

Nellie McClung P.S.



Administrator's Message

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

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/2013

Courage is the character trait for May.

We face challenges directly. We seek help from others when necessary. We do the right thing even when it may be unpopular. We are able to recognize risks and danger and do not take unwise risks to gain the approval of those around us.

EQAO tests will be administered to Grade 3 & 6 students between **May 27th and June 7th**. 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 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 and Scooters

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.



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

EQAO Testing for Grade 3 students
May 27th - June 7th

Scholastic Book Fair will be held May 3rd-8th. The fair will be open to parents and students throughout the school day. Hope to see you there!!



Upcoming Dates

- May 3.....Swim to Survive (Gr 3s)
- May 6.....Council Meeting
- May 3-8.....Scholastic Book Fair
- May 16.....French Performance (Gr 4-8)
- May 27-June 7.....EQAO
- May 28.....Kindergarten Orientation
- June 4.....Council Meeting
- June 6.....BBQ Carnival
- June 21 (24th rain date).....KG Picnic
- Every Wed/ThursMilk Day
- Every Wed.....Pizza Day

Character Matters!

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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/>



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



With your help, the face of the 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games could come from right here in York Region.

A school in our Board has designed a mascot for the games. That design has been selected as one of six finalists.

You can help by spreading the word and voting regularly for the porcupine at www.toronto2015mascot.ca.

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 for school.

APPROPRIATE DRESS

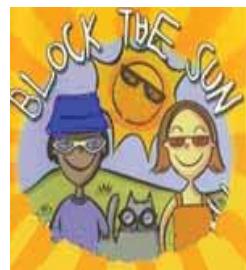


INAPPROPRIATE DRESS



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

- Water bottles
- Hats/Sunglasses
- Sun Block



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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 2013/2014

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.intothobook.org is excellent!



We will be recognizing all the volunteers that have helped out in our school this year at our **Volunteer Breakfast on June 12th**. 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, until regular supervision begins. We could not do all that we do to support our students without our volunteers!

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 2013/2014 school year are invited to Welcome to Kindergarten information session on **Tuesday, May 28th from 9:00 -10:30 am** 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.



Yearbook News

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 Miryam Kaduri for the front cover and Tyra Kantra for the back cover. Congratulations! Also, thank you to Jordan Wolanski, Kayla Wolanski and Isaac Rosenbaum for all your help and hard work.



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*

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

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 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup 100 per cent fruit juice or medium fresh fruit, $\frac{1}{2}$ 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., $\frac{1}{2}$ 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, or visit www.yrp.ca.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On April 12th, the students at Nellie McClung PS. participated in a kick off assembly from the Heart and Stroke Foundation to promote healthy living. The students learned the importance of physical activity, eating healthy and social responsibility. Fundraising forms were given out to all students, and k-5 students received a jump rope.



The students in kindergarten to grade 5 will be participating in various skipping activities on May 9th, 2013. Students are asked to bring their skipping rope. The students in grades 6-8 will be continuing this initiative by participating in Hoops for Heart on May 10th, 2013.

All fundraising (pledge forms and online) are due no later than May 17th, 2013.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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.

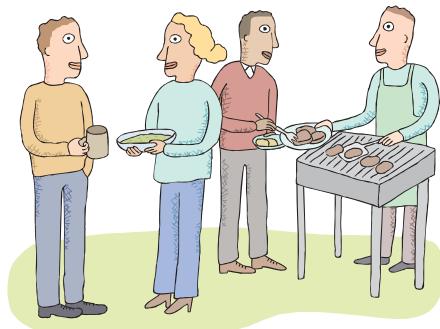
Please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca:

- 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.

Year End BBQ/Fun Fair

Our parent volunteers are actively organizing the Annual Year End BBQ/Fun Fair for **June 6th from 4:00 to 7:30 pm**. 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!





Discovery P.S. Summer Institute 2013!

Join Us For Summer Learning!

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@yrsdbs.edu.on.ca

Cost for YRDSB students:

**\$100 to
\$115 per
week**

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2013 ELEMENTARY SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS



PROGRAMS	SCHOOL LOCATIONS										
	A	C	D	L	LW	MM	OP	PC	S	UM	W
WORDS ALIVE	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
CLUBHOUSE	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
SKILLS 'N MOTION LEVEL 1	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
SKILLS 'N MOTION LEVEL 2	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
JUNIOR	●	●			●				●		
JUNIOR GOLF CAMP									●		
JUNIOR HIGH		●				●			●		
JUNIOR OUTDOOR ADVENTURE		●				●			●		
JUNIOR PRO CANOEING KAYAKING					●						
LEADERS OF TOMORROW (L.O.T.)								●			
ACTIVITIES	Activities offered vary at different locations.										
DESIGN											
MODEL BUILDING									●		
ROBOTICS			●			●		●	●		
SIMPLE MACHINES	●					●	●	●		●	
WOODWORKING								●	●		
DRAMATIC & FINE ARTS											
ACTOR'S STUDIO	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
ARTZCOOL		●									
BROADWAY BOUND									●		
BUCKET DRUMMING									●		
CREATIVE ARTS					●						
DANCE / DANCE FIT	●	●	●	●	●			●	●		●
DRUMS								●			
FINE ARTS								●	●		
GLEE		●			●				●		
VISUAL ARTS	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
SCIENCE											
NATURALLY CURIOUS	●					●	●	●		●	
READY, SET, COOK	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
WACKY SCIENCE WORLD	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
SPECIAL INTEREST											
COMIC BOOK WIZARD	●					●	●	●	●	●	
GAMES MASTER									●		
GUITAR STARTS								●			
KNIT KNOT								●			
MATH WIZARDS								●			
MUSIC MIX	●					●	●			●	
PASSION FOR FASHION		●				●		●			
ROCK BAND				●							
SCRAPBOOKING					●			●			
SEW CRAFTY / SEW CREATIVE								●			
STRING THEORY		●			●						
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS							●				
SPORTS & EXTREME SPORTS											
ARCHERY								●	●	●	●
BALL HOCKEY	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
BASEBALL / SOFTBALL	●				●	●	●	●	●	●	●
BASKETBALL/HOOPS/STREETBALL	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
BEGINNER GOLF				●							
CRICKET	●		●								
FIELD INVADERS	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	
INLINE SKATING (INDOOR)	●	●				●	●	●	●	●	
LACROSSE				●							
MOUNTAIN BIKING				●				●			
NET SPORTS					●						
BADMINTON / TABLE TENNIS	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
SKATEBOARDING	●	●			●			●	●		
SPORTTACULAR FUN	●				●	●	●		●		
SOCCER	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●	●
URBAN BIKING	●	●			●				●		
ULTIMATE FRISBEE	●				●	●	●		●		
VOLLEYBALL		●	●	●				●	●		
WET & WILD WATER FUN					●			●			
TECHNOLOGY											
COMPUTERS			●							●	
DIGITAL CREATIVE DESIGN		●	●		●	●	●				
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION		●				●					
TECH WORLD	●				●		●	●	●		
VIDEO FILMING					●			●	●		

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

CONTACTS & LOCATIONS

For information or registration:

A	Armadae SI 11 Coppard Ave., Markham Email: armadae.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - August 9
C	Crosby Heights SI 190 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill Email: crosby.heights.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - August 9
D	Discovery SI 120 Discovery Trail, Maple Email: discovery.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - August 9
L	Lakeside SI 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
MM	Milliken Mills SI 289 Riseborough Circuit, Unionville Email: milliken.mills.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - July 26
O	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 SI 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	Unionville Meadows SI 355 South Unionville Ave., Markham Email: unionvillemeadows.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - August 9
W	Woodbridge SI 60 Burwick Ave., Woodbridge Email: woodbridge.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca Weekly from July 2 - August 9
 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 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 PS., please contact Homestay Services at homestay@yrdsb.edu.on.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 \$200 per week.	
Extended Child Care Provider YMCA 905 943-9622 ext 333	

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