

*Nobleton Public School*

# NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Is it December already? The beginning of the school year has flown by. When we reflect on the last few months, the word generosity comes to mind. We are grateful to the families who gave so generously to our Terry Fox Campaign and our “We Scare Hunger” Food Drive. We are making a difference at Nobleton.

Next week, our Student Council will be selling cookies to raise money for two charities, the Nobleton X-mas Drive and Sleeping Children Around the World. Our students are emulating our School Touchstone, by “reaching out both locally and globally”. Last year, through Sleeping Children, we were able to support 8 children from Uganda with the purchase of bed kits. As well, our Student Council has planned some spirit days for the month of December and on those days we would ask students to bring nonperishable food items for the local food bank in York Region. Thank you for helping to support families in need!

Whether you are spending the winter holiday travelling or staying closer to home, on behalf of the staff at Nobleton we wish you a safe and relaxing holiday.

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE



As we near the end of 2016, I hope everyone has had a great school year so far and found opportunities to get involved with the life of the school.

It is wonderful to have opportunities to see not only what our students are learning, but to see how they are learning – collaborating and problem solving, using technology in exciting new ways, and engaged in hands-on activities.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the dedicated staff members, students, families and community members across our Board. Thanks to all of the great people we have in our system, we continue to advance student achievement and well-being.

Our Board continues to have a strong commitment to creating welcoming, inclusive learning environments that enable all of our students to thrive. Engaging families in your child’s education and the school community is in an important part of creating that environment.

There are resources for families available on our Board website at [www.yrdsb.ca/parents](http://www.yrdsb.ca/parents), including information on Board programs and supports, and tips for parents to support your child's learning at home and at school.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2017. I hope you are able to enjoy time with family and friends.

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## REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE



If your child is well enough to attend school, they will be expected to go outside for recess. Our breaks are 30 minutes in the morning and 40 minutes after lunch. Please send your children dressed appropriately for the daily conditions and outdoor winter play Extra socks, pants and mittens will keep your child warm and dry and will help us avoid having to contact you for dry clothing.

If your child is showing signs of being unwell (fever/headache/sore throat/upset stomach) we strongly urge you to keep them at home until they are feeling better. Children who have been vomiting should stay home the following day. While we encourage generosity and sharing at Nobleton, this is not quite what we have in mind!



Everyone is reminded that forgotten items (lunch/homework/gym clothes/etc.) can be dropped off at the round table in the foyer. Please include your child's name and teacher. Students will be called at the next break in the day, either at recess or at lunch time, to come collect them.

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

*A message from our Council Co-Chairs Dan Bousfield and Besy Boyd*

School Council has been busy discussing spirit events, parent engagement and fundraising initiatives at the school. Every parent is always welcome to come out and get involved. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 7, 2017 at 7pm, and all parents are always welcome to attend.

We have a series of ongoing promotions throughout the school year which generate revenue for the school without having to run dedicated campaigns.

The first is Nobleton Spirit wear from [urstore.ca](http://urstore.ca) or [nobletonpscouncil.ca](http://nobletonpscouncil.ca), which is shipped directly to you with free shipping for orders over \$95. Be sure to get your Nobleton gear for presents over the holidays!

**Order Spirit Wear at  
[nobletonpscouncil.ca](http://nobletonpscouncil.ca)**

The second ongoing program is **FundScrip**. This is a program where if you purchase gift cards for common retailers, a portion of the money goes back to the school. They have December promotions on now. You can order gift cards by going to [fundscrip.com](http://fundscrip.com) and entering the school code **VWLZ6T**. The cards are shipped directly to your address.



Finally, the School council is planning to do a holiday spirit event having each classroom decorate a wreath that will be on display during the December school assembly. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity for lucky school members to take their class wreath home! Stay tuned to our facebook and twitter pages for more details soon!

We always love to hear your thoughts and ideas. Please contact us on facebook, twitter or through e-mail. The easiest way to access these links is through our website at [nobletonpscouncil.ca/](http://nobletonpscouncil.ca/) if you have any questions or concerns regarding the School Council.

**Remember our next meeting is February 7th 2017 at 7:00 pm in the school's library.**

**We hope to see you there!**

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## **STUDENT COUNCIL UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Student Council and Eco Team is having a fundraiser for December. They will be selling cookies from Monday December 12 to Thursday December 15 at morning recess. The cost of the cookie is a \$1.00



Money raised will be used to support the Nobleton Christmas Drive and Sleeping Children Around the World. More information about Sleeping Children and what they do can be found at [www.scaw.org](http://www.scaw.org)

# SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATION NOTICE



To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00

a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

· A decision to cancel school bus service will be region-wide meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.

School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.

· Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

## **RADIO**

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM				
88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM	94.9 FM	
95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM	
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	107.1 FM	

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A bus cancellation message will also be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB on twitter.

Please note that school bus charters will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled. Furthermore, please contact the school at 905-859-4059 if your child will remain at home during a day when school busses are cancelled. This is in accordance with our safe arrivals policy

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## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT NPS

### Bully Prevention Week



Students and Staff at Nobleton Public School kicked off Bully Awareness and Prevention Week by wearing pink to school. The Pink Shirt movement originated in a Nova Scotia High School in 2007 when two grade 12 students organized their peers to wear pink shirts in solidarity against bullying. Today, Pink Shirt Day is recognized internationally as a symbol of inclusivity and acceptance.

## **Tasca Park Visit**

On December 10th the Eco Team to Tasca Park to learn about our local ecosystem and the types of trees that grow in our area.

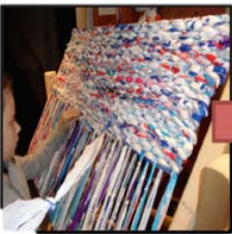
While they were there, they had a chance to measure the new trees that have been planted in the park, as well as learn about the monarch butterflies and their yearly journey.

Did you know that the monarch butterflies fly 6000 km every year to make it to Mexico? Without the local milkweed they would not be able to make it through the flight. The students learned about the importance of our local plants to the animals in the area. Overall the students had a fun and educational time at Tasca Park.



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## **CALL FOR MILK BAGS TO SUPPORT THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES**



Colton in Grade 4 and Jaden in Grade 3, along with Ms. Isit, are excited to let you know that we have started to collect milk bags! Colton and Jaden watched inspiring videos and read articles that helped explain how milk bags can be used to make milk beds for those without a bed in third world countries. The two boys wrote a script that they recorded and showed everyone at the recent Good News Assembly to inform them how we can take part in this initiative and help make a difference. They have made posters for around the school and

announcements to remind students to continue to bring milk bags throughout the year. We hope to collect enough milk bags so we can make the milk beds this school year! It takes about 400 milk bags to make 1 milk bed. More information about making the milk beds will follow towards the end of the school year. Let's work together to help make people in third world countries happy and healthy too!

The milk bags can be dropped off in the box in front of the office. Let's work together to help make a difference by Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling in Nobleton!

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## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION TO COMMENCE JAN 20 2017**

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 20, 2016 for the 2016-17 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Children who were born in 2013, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact the office at 905-859-4590.

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## **FRENCH IMMERSION INFO SESSIONS AND REGISTRATION**

### **French Immersion registration will take place from January 20 - February 10, 2017**

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Benyon Fields Public School on January 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 20, 2017. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2017, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office (where your child currently attends) and request an Office Index Card - short version. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to Benyon Fields PS to register between January 20 and February 10, 2017. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrolment information or to pre-register.

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in [Policy #108](#).