

Nobleton Public School

NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Welcome Back! The summer weather has continued to be hot but we are doing our best to stay cool and begin another exciting year at Nobleton PS. The start to a new school year is always exciting and we are very pleased to welcome our students and staff back to school! We trust that your summer has been fun and relaxing, and that everyone is rejuvenated and ready for school!

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We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff. It is a pleasure to welcome Mr. Bradbury (Prep coverage), Ms. Collier (Grade 2/3), Ms. Fievet (CYW), Ms. Herdman (Grade 8), Ms. Isit (SERT/Prep coverage), Ms. Lepp (SERT), Mr. Ruos (Caretaker).

The classes have been planned according to enrolment as of June 30, 2016. During September we will monitor our enrolment very closely. Should our enrolment change significantly up or down, our class organization may need to be changed. Reorganization of classes occurs when class size is too high or small at a particular grade. Should changes occur, it will be important for parents to keep a positive outlook as we work through this process. We appreciate your patience as we finalize the school organization. Thanks for your support.

A school becomes effective when all students realize their potential, demonstrate positive attitudes, behave responsibly and attend school regularly. Please ensure your child comes to school every day unless they are sick, or have a very good reason to miss school. *Children who miss more than 20 days of school are at significant risk.* During the first few weeks of school, we will focus on establishing a **safe and respectful school** where students and families are to be made aware of our *School Code of Behaviour, Dress Code, and Respectful Work Place* etc. The students will have lessons during the first few weeks of September on all aspects of our expectations as well as reviewing our School Touchstone. The third week of school is Safety Week.

Our school can become even more effective if we continue to **strengthen our relationships** with you, our parent community. We know, from research and common sense, that the students learn and model what they see, hear and feel both in their homes and at school. We encourage you to set high academic expectations for your children and model the attitudes and behaviours you want your children to demonstrate. Please show your children that you value education and believe in them. We thank you for supporting us in implementing our rules and procedures.

We also would like to encourage parents to join the School Council. The school is strengthened when parents become involved in helping to make Nobleton an even better place for our students! Lastly, I would like, on behalf of the teachers and staff, to thank you for entrusting your children into our care. We will do our best to help them actualize their potential and have an excellent 2016/2017 school year.

COMMUNICATION - HOME TO SCHOOL

As parents, we would encourage you to communicate concerns you may have about your child with their classroom teacher. Your child's teacher spends the majority of the time they are at school with your child and our staff are committed to support your child's academic achievement and well-being. The agenda (Grades 1-8) or communication folder (Kindergarten) is an excellent tool to use to keep the lines of communication from home to school and back open.

SCHOOL ASSISTANTS NEEDED!

Help Wanted

Nobleton P.S. is looking for school assistants to supervise lunch and recess from 12:50 to 1:50 pm. This is a paid position and is a great way to reenter the workforce or to supplement your income while your children are at school. Please contact the office at

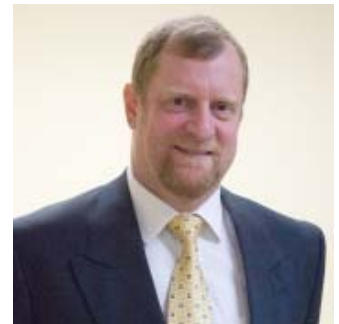
905-859-4590 if you are interested in this opportunity.

MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE, MR. PETER ADAMS-LUCHOWSKI

As we start another school year, we are very pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families. I hope you all enjoyed the hot summer months and are looking forward to the start of school.

There is a lot to look forward to in the months ahead and many ways for families to engage with their child's learning. There is a strong connection between parent and family engagement and student achievement and well-being, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get involved.

In the coming year, trustees will continue to focus on the priorities that we set out in our Multi-Year Plan: student achievement and well-being; the delivery of effective and sustainable educational programs; and the responsible stewardship of Board resources. We know that partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving these goals. However you choose to get involved, know that you are making a difference to your child's learning. I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.



AUDIT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The York Region District School Board is seeking community members with financial expertise and business knowledge to serve on its audit committee for a three year term effective **January 31, 2017**.

The Audit Committee's primary role is to assist the Board of Trustees in fulfilling its duties related to governance and oversight. The committee meets at least 3 times a year, plus ad hoc meetings as required.

Applicants must be a York Region resident and have an accounting designation, as well as sufficient accounting and senior financial management expertise to understand public sector accounting and auditing standards.

Application deadline is Friday, September 23, 2016. For more information and to apply, please visit the [Board website](#).



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- Board events and photos
- Media releases

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SLEEPING CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD BED KIT UPDATE

Nobleton PS families generously contributed to Sleeping Children Around the World's bed kit initiative during our Christmas Season. Funds collected went directly to support children in Uganda with mosquito netting, blankets, pillows and school supplies. Your generous support contributed to over 1.4 million bed kits to date - helping children in need get a good night's rest before going to school.

Please see below two photos received from the organization: Additional information regarding this group can be found at www.scaw.org.

