

Nellie McClung P.S.



Administrator's Message

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It is with great excitement that we begin the 2014-15 school year at Nellie McClung P.S. We hope that everyone has had a relaxing summer break and are focused on the many exciting learning opportunities that the new school year will bring. A special thank you to the caretaking staff, office staff and teaching staff for the many additional hours they put into preparing for a successful September start-up.

In grades JK to 3 there is a maximum number of 20 students per class (with the exception of Full Day Early Learning Programs). In all schools this may necessitate the creation of several combined (split) grade classrooms throughout all divisions. As we process new registrations and determine those students who have moved away, our organization may shift in order to maintain the Ministry requirements. During the next week and a half we will meet as a staff to discuss any reorganization that **may** need to occur. **Parents will be informed during the week of September 16th about any changes that will occur that may or may not impact their child.**

Cancer is an unfortunate reality that effects all of us. This year, instead of raising money for the Terry Fox Foundation as we have traditionally done, we will participate in a "Cancer Awareness Run/Walk" the afternoon of September 24th and raise money for Sick Kids Pediatric Cancer Unit. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Please mark your calendars for our **Curriculum night on Wednesday, October 1st**. Parents and students can begin entering the school at 6:30pm and proceed directly to their child's class. The evening will wrap up by 7:30pm. Teachers will answer questions around programming—this will not be the time to discuss individual student needs. More details to come.

In closing, we would like to remind you that we cannot be successful without YOU! We welcome your participation in your child's learning and look forward to partnering with you to ensure that every student is a literate graduate prepared to embrace all that life has to offer. We look forward to working with you throughout the coming year.

Your partners in education,

W. Thompson
Principal

B. Stone
Co-Principal



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Superintendent: C. LaTouche

Trustee: Joel Hertz

Gr. 1-8

School Hours

9:10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Supervision Begins at 8:55 a.m.

First Bell at 9:05 a.m.

Instruction Begins at 9:10 a.m.

Recess 10:50 a.m.-11:10 a.m.

Lunch 12:50 p.m. -1:50 p.m.

Kindergarten

School Hours

9:10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Supervision Begins at 8:55 a.m.

First Bell at 9:05 a.m.

Instruction Begins at 9:10 a.m.

Lunch 12:30 p.m. -1:30 p.m.

Office Hours: 8:30-4:30

If your child will be absent or late please use our 24 hour voicemail system.
CALL THE SCHOOL AT 905-303-8113 AND PRESS 6 TO LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ATTENDANCE LINE.

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**Courage
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Character Matters!

**Respect
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Respect

“We respect ourselves and treat others with courtesy, dignity, and positive regard. We honour the rights of others. We respect their belongings, the environment and the world around us.”

Important Information for Parent Volunteers

York Region District School Board procedure requires that all parent volunteers who come to help out in the classroom complete and submit an Offence Declaration form. This is in compliance with YRDSB procedure NP 280-Volunteers in our Schools. The Offence Declaration forms will be maintained in the office.

All students have received a copy of the *2014-15 Learning Calendar*. Please note that on **Thursday, June 25th, 2014** an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to participate in activities in the afternoon of that day in support of student achievement and school planning.

Students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 25th, 2014 only. More details will follow closer to the date.

Medication

Thank you to all parents who have promptly returned medical forms and medication for your child/ren. The Board policy states that those students who require an Epi Pen carry their Epi Pen on them in a “fanny pack” at all times during the day (as age appropriate).

This also includes on the bus coming to school and going home. It is mandatory that the school office has an extra Epi –Pen that is kept in the health room. Parents are asked to bring the extra Epi-Pen to school as soon as possible along with the required medical forms completely filled out.

Recording School Events and Privacy

School events and performances are wonderful experiences during which your child has the opportunity to showcase his/her talents and achievements. The photographs and videos you capture will provide memories for a lifetime. To protect the privacy of others, **please do not post personal photos or videos in public, such as on YouTube or Facebook.** Even if your Facebook account is private only to friends, that still infringes upon the privacy of others such as parents, staff and particularly students whose images appear in your photos without their permission or knowledge.

International Languages Programs

Once again we are offering International Language programs for our students. Last year over 14,000 students enrolled in our programs which offered over twenty different languages. With your support, we hope to expand this program to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse community.

www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/coned

See the yellow page that was sent home with the first day package.

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Equity Alert!

Due to students with extreme food allergies and in fostering an equitable learning environment, **no food products for birthdays as well as fast food purchases for lunch (i.e., McDonald's etc.) will be allowed into the school.**

Thank you for your cooperation and efforts at inspiring healthy eating habits for our children.



Transportation

Students in **Grades JK-3 must live more**

than 1.2 km. from the school to qualify for bussing.

Students in **Grades 4 – 8 must live more than 1.6 km.** from the school to qualify for bussing.

This means that a student may have qualified in grade 3 but no longer qualifies in grade 4. It also means that one sibling may qualify and the other may not.

Please check the website at www.schoolbuscity.com .

Allergies

There are children and staff who have life threatening **allergies**. In order to ensure the health and wellbeing of these individuals, we have a **Scent and Peanut/Nut Sensitive Policy in our school.** We need the understanding and commitment of everyone in our community.

Please take the time to read ingredient labels carefully. This will help to ensure that our students, staff and visitors remain free from exposure to nut products, perfumes and scented sprays and help avoid the possibility of a medical emergency.

NMPS is beginning the process to becoming an Eco Certified School. Our mandate is to work together as a school and a community to reduce, reuse and recycle to create a safe and eco- friendly environment for our children and the children of the future. We continue to think of innovative ways to reduce the amount of waste and energy consumed at our school. We continue to support **litter-less lunches**, and the school recycling program. As part of our initiative to create an eco-friendly school the office will be reducing the amount of paper that is sent out to the community. In our conscious effort to reduce the amount of garbage that enters our landfills on a yearly basis we will be doing our part in conservation by emailing our monthly newsletter to parents and posting it on the Nellie McClung P.S. website. To help us with this, **please register your family's email address by going to:**

<http://www.nelliemcclung.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/>

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ECO TIP

As part of our initiative to be certified as an Eco School, we will be adding in an eco tip and some information about some eco things we are doing at Nellie.

We are selling reusable water bottles!

ECO TIP: When washing laundry, try using cold water & cold water detergent to save on energy and lower our carbon footprint.



THINK RECYCLE

Nellie McClung has just developed a partnership with a company called Think Recycle. Think Recycle recycles unwanted electronics including cell phones and inkjet cartridges. We receive compensation for each item we recycle.

As well, for every 24 qualifying items that we recycle, the company plants a tree in our school's name.

Bring in your old ink cartridges and cell phones to our school and drop them off in the box near the office. Our goal is to be an environmentally friendly school. Through this initiative, we will be saving the landfill from these items, earning money for our school and helping the environment.



Child Care

Before and after school child care is provided by **Fun on the Run**. For more information:

funontherun.nelliemcclung@rogers.com or call

Fun on the Run at (905)265-7458.

LABELS

We strongly urge you to label your child's clothes (hats, boots, shoes, coats) and personal items (lunch bags, water bottle etc.). Order labels now at:

<http://tagms.com/product/nellie-mcclung-name-labels/?affiliates=11>

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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 ATTENDANCE 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.

No Dogs on School Property



NO DOGS ALLOWED

There are no dogs allowed on school property. Please leave your dog(s) at home when dropping off and picking up your children. We have students who are allergic or afraid of dogs. This is for the safety of our students.

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