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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

May is here and hopefully the April showers have finally passed us and it will be sunshine for the next while!

It was great to speak with so many families during our Arts Night. Thanks go out to our amazing and talented students who blew us all away with their artistic talents and to our staff for organizing the evening. A special thanks to our School Council for organizing the BBQ and their ongoing support for our school initiatives. We couldn't do it without you.

We have some new staff who have joined us in the last month. Mrs. Sargeant has been teaching Grade $\frac{2}{3}$ and Mrs. Willis will be teaching Music and Prep coverage every afternoon. We hope you will join us in making them feel welcome.

During the weeks of May 23rd and May 29th our Grade 3 and 6 students will be participating in EQAO Provincial Assessment of Literacy and Math skills. Whenever possible, we ask that parents do not schedule appointments during the testing period. It is very important for your child to be in school during EQAO testing. Please ensure that your child is well rested during this period and attends punctually.

With the sunny, warmer weather on the way we ask that you review the school dress code with your children as we expect students to arrive properly attired. This can found in the student agenda. During May and June our Eco team is encouraging our students to walk and bike to school. This is not only good for our environment, student health and well-being but it also takes pressure off of our parking lot and driveway.

With only a short time left in the year we want to make this time count for all of our students. As parents, you can support your children by encouraging them to persevere with their academics, review the school code of conduct and follow the high expectations for behaviour we have expected from them all year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

<u>A message from our Council Co-Chairs Dan Bousfield and Besy Boyd</u>

Spring is here! We want to thank all the teachers, parents, kids and staff who helped out on Arts night to make it a great event! The BBQ helped raise funds for the grade 6 class trip to Lake St. George and we continue to raise funds for the new Maker Space.

Just a reminder that you can purchase your Nobleton Spirit wear from urstore.ca or nobletonpscouncil.ca, which is shipped directly to you with free shipping for orders over \$95. They always have new products and designs, so be sure to check back on a regular basis.

NPS Parent Council

Curious about Maker Space? Click here.

Don't forget to follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT NOBLETON PS

Earth Day Cleanup at Tasca Park







The rainy weather held off as students at Nobleton PS helped clean up Tasca Park during Earth Day Celebrations in April. The school grounds also received a much needed spring clean by NPS staff and students. Thanks to all who participated and helped keep Nobleton clean!

Earth Day Hooray

By Mrs. Sargeant's Grade 2s.

Our class helped clean the upper yard for Earth Day. First we wore gloves to protect our hands. Then we picked up litter that we knew was safe to handle. It surprised us to see all of the snack wrappers and ziplock bags that were there. Next, we put all of our garbage into the big bag and anything that

could still be recycled into a recycling bin. Our bag was full and really heavy! Last, we came inside to talk about ways that we can help reduce the litter on the yard. We decided that eating whole foods would help reduce wrappers, and to eat all our snacks in the classroom and not on the yard. We love our yard and want it to be green and clean! Thank you Nobleton PS for a great way to celebrate Earth Day.

Skilled Trade Symposium











On Monday May 1st, Mr. Tovey's class and Ms. O'Kurily's class attended the Ontario Skilled Trades Symposium at the Toronto Congress Centre. We participated in workshops on welding, pipe fitting and sheet metal. They were fantastic. We also had an opportunity to explore many displays from Ontario Colleges and Universities, promoting jobs in the skilled trades. Thank you to the following parents for volunteering their time to share in this wonderful educational experience: Mrs. Marchese, Mrs. Tortolo, Mrs. Trasolini, Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Gluvic, Mrs. Peelar, Mrs. Boparai, Mr. Bousfield, Mrs.Wilson-Kelly, Mr. Cocciardi, Mrs. Aloia, Mrs. Simonato, Mrs. Templeman, Mr. Hansen, Mrs. Maier, and Ms. Censori.

Ms. O'Kurily and Mr. Tovey

Junior Boys Basketball Regionals

Congratulations to the coaches and students of the Nobleton Junior Boys Basketball Team for their hard work and dedication this season. They competed in the regional tournament on Thursday, May 4th and emerged victorious as Regional Champions! They should be very proud of this significant accomplishment against almost 200 schools.



Arts Night









On Thursday, April 27, 2017, Nobleton Public School celebrated the Arts! The evening program started with a wonderful BBQ hosted by the Parent Council. Stage performances, band

performances, and art displays were all a part of the amazing evening. The performances highlighted the artistic, dance, and musical talent of our Nobleton students. What a lot of energy! The halls were filled with visual art displays showing off the impressive talents of our JK through Grade 8 students.

Many thanks to the student performers, student tech helpers, staff and parents who lent their support in numerous ways to make Arts Night 2017 such a wonderful evening!

Junior/Intermediate Speech Contest

Speech contests were held at the Nobleton Public School on Friday, May 5, 2017. Two students from each class presented prepared talks to the school audience. Their research, poise, presentation, and confidence were impressive. Here are the results:

Junior Division (Gr 4-6)

First Place: Chelsea H. Second Place: Arash W.

Third Place (tie): Kenny D. and Amaan A

Congratulations also to the other semi-finalists in the Junior Division:

Claire H., Ria D., Amy P., Nataliah M., Ronnie B.

Intermediate Division (Gr. 7-8)

First Place: Saskia W.

Second Place (tie): Allie S. and Emily P.

Third Place: Alliyah R.

Congratulations also to the other semi-finalists in the Intermediate Division:

Bronwyn S., Kaitlyn M., Mathea C., Sarah J., Grace G. Julia H.

We appreciate the great effort and dedication of our judges, Mrs. Burrows (teacher-librarian), Ms. K. McLellan (King Township Environmental Stewardship Coordinator), and Dr. D. Bousfield (co-chair, Nobleton Parent Council). We also thank our student M.C.'s (Shawn P., Kieley M., Michelle A., John T., Mihir R.), our timers, and our tech crew.

Submitted by: Mrs. Rudnitski

Book Fair News!!!

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a HUGE SUCCESS! Thank you to all students, parents and community members for participating. Lora Kastrati was the winner of our BOOK DRAW. Lora won \$25.00 worth of books for herself and \$25.00 for her classroom library. Congratulations to Lora and Ms. Yeoman's class!

Many thanks to Mrs. Fink and all the parent volunteers that gave their time during the Book Fair Week and helped make this event a success! Happy Reading!

Ms. Burrows, Teacher Librarian

Black Creek Pioneer Village

Our Trip Back in Time, by Michelle, Mirella and Owen from Mrs. Sargeant's class







On May 3, all the grade 3s went to Black Creek Pioneer Village in Toronto. First we went on a bus

together for 30 minutes. It was nice to be with our friends from other classes. When the bus arrived we used a paper map to explore the pioneer buildings in small groups of 5. All of the staff there were wearing pioneer style clothing. It really made the place feel like we were back in time. It was amazing to see the old school where boys and girls lined up separately, a pioneer house with its fireplace and tiny rooms as well as the large mill with its grinding stone still in place.

After lunch, a tour guide took us to see the horses and the hotel too, where people paid only \$1 a night to stay. Inside the hotel was an old rectangle piano that still worked. We then went to the horses and played Hoop and Stick on the road. It was fun even though it was really hard! We saw sheep with their baby lambs and were able to comb bits of their fleece with carding paddles. It was easy to see that pioneer children had lots of chores. Clothing was sewn, butter was churned and there was shops for almost everything that had to be made.

We really enjoyed seeing the Blacksmith shop where horseshoes were forged and the tin shop where lanterns and other handy things were made. We left very tired from walking around so much but with big smiles because of the wonderful things we got to touch and see.



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.

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 www.yrdsb.ca and select programs and services.

Summer Institute Site

Armadale S.I.

Crosby Heights S.I.

Discovery S.I. (located at Teston Village P.S.)

Lakeside S.I.

Lake Wilcox S.I.

Maple Leaf S.I. (located at Glen Cedar P.S.)

Milliken Mills S.I. (located at Highgate P.S.)

Oscar Peterson S.I.

Sixteenth Avenue S.I.

Unionville Meadows S.I.

<u>Address</u>

11 Coppard Ave., Markham

190 Neal Dr., Richmond Hill

80 Murray Farm Lane., Maple

213 Shorecrest Rd., Keswick

80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill

915 Wayne Dr., Newmarket

35 Highgate Dr., Markham

850 Hoover Park Dr., Stouffville

400 Sixteenth Ave., Richmond Hill

355 South Unionville Ave., Markham

For additional information please email performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca or call 905-884-2046 ext. 240.

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 21ST GRADE 8 GRADUATION NIGHT

Family and friends of the graduating class of 2016 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.



A MESSAGE FROM YORK REGION PUBLIC HEALTH

In the 2017/18 school year, York Region Public Health will visit all elementary schools to provide school immunization clinics to Grade 7 students. The clinics offer vaccines for Hepatitis B, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and Meningococcal A, C, Y, W-135 at no cost.

Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, meningococcal vaccine is required for school attendance, unless an exemption is filed with public health. Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines are recommended, but not required for school attendance.

Parents of students entering Grade 7 in fall 2017 will receive consent forms in the mail in June. Please

complete the consent form and return it to York Region Public Health to allow your child to participate in the immunization clinics. Detailed instructions can be found on the forms and accompanying letter. If the consent form is not completed, your child will not be able to receive vaccines at the clinic.

Parents and guardians who do not consent should still complete the forms and return them, indicating that you do not authorize York Region Public Health to immunize your child.

Visit <u>york.ca/immunizations</u> and click on School Immunization Clinics for more information.

Did you know? If your child has missed a required vaccination on Ontario's routine immunization schedule, he/she can receive the vaccine at one of York Region Public Health's Community Immunization Clinics. These evening clinics are offered throughout the summer, giving students the opportunity to catch up before returning to school. Visit york.ca/immunizations and select Community Immunization Clinics to learn more.