



- 1. Locked School Doors:** Beginning February 3, all school doors, including the front doors and doors to portables, will be locked 15 minutes after the morning entry bell. The doors will remain locked for the rest of the day. Anyone arriving at the school after that time must buzz in and sign in at the main office. Measures will also be put in place for parents/guardians to buzz in and pick up students participating in before and after school programs. More detailed information will be available later in January. Our school continues to be a safe place where parent and community member involvement is welcomed and encouraged. This additional step will enhance the measures we already have in place, and ensure that all visitors sign in at the main office upon arrival.
- 2. Literacy Day:** Family Literacy Day is **Monday, January 27th, 2014**. In 1999, ABC Life Literacy Canada developed this day to promote adults and children reading and learning together, and to encourage Canadian families to spend at least 15 minutes a day enjoying a learning activity together. Classes will be brainstorming some of the activities that they can participate in with their families. It is our hope that you participate in this worthwhile activity by enjoying 15 minutes of learning together on Family Literacy Day. At school, classes will be participating in a collaborative writing activity. Each class will be responsible for writing either the beginning, middle or end of a story. Students are also invited to wear their pjs to school on the 27th and to bring a favourite book to share with their class that day.

For more information and suggestions on the many ways that families can develop and use literacy skills together, please visit www.familyliteracyday.ca.

- 3. Kindergarten Registration:** Kindergarten registration will commence on **January 17, 2014** for the 2014-15 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Children who turn four by the end of 2014, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. Parents are asked to bring proof of residence (tax bill, offer of purchase or rental agreement) and a birth certificate or passport. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact our office.
- 4. French Immersion Registration**

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Summitview P.S. on January 16, 2014 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 17, 2014.

In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in Sept. 2014, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call their school office 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 Summitview P.S. to register between January 17 and February 14, 2014. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

5. **Staffing Change:** Ms. Li-Owens has commenced a maternity leave effective January 6, 2014. Ms. Melissa Menzies will be assuming the role of Gr. 5/6 teacher during her absence.
6. **Cold Weather:** Please note that in the event of extreme cold weather, YRDSB advises taking the following into consideration: indoor recess when the wind chill is -20 or below; shortened recess when the wind chill is -18. Students are advised to come dressed for the weather and keep extra clothing at school in case their clothing becomes wet while outside. If your child has been ill and is not well enough to go outside during recess/lunch breaks, parents are asked to keep him/her at home.
7. **Upcoming School Council Meeting:** Our School Council will be meeting on Monday, Jan. 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Council meetings offer our parents an opportunity to become better informed about school programs, and to have a voice in helping to plan upcoming initiatives. Please join us!
8. **Equity and Inclusivity Committee- Save the Date!** Parents, community members, students from our leadership team and staff members are invited to give input at our upcoming Equity and Inclusivity Planning meeting to school initiatives in the area of equity (see attached flyer). The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29. We are offering 3 different times for the meeting to accommodate family schedules (1:00, 3:30 and 6:30). Babysitting will be provided.
9. **News From the Library:** Over the next couple of weeks, all the primary grades will begin the Forest of Reading program. The Forest of Reading is Canada's largest recreational reading program! This initiative of the Ontario Library Association (OLA) offers eight reading programs to encourage a love of reading in people of all ages. The Forest helps celebrate Canadian books, publishers, authors and illustrators. More than 250,000 readers participate annually from their School and/or Public Library.

With support from our parent council, our school was able to purchase 20 Blue Spruce picture books for the program. As well as 10, award winning Silver birch novels for the junior/intermediate grades.

Each week the primary classes will have the opportunity to hear the stories and will complete various literacy activities using the book. Once all the books have been read, our students will have the opportunity to vote online for the best Blue Spruce book. All junior/intermediate students will be able to preview the novels and sign them out accordingly.



Each year our students are very excited to hear the stories and start the program. We are looking forward to adding these books to our library once we have completed the program!

I also wanted to take a minute to remind parents and students that Oscar Peterson is a member of Tumblebooks (gr. K-3) and Tumblebook Cloud Reader (gr. 4-6). These websites offer online texts that are fantastic for listening to reading as well as accessing many different texts from various genres. They offer all sorts of audio picture books, graphic novels, non-fiction, read alongs, videos etc. Please feel free to visit these sites from home. You will have to login using the following information. The login and the password are the same for both sites.

Tumblebooks: www.tumblebooks.com

Tumblebooks Cloud Junior: www.tbcjr.com

Login: opeterson

Password: login

Thank you very much!

L. Giancoulos (Teacher-Librarian)

10. **Book Sale:** The *Me to We* committee will be hosting a book sale during literacy week from January 27-29/14. All proceeds will go towards supporting clean water and sanitation in Sierra Leone through the *Free the Children* charity. We are looking for used books suitable for preschool- grade 8 students. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. McIntyre. Thanks for your support!

***Please take the time to read the attachments to this e-Bulletin. They provide information regarding school and community initiatives.
(see next page for calendar)***





January, 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Gr. 6 VIP	7 Eastern Christmas	8 	9	10 
13 Gr. 6 VIP School Council- 7 p.m.	14 Cadence Performance (Gr. 4-8)	15  SDSS visit to Gr. 8	16	17 PA Day Kindergarten registration begins
20 Gr. 6 VIP	21	22 	23 Council Coffee morning 9-10	24  Free Throw Challenge (St. Marks)
27 Family Literacy Day (wear PJ's) Gr. 6 VIP	28 Co-Ed Volleyball tournament	29 	30	31 Lunar New Year