

# Nellie McClung P.S.



## Administrator's Message

Principal Mrs. W. Thompson Co Principal Mr. B. Berman

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It is with great excitement that we begin the 2012-13 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 cap 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 24th about any changes that will occur that may or may not impact their child.** Changes to student placements will not be reviewed before this date.

Please mark your calendars for **Kindergarten Curriculum night on Monday, Sept. 24th.** Parents and students can begin entering the school at 6:30 pm and proceed directly to their child's class. The evening will wrap up by 7:30 pm. Teachers will answer questions around programming—this will not be the time to discuss individual students. Information about Curriculum Night for Grades 1 to 8 is being planned for October 10th.

In closing, we would like to remind you that we can not be successful in our mission to “inspire and prepare learners for life in our changing world community” 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. Berman  
Vice Principal



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Superintendent: Sharon List

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.

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#### 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 ATTEN-**

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**Optimism**

## **Character Matters!**

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*"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope or confidence."*

~Helen Keller~

### Message from our Trustee

It is my pleasure to welcome back our returning students and families, and to offer warm greetings to those of you who are new to the school community.

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the months ahead.

In our schools, we strive to create safe, caring and supportive learning environments that promote student achievement and well-being. Partnerships with families are essential to achieving that goal.

Your strong support and active involvement in the school and your children's education help create an environment where students can thrive.

Thanks to your support, and the hard work of our staff, students, families and community partners, we continue to be one of the top performing school boards in Ontario.

As an elected trustee and an advocate for high quality public education, I am committed to ensuring the highest quality public education possible for York Region students and their families. I take those responsibilities very seriously.

In the coming year, we will continue our focus on the priorities set out in our Multi-Year Plan: student achievement and well-being, the delivery of effective and appropriate educational programs and the responsible stewardship of Board resources.

Together, we can continue inspiring and preparing students for life in our changing world community.

I wish you all the very best for the 2012-13 school year.

Sincerely,

Joel Hertz

### **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 **MUST** carry their Epi Pen on them in a "fanny pack" at all times during the day. 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 publically, 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.

### **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.

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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](http://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/](http://www.nelliemcclung.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/)

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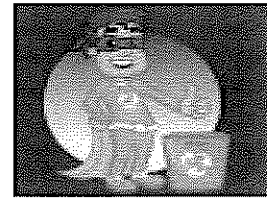
## ECO TIP

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.*

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## THINK RECYCLE

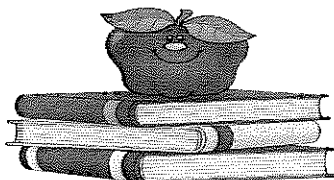
Nellie McClung has just developed a partnership with a company called Think Recycle. Think Recycle recycles unwanted electronics including cell phones and inkjet cartridges. We receive compensation for each item we recycle. As well, for every 24 qualifying items that we recycle, the company plants a 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.

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## Child Care

Before and after school child care is provided by **Fun on the Run**. For more information: [funontherun.nelliemcclung@rogers.com](mailto:funontherun.nelliemcclung@rogers.com) or call Fun on the Run at (905)265-7458.



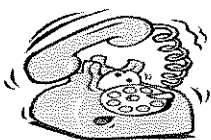
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## SAFE ARRIVAL FOR STUDENTS

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.

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

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# Nellie Staff 2012-13

Teacher Name	Grade	Classroom/Ext
Lina Guerriero / Jessica Mateo-Adegbaaju	FTJSB	110
Shara-Lynn Fraser / Amy Di Cristofaro	FTJSA	106
Tiffany Scott /Elena Ferreira	FTJSC	111
Bonnie Sobel / Di Prospero	FTJSD	114
Sofiya Osipov /Elena Pachkina	FTJSE	105
Andrea Di Placido / Salome Alagaratnam	FTJSF	101
Jocelyn Baker / Samareh Mirahmadi	FTJSG	133
Kathleen Pimentel / Beverly Jimenez	FTJSH	131
Hilary Starkman /Wendy McGraw	FTJSI	122
Trisha Fortis	1A	227
Melissa Abballe	1B	226
Jason Knopman	1C	224
Adina Abrams	1D	225
Katie Tranter	2A	119
Jessica Preskow	2B	120
Stephanie Leung	2/3	121
Jen Okell	3A	202
Kim Short	3B	203
Shannon Ackles- Dold	3C	204
Steve Sevel	4A	208
Jeanette Jacobs	4/5A	321
Sarah Young	5A	322
Stephanie Harmer	5B	323
Tracy Feldman	6A	324
Farshad Derakhshandeh	6B	325
Paul Bartolomeo	7/8A	206
Jessica Cornell	7/8B	209
Nicole Oprisan	7/8C	210
Barbara Batko	Community	123
Lisa Vien	Reading Recovery	127
Brian Bow	Music	117
Marnie Sieger	Reading Recovery/Spec Ed	219
Bryan Gerson	English as a Second Language	205
Cheryl Urback	English as a Second Language	205
Penny Lam	Art Prep	200
Adriana Rotman	French	326
Bronwen Banhegyi	Prep/Music	213
Emily Burns	Prep	213
Kelli Sherwin	Special Education	222
Lourdes Haist	Special Education	223
Rose Gordon-Rak	Library	116
Karey Morra	ADH	
Nichole Sanders	EA	
Janet Kelly	CYW	
Robyn Stallman	ADH	
Daniella Commisso	CYW	
Christina Direito	EA	
Vida Owusu	CYW	

**Office Staff—Ms Traci, Ms Bagel, Ms Morra**

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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.



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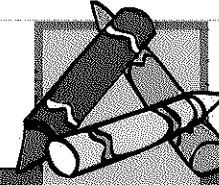
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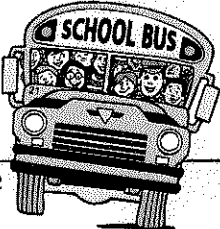

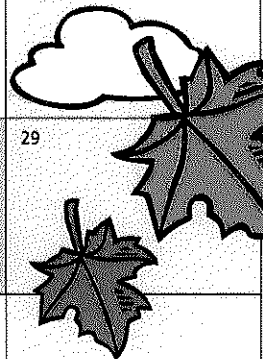
eMail: [redstone.ps@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:redstone.ps@yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3  LABOUR DAY (No School)	4 First Day of School	5	6	7	8 International Literacy Day
9	10	11	12	13 School Bus Safety	14 School Bus Safety	15
16	17 ROSH HASHANAH	18 ROSH HASHANAH	19 Lice Squad	20 Lice Squad	21 Lunch Lady	22
23	24 KG curriculum night	25	26 YOM KIPPUR	27	28 PA DAY (No School)	29 
30						