



PIERRE BERTON



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Pierre Berton Public School

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Important Dates:

Jan. 5	Welcome Back! Remote learning begins
Jan. 13	Kleinburg/Nashville Joint School Council @ 7pm Virtual Meeting
Jan. 14	P.A. Day (no School)
Jan. 14	JK Registration French Immersion registrations
Jan. 17	Photo Retake CANCELLED
Jan. 17	Back to school in person
Jan. 20	School Council at 7PM Virtual Meeting

Administrators' Message

January, 2022



Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Holiday Hero's campaign. Once again we had an incredible amount of items that were donated. Many children received new toys and other items this holiday because of your generosity.

We hope that you had a wonderful holiday and found time to spend with your family and loved ones. It is starting to feel like déjà vu with the pandemic but I am hopeful this may mean the end. I googled the importance of hope and find this definition: "Hope is **the belief things will work**, especially when it seems otherwise. It helps you stay calm and peaceful when something less than desirable emerges. Hope believes you will get through it. Hope remembers the times you made it through." My wish is that you all found hope that we are near the end of the pandemic and that our lives are slowly returning to normal. There are many ways to practice hope. Check out the article for some great suggestions.

<https://www.virtuesforlife.com/10-ways-to-keep-hope-alive-in-hard-times/>

The New Year is a time for hope, optimism, renewal, looking forward and setting goals. New Year's resolutions are a fantastic way to set some goals. Parents Magazine had some great suggestions on New Year's resolutions. I especially like this article on setting smart goals.

<https://www.parents.com/holiday/new-years/resolution/smart-new-years-resolutions-kids-can-make/>

If your child needs some ideas, here is a great list to get you started.

<https://gatheredagain.com/35-new-years-resolution-ideas-kids/>

We wish you a healthy and happy 2022 and look forward to continuing the learning journey with all students!

Cathy Martino-Porretta

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Writing the Pages of our Future!

Important Information

Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 14th, 2022



Kindergarten registration will commence on January 14th, 2022 for the 2022-23 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca, or you can apply in person at your Child's home school if you live within boundary. Please bring these supporting documents (originals required) to register:

Proof of child's age (Canadian Birth Certificate/Passport) who turn four or five years old during 2022

Proof of your child's address - two documents, one from each of the categories below showing the home address;

Category A - notice of tax assessment, current rental/lease agreement, agreement to purchase including proof of purchase provided before the pupil attends the school, or property tax bill, and

Category B - utility bill, car/home insurance or other official document from government (child tax benefit, income tax)

Kindergarten online registration will continue to be offered to families. This online Kindergarten registration process will be hosted in Edsby. It allows families to process and complete most of the Kindergarten registration online. The online forms include the Elementary Registration Form, Kindergarten Parent Questionnaire, and the Ministry of Education Survey (EYE@K). Once families complete the online registration form, they will be prompted to visit the school to complete the verification process only.

A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.



French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information Sessions

This year our Information session for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place virtually on January 13, 2022. A link will be shared with you via email where you will be able to view a pre-recorded information session which includes commonly asked questions and answers



Registration

FI registration will begin on January 14, 2022. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2022, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can email their home school office and indicate their intention to enroll. The home school will notify the French Immersion school, and the French Immersion school will contact you by phone or email to collect any necessary information. You are asked to register by February 4, 2022. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 4, 2022. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Accommodation Plan

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enroll. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

Important Information



Student Transportation Services of York Region
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1
905-713-2535
FAX: 905-713-2533
Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.

• **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.

• Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
4.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	107.1 FM	

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB and YCDSB on twitter.

2021-2022 Inclement Weather Procedures during the Pandemic

The 2021-2022 school year, in the event school bus transportation is cancelled, the following Inclement Weather Days Interim Procedures for Elementary will be in effect for the **first** Inclement Weather Day of the school year after which time these procedures will be reviewed.

All elementary schools will be closed to students.

All student learning will be remote and asynchronous.

Teachers in elementary will provide asynchronous learning by posting/sharing age, grade, learning appropriate activities and/or assignments aligned with current student learning, while being available to students through the day as per their schedule.

Student attendance will be recorded as (Bad Weather/Bus Cancellation)

Before/After Child Care Centres are closed

Bus services are cancelled due to inclement weather.

The school closures will be announced through the following: local media outlets, the Student Transportation Services website, School Transportation Hotline: 1-877-330- 3001, the Board's website and Twitter account and on the Board and school's voicemail recording. Parents please make sure that you have alternate childcare arrangements planned for inclement weather days when schools are closed to students.

INCLEMENT
WEATHER
INFORMATION



School Information



We would like to again respectfully remind all parents that forgotten items cannot be dropped off at the school throughout the day.

Students need to come to school with everything they need, including water bottles, face masks, lunches, indoor shoes, snow pants, and a full change of clothes and jackets.

The office will be able to provide students with something to eat, water and face masks if required.

Parents are not allowed to enter the building.

Please help us keep our students and staff safe.

Brrrrrrr its cold outside!. For January, we have some tips to get outside and still have fun in the cold, including while you're walking or wheeling to school or the bus stop. Being dressed for the weather is the first step to enjoying the outdoors. Here are a few suggestions on how to stay warm:

Wear a base layer.

Wear an insulating layer (wool socks, shirt and pants but not jeans or cotton).

Wear an outer shell (windproof jacket with a hood and snow pants with elastic or velcro fastening at the cuff).

Wear insulated waterproof snow boots.

Have a hat that covers the ears (and a spare!) add a neck warmer
Finish with waterproof mittens.

Bring extra clothing to school in case your child's items get wet.

Keep moving! Eat healthy snacks to keep your body going. Drink water! Even though it's cold, the air is dry and your body can become dehydrated.



Student Masks

A reminder that all students grade JK-8 are to be wearing a mask at school. We have been distributing over 40 student masks a day. We ask that you please send your child with three reusable masks that can be washed and reused. Masks are available in the event student masks are soiled or wet.



Water Bottles

Don't forget to send water in a reusable water bottle with your child to school. "Drinking enough water each day is crucial for many reasons: to regulate body temperature, keep joints lubricated, prevent infections, deliver nutrients to cells, and keep organs functioning properly. Being well-hydrated also improves sleep quality, cognition, and mood."



Holiday Heroes

Thank you to everyone who helped support the 2021 Holiday Heroes Campaign. We collected a lot of toys and clothing which helped many children have a happy and festive holiday season. Since Holiday Heroes began in 2008, York Regional Police has raised more than \$1 million in monetary donations, new toys, new children's clothing and food. The generosity of the PBPS community is greatly appreciated and it is wonderful to know that so many families in need will benefit from the kindness of others during this holiday season.



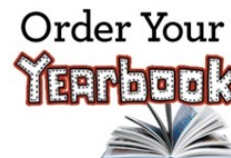
School Information



2021-2022 Yearbook is COMING!

We are excited to announce that the 2021-2022 yearbook will soon be available for purchase! This will be the biggest yearbook we have had yet! It is jammed packed with all the awesome things that have been going on at Pierre Berton P.S.. Purchasing a yearbook for your child is a great way for them to hold onto the memories of their friends and all the exciting things that happened this year. We have added some new things and brought back some of the great parts of yearbooks from the past. This year's yearbook will include:

- * Full colour pages
- * Homeoom Class Pages
- * Spirit Days
- * School Activities
- * Special Events
- * A cover designed by the Cover Contest Winner! (AND the 9 semi-finalists)
- * Plus MUCH MUCH more!



Don't miss your opportunity to purchase the 2021-2022 yearbook.

Go to **CashOnline** starting **February 28th, 2022** to order your yearbook. All orders are due April 22nd 2022.

Late orders will not be accepted so don't delay!

Thank you for your support, The PBPS Yearbook Committee



LUNCH ASSISTANTS

If you are interested in being School Lunch Assistant for this 2021-2022 school year, please contact the school at (905) 303-4540 for more information. This is a paid position.

All School Lunch Assistants must have a Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) completed by York Region Police YRP).

The school lunch hour is 12:10 - 1:10 p.m.



JANUARY ECO THEME- GOOD ON ONE SIDE - GOOS PAPER

This month our Pierre Berton Panthers would like to try to reduce our waste by making sure that all classes have GOOS paper bins in their learning space.

A GOOS bin is a bin that holds paper that is still **good on one side**.

Having bins in each classroom and in our homes will help with reusing paper before recycling it.

All students are challenged to create a **GOOS bin** in your homes with a "catchy" and highly visible sign on the box. Reusing paper that is good on one side is an environmentally friendly practice in our community.

Upcoming School Council Meeting Dates

January 20, 2022
February 24, 2022
April 7, 2022
May 19, 2022

At this time all parent council meetings will be **virtual**, if you wish to attend as a non-member, please email our office:

pierre.berton.ps@yrdsb.ca

School Information

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

Showcase your artistic talents
Enter our school Cover Contest!



Criteria for your cover!

- Open to all grades
- Paper size: 8.5 by 11, orientation portrait
- Must be hand drawn
- Include the School Name and the school year (2021-2022)
- The cover must represent our school values
- Include your name, grade and teacher on the back in pencil (lightly)
- Be **CREATIVE** and **HAVE FUN**

- ❖ You can submit **no more** than 2 entries
- ❖ Only 12 will be chosen across the grades
- ❖ **No late** entries will be accepted



DON'T DELAY!

Deadline: All entries must be in by **January 24th**. We will begin voting at the beginning of February. **Good Luck!**

School Information



A Different Kind of Healthcare



Blue Print



Engage in fun activities and learn about:

- Science
- Technology
- Engineering and
- Mathematics



● Mondays, January 17, 2022- March 14, 2022

● 4:00pm-5:00pm

● Program will be held virtually on Zoom.

Caregivers must be available to pick up a materials package from Vaughan CHC on January 10th, 2022 or January 11th, 2022

To register, contact Stacey:

CALL: 905-303-8490 Ext. 2651

EMAIL: ssalmon@vaughanchc.com

If awaiting email communications from VCHC staff please remember to check "junk" folder in your inbox to ensure you receive our email communications

[@vaughan_chc](https://twitter.com/vaughan_chc)

[vaughan.vchc](https://www.facebook.com/vaughan.vchc)

[@vaughancommunityhealthcentre](https://www.instagram.com/vaughancommunityhealthcentre)

www.vaughanchc.com

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School Information



**Ontario
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A Different Kind of Healthcare



VAUGHAN
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE



Kids Have Stress Too!®

Kids Have Stress Too!® is a research-based program designed to teach children how to recognize and deal with stress.



- Children will learn techniques to cope with stress, manage emotions and address the signs of stress before getting overwhelmed.
- For children 9-12 years of age

- **Tuesdays, January 18 to March 1, 2022**
- **4:00pm-5:00pm**
- **Program will be held virtually on Zoom**

You will need access to the Internet and a working video/microphone on a phone, tablet or computer device. A link to the program will be emailed weekly to participants.



To register, contact Kelly:
EMAIL: klo@vaughanchc.com
CALL: 905-303-8490 Ext. 2653

If awaiting email communications from VCHC staff, please remember to check "junk" folder in your inbox to ensure you receive our email communications.

@vaughan_chc

vaughan.vchc

@vaughancommunityhealthcentre

www.vaughanchc.com

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School Information

Daily COVID-19 School Screening

A new screening tool for the 2021-2022 school year has been provided by York Region Public Health (please click on [Check for Symptoms Daily](#)). This screening tool replaces previous versions and **all students and staff must complete the screening prior to attending any YRDSB school or facility.**

Parents/guardians of elementary students (or the students themselves depending on their age) must provide confirmation of a successful screening as follows:

Parents/Guardians of Elementary students are required to complete on-line self-assessment

[COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#) (please click on Check for Symptoms Daily), prior to their child entering the school

Upon completion of the self-assessment, Parents/Guardians will complete the response to the question: "Have you completed the self-screening tool?" in the [Confirmation Form](#), using their child's GAPPs account login information. Information on how to access your child's GAPPs account is available on the [Board's website](#). If you do not have a student number/username, one will be provided by your child's teacher.

Parents who have NOT completed their child's COVID Screening form will be notified via email from the board that morning. Any students who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 as identified in the screening tool (not related to a COVID-19 vaccine) or answer yes to any of the screening questions, must not enter any school and follow the guidance in the screening tool.