

Nobleton Public School

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Thank you to our school community for attending our Meet the Teacher Night and BBQ. It was great to see so many families!

As always, we encourage the participation of parents in our school community. We encourage volunteers in the classroom and library, membership in the School Council and/or on various committees, involvement in parent workshops, ongoing communication through the

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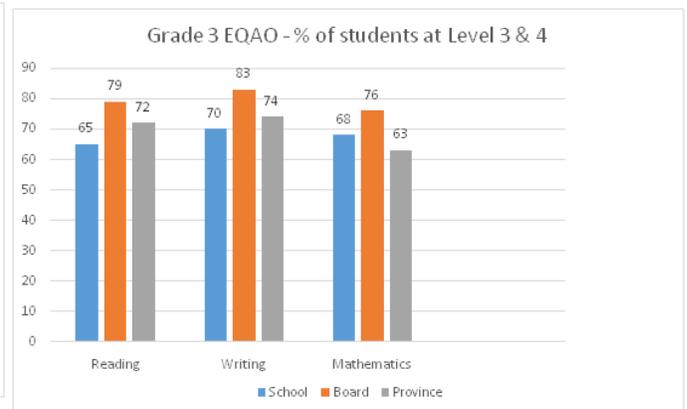
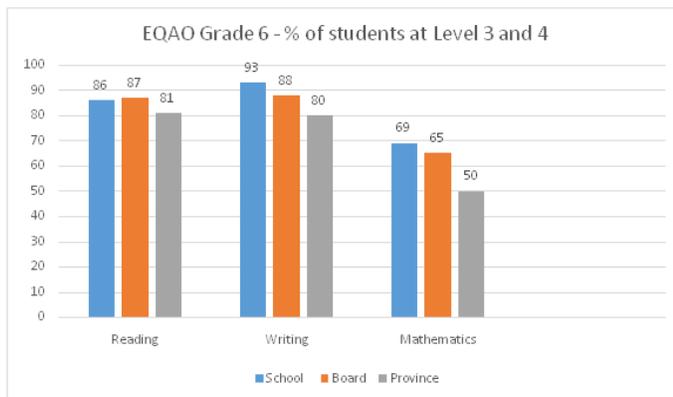
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agenda planner, grade and school newsletters and notes/phone calls/ meetings. Go over your child's agenda each evening to find out about their day and their assignments. Especially important is taking the time to read to and with your child often. Don't stop reading to them after the primary grades. Adolescents still enjoy being read to.

Last year we worked diligently on becoming an ECO- School, which involved incorporating environmentally responsible action in the school setting. We were audited at the end of the year and received a SILVER Certification!! Way to go Nobleton! We will continue to strive this school year with litterless lunches. Please send your child's snack, lunch and drink in reusable containers. Students are encouraged to place food waste in their class green bin and containers in the recycling. We recognize the additional effort required and appreciate your cooperation in helping Nobleton PS achieve its goal.

2015 EQAO RESULTS

For more information about the EQAO assessments and results, parents may wish to attend the December School Council meeting or go to the EQAO Web site at www.eqao.com.



VOLUNTEER UPDATE

The office is pleased to report that many of you have responded to our request to volunteer!

We want to take this opportunity to thank those who have offered to generously donate their time to help in our school. Look for a package that will be coming to you in the next few weeks.

The package asks interested volunteers to apply for a Police Vulnerable Sector Check (PVSC) and to sign a confidentiality agreement. Student safety is our top priority and by ensuring that everyone who works with children has a valid PVSC, we can continue to make NPS a safe place to learn and grow! If you volunteered last year and already have a PVSC in place, an "Annual Offense Declaration" will be provided to replace the police screening requirement.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT NPS



COLD CREEK

The Grade 7's and 8's enjoyed a half day trip to the Cold Creek Conservation Area to make new friends and enjoy team building activities.

TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to the students, staff, and parent volunteers

who participated with such enthusiasm in our school's annual Terry Fox Run. Through our "Toonies for Terry" fundraising, a total of \$390 was raised for the Terry Fox Foundation.



It was heartwarming to see all the determined students as they ran around our wonderful school yard in hopes of raising money for cancer research. The students wore stickers expressing hope or acknowledging someone in their lives who battled cancer or is currently battling cancer. During the run, many students ran with younger children to encourage and advise them along the journey of our "2016 Terry Fox Run". Two grade 6 students ran with our stunning Canadian flag leading the way of the run. The students at Nobleton proudly finished the Terry Fox Run.

--By student reporters Mirella B. and Michelle A.



ECO CLUB

Thanks to Ms. Mirander and our ECO Club for working during recess to clean up our front garden. It looks great!

CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Congratulation to the Nobleton Cross Country Team for successfully competing at the Area Tournament on October 5th. More than 25 schools participated and there were between 100 and 200 runners in each of the races. Many students achieved personal bests. Special congratulations to James who came in 8th and Olivia who came in 13th for grade 5's, Russell who came in 3rd



and Maggie who came in 11th for the grade 6's, Jaspret who came in 8th and Marc Anthony who came in 10th for the grade 7's and, Jayden who came in 6th for the grade 8's. These 7 students will represent Nobleton PS at the regional tournament. Good luck!

HEALTHY SNACKS FOR ALL! NOBLETON SNACK PROGRAM



Nobleton P.S is happy to offer a healthy snack bowl twice a week. On Monday and Wednesday mornings the bowls are delivered to each class filled with apples, carrots, clementines, cucumbers, cheese strings, melba toast, digestive cookies or oatmeal cookies. The snack bowl program has been and continues to be an overall success for all the students who look forward to a variety of healthy options.

Thank you, Ms. Mirander

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT AND BBQ



You couldn't have asked for better weather for our Meet the Teacher Night and BBQ on October 5th.

Teachers and Nobleton PS School Council came out to meet and enjoy a BBQ with students and parents. Classrooms opened at 6:30 for an opportunity to see the learning environment and to find out more about all the wonderful experiences that our taking place with our students. Many thanks for your continued support!

FOOD ALLERGIES AND OUTSIDE FOOD



Nobleton P.S. has students with life threatening food allergies. We are asking for your help to keep our school nut free. ***Please only send nut free products with your child for snack and lunch.*** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

We kindly ask you **not** to bring to celebrate special occasions with your child's class for several reasons:

First, we have an increasing number of students who have severe food allergies, and may experience life-threatening anaphylactic

reactions. There have been times when parents have brought in food, including cupcakes they thought were peanut/nut safe, and they were not. It makes it very awkward for staff and the students who are allergic, who can't partake, and it is hard to monitor.

Second, as part of Healthy Schools, we are working hard to encourage healthy eating and snacks in the classroom.

Third, it can be disruptive to the instructional day.

We know birthdays are important to many, and we are happy to acknowledge these personal celebrations in other ways. Examples may include special pencils, stickers or erasers that the whole class can enjoy.

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

Halloween activities will take place on Monday, October 31st in the afternoon. Students will be able to wear their costumes, take part in fun activities in their classrooms. For those choosing to wear costumes, please follow these rules:

- Under the Province's Safe Schools Legislation, students may not bring toy guns or replicas weapons of any kind. Guns, knives or fake blood cannot be worn as accessories on your child's Halloween costumes at school. Such items may cause fear, anxiety or misunderstanding and must not be brought to school. This applies to students at all grade levels.
- Students cannot wear masks to school as these interfere with clear sight lines.
- Your child may elect to wear orange and black in place of a costume.



SCHOOL BUS REMINDERS



We would like to remind you that **students are not permitted to travel on an alternate bus. Students who walk home are not permitted to ride a bus.** Our buses are extremely full and extra space cannot be accommodated.

Parents who wish their child to be dropped off at a different stop (but the same bus) must write a signed and dated request note, which must be brought to the office with the morning attendance, along with a note from the other parents, at whose stop the child will be disembarking.

Arrangements must be made prior to the school day.

Parents who are driving their children to school are welcome to use the “Bus Loop” on the West Side of the property as a “Kiss & Ride” location provided they remain in the cars and promptly leave the area once children have disembarked.

However, during the afternoon dismissal, we ask that parents who are picking up their children park in an available parking spot and leave the bus loop clear so that our nine buses have room to park and pick up students in a safe and timely fashion.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Fight the bite!

Protect yourself against
West Nile virus



What is West Nile virus?

West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne virus that can be passed to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito.

What are the symptoms of West Nile virus?

Most people infected with West Nile virus have no symptoms or have flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches and fatigue. Sometimes West Nile virus can cause severe illness including meningitis and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Symptoms usually develop between two and 15 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

Fight the bite!

What you can do...

Clean up

The best way to keep mosquitoes away is to clean up areas of standing water where mosquitoes like to breed.

Here are some tips:

- Clean up and empty containers where water collects (old tires, tin cans, flower pots, etc.)
- Change water in bird baths weekly
- Remove water that collects on pool covers
- Turn over items such as wading pools, wheelbarrows and small boats
- Clear eavestroughs and roof gutters
- Unclog drainage ditches
- Drill holes in the bottoms of containers so water can't collect
- Check that door and window screens are tight-fitting and in good repair

Cover up

Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites.

- Wear light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts and pants
- Use insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors; apply according to manufacturer's instructions

For more information about West Nile virus or to report standing water, contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933 or visit york.ca/westnile

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