



Poplar Bank News

We are a Respectful and Caring School

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School Improvement Plan
Respectful School
Differentiated Instruction and Assessment



Principal's Message

It's hard to imagine that we have now completed the 2015-2016 school year. What a productive and fun year it has been! We have all witnessed our students work very hard to meet the academic expectations of their grade and to build on and improve their learning skills and work habits.

Our students' achievements could not be possible without the support they receive on a daily basis from all members of our school community. Thank you to the teachers and support staff who work collaboratively to meet the needs of our students and to make learning possible for our students. Thank you to School Council and all our parents and guardians who support our efforts in so many different ways. I wish you all a very happy and safe summer holiday and we are looking forward to working with you and your children next year.

Sincerely, Natasha Baage

First Day of School , September 6, 2016

Entry Plan for First Day

On the first day of school, we have the following gathering places for parents and students:

- Grade 1 students report to the Gym at 8:00 a.m.
- Grade 2-3 students report to the East pavement/field area
- All Grade 4-8 students report to the South pavement.

*****Should it rain on the first day of school,**

- Grade 2 students will go to the gym
- Grade 3 and 4 students will go to the library
- Grade 5-8 students are to proceed to their second floor hallways where their homeroom teacher can be found. There will also be 2 teachers, Mme. Hazelwood and Mme Smith, wearing a vest and carrying a master list of classes, to assist students in finding their classroom. Please locate one of these teachers if you have questions about where to go.

Classroom lists will be posted outside of each classroom and on the walls in the assigned area of each grade. Teachers will be holding a sign indicating their grade level and will have a class list.



Lunch Assistant Positions Available

We will be in need of lunchtime school assistants in September. This position is for Monday to Friday from 11:55 am—12:55 pm as well as occasional help. This is a paid position and we will be accepting applications in the office starting August 31st.

School Year Calendar 2016-2017

The school year shall consist of 194 days with students commencing school on Tuesday, September 8th, 2015. The school holidays will be as follows:

Labour Day – Monday, September 5
Thanksgiving Day – Monday, October 10
Christmas Vacation – Monday, December 26 – January 6, 2017
Family Day – Monday, February 20, 2017
Mid-Winter Break – Monday, March 13 -16
Good Friday, April 14
Easter Monday, April 17
Victoria Day – Monday, May 22



Transportation Reminder

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to remind you that your son/daughter's school bus transportation eligibility can change throughout his/her school career. Because walking distance requirements change in Grade 4 and your son/daughter will be attending Grade 4 next year, we encourage you to review his/her eligibility.

Busing in the York Region District School Board is provided in collaboration with the York Catholic District School Board and is governed by Board Policy #680 Student Transportation (full policy on the Board website at www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). Below are the general provisions of eligibility identified in the Student Transportation Policy:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

The distance is measured from the end of any driveway, via the shortest distance to the closest access point of the school property. Measurements are conducted using GIS software and confirmed via aerial photos. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.



Back To School

Class Placements for 2016-2017

Class placement information for gr. 1-8 students will be available the first day of school, September 6. If you are planning a move and your child will not be at Poplar Bank Public School in September, please notify the school office during the week of August 29. The school office can be reached at 905-953-8995.

School Day Organization for 2016-2017

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
7:50 AM	SUPERVISION IN THE YARD BEGINS
7:55-8:05	STUDENT ENTRY
8:05	START OF INSTRUCTION
8:05-8:45	PERIOD 1
8:45-9:05	PERIOD 2
9:05-9:45	PERIOD 3
9:45-10:15	OUTSIDE RECESS
10:15-10:55	PERIOD 4
10:55-11:15	PERIOD 5
11:15-11:55	PERIOD 6
11:55-12:15	LUNCH
12:15-12:55	OUTSIDE RECESS
12:55-1:35	PERIOD 7
1:35-1:55	PERIOD 8
1:55-2:35	PERIOD 9
2:35	DISMISSAL

Are you moving?

If you are planning on moving over the summer and will not be returning to Poplar Bank P.S., please call the school office at 905-953-8995 as soon as possible. That would be greatly appreciated as we plan and prepare classes for September 2016.

School Office Hours

The school office will be closing on Thursday, June 30 at 3:00 p.m. and will be reopening on August 29 at 8:00 a.m.

Summer Registration

Our summer registration location and hours for new students to our area as follow:

CEC North

130 Carlson Drive July 11-14 9am-3pm

Newmarket, ON July 18—21 9am-3pm

(905) 895-5155 (closed for lunch 12-1pm)

Poplar Bank Staff Updates

We wish Mme Bodrug all the best in her full time position at her new school Best wishes to Mme Irwin as she is expecting a baby and will be on Maternity leave for the next school year! Thank you to M. Ghasemi and Mme. Rampsberger for their contributions to Poplar Bank. We wish them well as they will be moving on to new opportunities. We are happy to welcome back Mme. Gwyn to Poplar Bank.

Tentative School Organization for September 2015

We are projecting an enrolment of approximately 466 students. Here is the tentative class organization structure with 20 classes for 2015-2016.

French Immersion Primary Division Classes:

Grade 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3

French Immersion Junior Division Classes:

Grade 4, 4, 4/5, 5, 6, 6

French Immersion Intermediate Division Class:

Grade 7, 7, 7/8, 8

Congratulations Students, Staff & Families

Together we collected over 55—2 Litre pop bottles full of aluminum pop tabs to send to rehabat Southlake Hospital to help pay for wheelchairs. Bravo! Start saving tabs this summer for next year's class.

Mme Taylor



Girl Guides

Do you have a daughter ages 9-11 who loves to make friends, do crafts, spend time outdoors and learn cool stuff? We're starting a BRAND NEW Girl Guide unit at Poplar Bank PS, on Wednesdays from 6:30-8 pm in September, for girls interested in fun and learning! Visit www.girlguides.ca to register - registration is now open.





Poplar Bank Family Fun Festival

On Thursday, June 9th, Poplar Bank hosted its 10th annual Fun Festival. We were fortunate to have had favourable weather conditions, allowing everyone to fully enjoy the festivities! We are very pleased to announce that the Fun Festival has raised more than \$7000 for the school!! This money will be used to fund various school initiatives as decided by School Council at the June council meeting.

There are many, many hours required to plan and prepare an event of this size. Without people who are willing to donate their valuable time (whether an hour, several hours, or more!) as well as supplies, the Fun Festival would not have been possible.

Thank you to all the volunteers (70+) who helped out on the day of the event including parents, staff and students. **Thank you to all those who donated prize items, supplies and tents!!** Thank you to the parents and the local businesses who provided donations for our highly coveted raffle baskets. Thank you to teachers and office staff for fielding inquiries and collecting all the order forms and donation items, as well as handling the finances! Thank you to Mme. Baage for supporting this event and for helping out the night of the event. Thank you to all the school custodians, especially Mr. Jon Budd!!, for helping us prep the needed supplies, helping us during the event and, of course, the cleanup afterwards!

A belated thank you to the following businesses who were inadvertently missed on the site plan that was sent home prior to the Fun Festival. Our apologies for the oversight. Your donations were greatly appreciated!!

ANB Canada (Erin Parisa) – 2 EOS Gift Baskets and box of EOS products (midway prizes)

Anonymous – Women's Shaver

Beaners Fun Cuts Newmarket – Hair Braiding Supplies

Dr. Jilian Koch, ND – Naturopathic Gift Basket

A very special thank you to the core members of the Fun Festival committee for once again making this event such a success: Julie Song, Adrian Glauser, Kerrie Stock, Karen Peck, Jen Casa-Todd, Lisa MacDonald, Dianna Twigger, Kim Jagger, Sarah Howson, Natalie Ocak, Edna Bazante, Michelle-Williams-Lee, Susan Thompson, Nina Doiron, Evelyn Chisamore, Julie Vokey, Susan Glauser, Irene Bazos, Marcela Diaz-Granados, Jennifer Brett-Fraser, Kanita Sichantha and Jasmine McFarlane. Whether it was coordinating a specific activity like food trucks or inflatables or just helping count tickets or wrapping raffle baskets, every contribution was truly critical to the success of this event. And, finally, a very heartfelt thanks to Julie Song!!! While she was only intending to 'shadow' the role of coordinator this year, she jumped in with both feet and was helping to run this event like she'd been part of it from the beginning J! Thank you!!

It has been my privilege and my honour to help with this event for the last 10 years. The committee has always been composed of an exceptional group of people who are positive, supportive, respectful and professional and who have incredible initiative, energy and ideas. It has truly been a pleasure to work with this committee year after year. There are three of us on the committee (Jen Casa-Todd, Dianna Twigger and myself) who have been a part of this committee from the beginning but who will be 'retiring' as our youngest children graduate grade 8 this year. It's hard to believe this event started 10 years ago with an idea put forth by Jen Casa-Todd and a Parents Reaching Out grant in an effort to engage both parents and students in a school that was only a few years old at the time. Best wishes to the Fun Festival Committee of 2017 and beyond!

A million thanks!!!

Pam Scheps

On behalf of the staff, the Fun Fair Committee and the Poplar Bank families I would like to thank Pam Scheps for her leadership in planning, organizing and making sure the event was running smoothly. It was indeed a memorable evening!!!

Natasha Baage

Library News

Poplar Bank's subscription to Tumblebooks continues all year, so please use this resource (username: poplar, password: books) during the summer.

Early in the school year, we will welcome author Richard Scrimger for presentations for the Junior students. He will also return in the winter to do writing workshops with the Intermediate classes. Students may check out his website

www.scrimger.ca over the holidays.

We encourage Poplar Bank's students to visit the Newmarket Public Library this summer to borrow books and other resources in both English and French, and to participate in the many programs that the library offers.

Happy Reading!!



Eco Team

This past year with the Eco team was amazing! We had a 'Farm to Table' field trip to Round the Bend Farm, just outside of King township, there we learnt about life as a farmer. Some highlights were picking fresh asparagus right out of the field, then having Mr Koch grill it up for lunch. We also planted and harvested fresh organic vegetables, which gave us lots of ideas for our proposed Student Garden.

Our plastic bag grab was an amazing success, together we collect over 4 000 plastic bags that could have ended up killing or endangering animals and instead we sent them all to Walmart for them to recycle. Also our Battery collection was a fantastic accomplishment totaling to over 20 kg of recycled batteries. Our team of Eco-leaders have been working hard with the team to configure a plan for the school garden that we hope to create next school year. We also collected marker, batteries and ink cartridges throughout the year so that they could be safely recycled.

Thanks to the hard work of our Eco-Ambassadors, Eco-Leaders, staff and student body, Poplar Bank earned a Gold Eco-Certification for all our efforts to reduce, reuse & recycle. We encourage everyone to use reusable water bottles over the summer and to continue to compost and recycle whenever possible! Reported by Alicia S. (with contributions by Mme Rudyk) Heidi Rudyk French Immersion Science Gr. 2-3, Health Gr.1-3 Eco-Team Leader Poplar Bank PS



SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE - END OF JUNE

THANK-YOU

There are so many thank-yous at this time of year. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who contributed in the school and with Council activities to provide extra resources and activities for our kids!

We appreciate very much the parents that came in to take care of our Pizza Days. That hour of time every week makes pizza day possible! We had three days a week of food programs this year, which is a ton of hours for overall organization. Big thanks to Veronica for preparing Crunchy Munchy, our healthy snack program for students who have forgotten their snack or would like an extra snack. We have a milk program that has dedicated volunteers in the school every week. Thanks to you all!

We very much appreciate the time of parents who serve on School Council, bringing forward ideas and contributing to fundraising for extra school resources. Our largest fundraisers are Pizza Days, Fun Festival, Dance- A- Thon, Food Programs, Milk Program. These programs have supported many resources this year and into next year as we have already been able to allocate funds to programs to start up in the fall. We are please to announce that we have had installed two brand new basketball nets in the school yard for PBPS students to play with.



New Fundraising Plans for 2016-2017 School Year

Fundraising plans for the 2016-2017 school year are well underway already. In the interest of providing a fun, active way for all students and teachers to work together we have decided to build on the overwhelming success of our Spring Dance-a-thon. In order to make this hap-

pen, we have chosen to scale back our QSP promotion. The link to purchase magazines will still be made available for those families who still wish to purchase those items, but our focus when it comes to participation and incentives will be on the Dance-a-thon. We want to

extend a sincere thank you to those families who have supported our many efforts throughout the years at PBPS, and we hope we can count on your continued support to make 2016-2017 our most successful year ever!!

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