subscription is like giving a gift every month for an entire year! THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FAMILY READING MAGAZINE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN! Many magazines will begin to arrive over the next few weeks, but some subscriptions due to different publishing schedules may take longer to start. If you have any questions, please contact QSP Customer Service at 1-800-667-2536. They offer a 100% satisfaction guarantee. Respect Honesty Fairness Perseverance Courage

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## Woodbridge Public School

## \$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



Registration forms are available online:

www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca Click: Programs & Initiatives / Summer Programs / Summer Institute

# **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





#### 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

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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	
*Armadale S.I Located at Parkland P.S. Principals - Paul Oabel (Buttonville P.S.)/Don Kemball (Kettle Lakes P.S.)	18 Coxworth Avenue, Markham	6 weeks, July 3 to Aug. 10	
Crosby Heights S.I. Principals – Arin Otis (Lester B. Pearson P.S)/Monica Wand (CIES)	190 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill	6 weeks, July 3 to Aug. 10	
<sup>e</sup> Discovery S.I. Located at Teston Village P.S. 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	
.akeside S.I. Principals – Anne Kukurudza (Deer Park P.S.)/Jordan Appelberg (Fairwood P.S.)	213 Shorecrest Road, Keswick	6 weeks, July 3 to Aug. 10	
<sup>s</sup> Lake Wilcox S.I. Located at Bond Lake P.S. Principals – Arin Otis (Lester B. Pearson P.S)/Monica Wand (CIES)	245 Old Colony Road, Richmond Hill	6 weeks, July 3 to Aug. 10	
Maple Leaf S.I. Principals – Anne Kukurudza (Deer Park P.S.)/Jordan Appelberg (Fairwood P.S.)	155 Longford Drive, Newmarket	4 weeks, July 3 to July 27	
Oscar Peterson S.I. Principals - Paul Oabel (Buttonville P.S.)/Don Kemball (Kettle Lakes P.S.)	850 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville	4 weeks, July 3 to July 27	
Prince Charles S.I. Principals – Anne Kukurudza (Deer Park P.S.)/Jordan Appelberg (Fairwood P.S.)	684 Srigley Street, Newmarket	6 weeks, July 3 to Aug. 10	
Sixteenth Avenue S.I. 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	
Sutton S.I. Principals – Anne Kukurudza (Deer Park P.S.)/Jordan Appelberg (Fairwood P.S.)	5147 Baseline Road, Sutton West	4 weeks, July 3 to July 27	
Unionville Meadows S.I. Located at Milliken Mills P.S. Principals - Paul Oabel (Buttonville P.S.)/Don Kemball Kettle Lakes P.S.)	269 Risebrough Circuit, Markham	4 weeks, July 3 to July 27	
Noodbridge S.I 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

Roxanne Hibberd, Regional Coordinator Elementary Summer Learning Roxanne.hibberd@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Drew McNaughto, Principal, Community and International Education Services Drew.mcnaughto@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Linda Aihoshi, Performance Plus Program Facilitator 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
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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?
3.	At Summer Institute, there are athletic, academic and artistic activities.
	What do you like to do?
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## 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

### 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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