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#### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

It seems as though this school year has just begun and yet, once again, we find ourselves at the end. How quickly time flies!

The end of the school year is a time for all of us to reflect on the year that is ending. Thank you for supporting your child's education by being involved. Working together makes a big difference in the success of your child. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, staff, classroom assistants, caretakers and parents for their many contributions this year. The support, encouragement and efforts of all individuals have provided the students with excellent learning opportunities and the students have met the challenges. Students have excelled in many areas, both within the school and beyond, and we are very proud of them.

Finally, I would like to wish our graduates good luck in the future, and hope all of our Nobleton community enjoys the summer holidays. We look forward to seeing all of the students back at school on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Parents are to drop off their children as normal, and they are to proceed to the school yard to find their new teacher.

## "You say good-bye and I say hello..."

A part of every school year is saying goodbye to staff who will not be returning to Nobleton in the fall. Mrs. Burrows will be celebrating the next phase of her life as she moves into retirement. We have been so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with such a wonderful professional.

Mr. Summerfeldt will be leaving to begin a year leave of absence and we wish him all the best.

Mr. Fassel, Ms. Raco, Ms. Willis and Ms. Yeoman have completed their long term occasional/temporary assignments at Nobleton. Ms. Buchanan, Ms. Beasley, Ms. O'Kurily, Ms. Mancino, Mr. Reeve, Ms. Poon and Ms. Tomczak will be transferring to other school locations within our school board. We want to thank all of these staff members for their contributions to Nobleton Public School. Their efforts and contributions added inspiration and provided a positive climate for learning. We'll miss you and wish all of you the best of luck as you continue in your careers with York Region.

We would also like to offer a special welcome back to **Ms. Dal Barco**, **Ms. Isit and Ms. Collier** who will all be returning from leave . We are also pleased to announce that **Ms. Allen** will be joining our staff from Hartman Public School as of September.

# THURSDAY JUNE 29TH, 2017 EARLY DISMISSAL IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. **On Thursday, June 29, 2017**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 29, 2017 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **12 pm**. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE



As we near the end of the school year, I want to thank you for all that you do to strengthen our schools and communities. This is a good time to celebrate your child's achievements over the past year.

One of our goals in the <u>Trustees' Multi-Year Plan</u> is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture and caring and learning." That includes a culture that emphasizes engagement and positive relationships among all the members of the school community – students, staff members, families and community members.

You, as parents/guardians, are our most important partners when it comes to education. The support you have provided to your child throughout this past school year will help to strengthen our schools and make a difference to your child's learning.

I encourage you to continue engaging your child in learning throughout the summer, and to help them to see the connections between what they are learning in school and the world around them. There are so many opportunities to do this over the summer, whether that's planning a budget with your child, enjoying the natural beauty in York Region, reading a book or visiting local sites.

Whatever your plans are this summer, I wish you all a successful end to the school year, and a safe and enjoyable summer.

#### **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

A message from our Council Co-Chairs

Dan Bousfield and Besy Boyd

It looks like another fabulous year is wrapping up at Nobleton Public School. May 10<sup>th</sup> saw the final meeting of NPS parent council and quite a bit was accomplished!

**Maker Space Update**: Thanks to our generous parent community who support the hot lunch program and other fundraising activities, council made a sizable contribution, to launch the Maker Space program. Mrs. Megraw and Mrs. Mitchell are taking the lead to get it rolling.

We look forward to the official Maker Space opening in the fall. Our plan is to create a purchase directory (similar to a gift registry), to allow parents to contribute items to Maker Space directly from YRDSB approved suppliers.

**On the Playground:** Next time you're in John's No Frills, be sure to say thank you to John for his thoughtfulness in furnishing our playground with its very own Buddy Bench. A buddy bench helps combat loneliness in the school yard by offering a place for students to go if they have no one to play with. Should your child see another student on the buddy bench, they are encouraged to extend an invitation to play.

**Track and Field + BBQ**: Heartfelt thanks to all the parent volunteers who timed, measured and scored for the Track and Field events held on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to all the amazing athletes who won each event! The accompanying BBQ was another success, with funds going to the Maker Space program. We couldn't have done it without our dedicated Hot Lunch Committee and all the parents who volunteered to help for the day.

Parents Making a Difference: Looking ahead to September, Parent Council will be hosting a BBQ on Meet-the-Teacher night to start off our fundraising for the school year. The continued support of parents throughout the year make great things possible at NPS.

This year, funds raised went to technology and computers, sports jerseys, kindergarten welcome kits, kindergarten and grade 8 graduations and Maker Space, just to name a few. Special thanks to the parent community of Nobleton Public School for your continued support to enrich the school experience for our students!

**Keep in Touch!** Communication is the cornerstone for building successful relationships. Parent Council invites all parents (and grandparents) as well as teachers to follow us on facebook and

twitter. Share your ideas, tips and best practices, ask questions and get to know other parents in our school community.

**Nobleton Hawks Clothing – Spirit Wear:** You can purchase your Nobleton Spirit wear from <u>urstore.ca</u> or <u>nobletonpscouncil.ca</u>. Orders are shipped directly to your home with free shipping on orders over \$95. They always have new products and designs, so be sure to check back on a regular basis.

Curious about Maker Space? Click here.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter

#### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT NOBLETON PS

#### **NPS wins Gold EcoSchools Certification**

Because of all the hard work and determination the Eco Team received a Gold EcoSchools Certification this year!!! A special Thank you to Alex Simonato and the wonderful Eco Club for all their commitment and dedication to help the school and community environment.



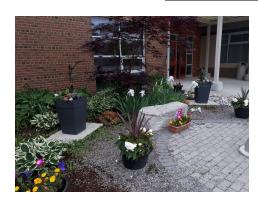
Thank you , Marsha Mirander



#### Victoria Day Clean Up

Thanks to the Eco Club led by Mrs. Mirander and Thanks to Mr. Tovey's class for spending the morning of Tuesday May 23rd at the Nobleton Community Centre cleaning up after the Victoria Day Fireworks.

#### **Front Garden Maintenance**



Greenside Gardens generously donated the flowers and planters to keep our front garden area beautiful. Now all we need is some sunshine!!!



#### **Grade 8 Ottawa Trip**





Our annual grade 8 graduation trip was a huge success. Students enjoyed visiting key points in the Ottawa area and were able to create memories to last a lifetime.

Congratulations students and all the best as you enter grade 9!

#### **Grade 5 National Public Works Week Field Trip**



The grade 5 students at Nobleton Public School attended a field trip to celebrate National Public Works Week. the theme of the trip was how "Public Works Connects Us". It gave students an opportunity to learn first hand how public works' professionals make our communities better places to live. They spent the morning touring York Paramedic Headquarters featuring a simulation lab and command centre. They participated in a mini CPR workshop and learned how a simple hand-only technique can help save a life. In the afternoon, they found out about York

region Transit, the rapid transit system Viva and the PRESTO card as they rode to the regional forest. They learned how the forest is operated, why it's called "Nature's Classroom and participated in a hands on activity at the Bill Bisch Forest Stewardship and Education Centre in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

#### **Grade 6 Lake St. George Trip**











From May 17-19, the Grade 6's enjoyed their trip to Lake St. George Outdoor Education Centre. They students participated enthusiastically in group games, a pontoon boat trip, wilderness survival activities, and many delicious meals. Thank you for the fundraising support. We had a great time!

#### **Track and Field and BBQ**

Congratulations to all track and field participant who competed on May 31st! The day went well and it is greatly appreciated of those students who gave it their all yesterday. Thank you so much to all the teachers and volunteers who ran the events. Thank you to Peter, Daniela, Lorenzo, Liam, Isabella and Christopher for all their help in the morning. An a huge thank you to Mr. Cortese who helped chalk the driveway which is no easy task.

Thanks also to school council for organizing and cooking a fantastic BBQ Lunch for all the students.

#### **Happy Notes by Juliana at NPS**



On Saturday, June 17th you could find Juliana outside John's No Frills handing out "Happy Notes". Juliana had come up with this cheery, original idea for her school project. She approached shoppers and asked them if they would like a "happy note", shoppers would then pick a note out of her basket which was brimming with dozens of notes each with an original, uplifting quote written on it. The shopper could then pin the note on their shirt because Juliana had attached a little clothes peg to the back of each

note - Juliana, a Nobleton Public School original!



#### **ARE YOU MOVING?**

It's hard to believe but we are already planning for September 2017! If you are moving out of the area, it would be very helpful if you let the office know at 905-859-4590. This will assist us in appropriately predicting our class size and staffing requirements for the new academic year. Thank-you.

## SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 21ST GRADE 8 GRADUATION NIGHT



Family and friends of the graduating class of 2017 are invited to attend the ceremony at Nobleton Public School Gym at 6:30pm. Dinner and dance will follow for the students at Glen Eagle Country Club until 11pm.

#### **SUMMER INSTITUTE 2017**



The York Region District School Board Summer Institute is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Programs are offered at in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

YMCA Before and After Care programs available at all locations

#### **YMCA Before and After Care Registration**

#### Weekly Sessions July 4, 2017 to August 11, 2017

For registration information and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit <a href="www.yrdsb.ca">www.yrdsb.ca</a> and select programs and services.

Summer Institute Site	Address
Armadale S.I.	11 Coppard Ave., Markham
Crosby Heights S.I.	190 Neal Dr., Richmond Hill
Discovery S.I. (located at Teston Village P.S.)	80 Murray Farm Lane., Maple
Lakeside S.I.	213 Shorecrest Rd., Keswick
Lake Wilcox S.I.	80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill
Maple Leaf S.I. (located at Glen Cedar P.S.)	915 Wayne Dr., Newmarket
Milliken Mills S.I. (located at Highgate P.S.)	35 Highgate Dr., Markham
Oscar Peterson S.I.	850 Hoover Park Dr., Stouffville
Sixteenth Avenue S.I.	400 Sixteenth Ave., Richmond Hill
Unionville Meadows S.I.	355 South Unionville Ave., Markham
Woodbridge S.I.	60 Burwick Ave., Woodbridge

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