



Poplar Bank News

We are a Respectful and Caring School

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School Improvement Plan
Respectful School
Differentiated Instruction and Assessment



June 29th, 2016 Early Dismissal in Elementary Schools

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to student success and well-being. On Wednesday June 29th an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in staff meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities and to reflect on our students' progress. As

has been our practice over the past years, students will attend school during the morning of Wednesday, June 29th, 2016 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at 11:05 a.m. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bussed to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

Upcoming Dates

June 3	PA Day (no school)
June 7	School Council Meeting
June 9	Fun Festival @ PBPS 5—8 pm
June 10	Spirit Day—Beach Theme
June 15-17	Track & Field Areas
June 20	Soccer Game
June 21	Teacher / Volunteer Appreciation Tea
June 22	Track & Field Regionals
June 27	Grade 8 Graduation 6pm
June 27	Primary Play Day, am
June 29	Last Day of School, Dismissal 11:05 am
June 30	PA Day (no school)

June Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home on Wednesday June 29th, 2016. If your family sets out on vacation prior to June 29th, your child's report card will be mailed to your home address.



Poplar Bank Family Fun Fair



Fun Festival continues to be an important Poplar Bank tradition for families to close out the school year. Volunteers are working hard to pull together raffle baskets, games, volunteer schedule, auction items, vendor tables, food trucks and inflatables. An incredible amount of time and talent goes into this amazing event! Please join us Thursday June 9 from 5-8pm. If you are available to help out and have not done

so already, please email ninadoiron69@gmail.com. We are especially looking for strong bodies able to help out with set up and clean up.

Pizza Lunch Committee

We were in full force again this year! Both students and parents are most appreciative of having this lunch option each month! Thank you to the volunteers who helped run the Pizza days: Marcela Diaz-Granados, Elaine Mota, Joleen Brown, Suzanne Abela-Nagels and Nina Dorion.



Poplar Bank Volunteers Are the Best!

We are most fortunate at Poplar Bank Public School to have over 44 Volunteers who help out at the school in many ways: the Helpers for the Crunchy Munchy, Healthy School, Fund Raising and Pizza. School Council Members who represent the school community and dialogue about important issues and how they impact on P.B.P.S.; and Volunteers who help out regularly in the Library, in classrooms and with special events, such as our Move-a-thon and Fun Festival, and on fieldtrips. On June 21st, at 9:45am (First recess) we will be holding our get together at which we recognize our volunteers! Merci beaucoup! Thank you!



Lost and Found

We have accumulated a number of clothing items, lunch bags and water bottles. These items will be put on display in the school from June 20-24. After that, unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.



Grade 8 Graduation

This year's Grade 8 Graduation will be on Monday, June 27 2016. The ceremony will start at 6:00 pm. Invitations have already been mailed to our Grade 8 parents. A brief reception will follow for graduates and their families. Afterwards, the students will celebrate with a dance in the gym from 8:00-10:00 p.m. We look forward to celebrating the successes of our 2016 Graduating Class! Bonne Chance et Felicitations!



Track & Field Day

Poplar Bank had a successful Track and Field Day on Tues, May 17. The weather cooperated for all students from grades 4-8 as they participated in 5 events on the Denison field and track. The teachers were very impressed with their efforts, as participation was key! Good luck to those students who will go on to compete at the Areas Meet in Stouffville. The Juniors (grades 4-6) will participate on June 15, and the Intermediates (grades 7 and 8) will participate on June 17. Mme Sampson will be confirming their events over the next couple of weeks, so stay tuned for permission forms and schedule information.



Way to go Poplar Bank and Good Luck at Areas!

Intramural Sports

Poplar Bank's 2015-2016 Intramural Sports season has come to a close! Almost 200 students from grades 4 to 8 participated in one or more of the Volleyball, Basketball, or most recently, the Badminton seasons throughout the school year. Many of the games involve grade 8 students helping to officiate themselves or the Junior grades. This is a great chance to build a sense of community with the students. Sportsmanship, respect and the spirit of healthy competition is what this league is made from, so I would like to thank all of the students and teachers for making Poplar Bank's second Intramural Sports season a roaring success. Way to go Poplar Bank!

Snack Shack

Thank you for those students who contributed to our grade 7 and 8 fundraiser program by purchasing items from Snack Shack. Sales are now over for the year. You may continue supporting the music program by purchasing freezies.

Library News

Students are welcome to continue borrowing resources from the school library until Friday, June 17th at which time all books, dvd's and other library materials need to be returned. Thank-you for helping your child respect this due date.

On Thursday, June 16th, students in grades 1 to 4 will participate in presentations about the Summer Reading Program at the Newmarket Public Library. We look forward to this visit!



Lunch Assistant & Supply Positions Available for September

We are in need of lunchtime school assistants for Monday to Friday from 11:55 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. as well as occasional /supply help. This is a paid position and we are accepting applications now in the office for September 2016/17. Please contact office immediately to be trained in June and ready for the September school year.

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.



Tentative School Organization for September 2016

We are projecting an enrolment of approximately 468 students. Here is the tentative class organization structure with 20 classes for 2016-2017:

French Immersion Primary Division Classes:

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

This organization of classes is tentative and should our enrolment change over the summer, a re-organization will occur. Information on Staff Assignments will be shared in the July newsletter which will be sent home in each student's report card envelope on June 29. Student class placements will be shared on September 6th, 2016 the first day of school.

Poplar Bank's Healthy School Focus

Thanks so much to the Healthy Schools team of students, parent volunteers, teachers, and our public health nurse for their leadership in many initiatives in our school. A few highlights that their efforts have made possible: Outdoor activity boxes with play equipment in every class, line painting for various games outside, PLAY program for primary students at recess, pilot multisport program at lunch in partnership with the Town of Newmarket and a Jumpstart grant, investigation begun into greening opportunities including a school garden, Eco Trip for Healthy schools students and Eco Club.



In addition, this year the Crunchy Munchy program included a diverse selection of fruits and vegetables, increasing the consumption of healthy snacks. For the first time Crunchy Munchy went on the road, and grade 4-8 students at Track and Field Day at Denison had frozen yogurt and veggies. One last Healthy Schools tradition will be Smoothie Day, provided at no charge to students later this month.



Eco News

The Eco-Team has been busy working in the garden weeding. Now we have room for some new plants! If you have any bulbs or perennials that you would like to donate to the school, they would be most welcome. Please leave them in the office for the Eco-Team.

The Eco-Leaders have been measuring out the fenced in pavement at the front of the school and drawing up shade maps to help prepare for a student garden that we are hoping to create in that space. We will keep you posted!

We continue to encourage all our students to bring reusable water containers to school to stay cool and hydrated in this warm weather.



Message from our Trustee

As the school year comes to a close, I would like to thank you for all that you have done to help make this school year a successful one for our students.

We share a common goal - to give our young people every opportunity to reach their full potential, and we all have a role to play in supporting that goal. However you choose to get involved, your engagement and support make a difference. We know that good schools become better schools when they are connected with families.

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of our students, families, staff members and community partners, we are creating a welcoming, caring and inclusive learning environment that fosters student achievement and well-being.

As we move into summer, I encourage you to seek out opportunities to continue and complement the learning that takes place throughout the school year. That could mean taking a nature walk, visiting a museum or reading a book. Whatever your plans are over the next few months, I hope you have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Dress Code for Warm Weather

With the warm weather upon us, we ask for your help to ensure that students are dressed in an appropriate manner. Please review the following with your children: Shorts and skirts must be mid-thigh length or longer. Tops must meet bottoms without the midriff showing. A top must not be low cut and the straps must be at least the width of two fingers. Undergarments must be covered. Beach wear type clothing, such as tank tops with spaghetti straps, halter tops, tube tops and muscle shirts is not permitted. The bib on overalls must be attached to its straps. Sheer see-through clothing is not permitted. We thank you in advance for your help and cooperation. If you have any questions, please call Mme Baage.



Gauss Math Contest Test

The Grade 7 and 8 students completed the Gauss Math Contest Test.

Our top 5 achieving Grade 7 students are:

Soroush
Emma
Tyla
Ghazal
Jania



Our top 5 achieving Grade 8 students are:

Gabriel
Talía
Vané
Kyra
Avery

Good Bye to our Grade 8 Students!

This marks the last month our grade 8 students spent in elementary school. It is a very special time for them and we sincerely hope that these last weeks at Poplar Bank P.S. will be among their best. We wish them success and happiness in their secondary studies and all future endeavours. Au revoir et bonne chance!



Council Constitution and Council Meeting

The school council constitution sub-committee is possibly one of the least sought after volunteer roles – possibly why it has not been updated in many years! Thank you very much to the committee who thoroughly reviewed the bylaws to properly reflect council roles and procedures. The committee will present the proposed changes to the next council meeting. Also at the June 6th meeting we will cover fundraising including Danceathon, and QSP. All members of our school community are welcome to attend council meetings, join us in the library **Tuesday June 7 at 6:45pm in the library.**

Stay connected

Our council twitter feed @PoplarBankSC will continue to be active over the summer with community info and resources for parents.

Merci!

We look forward to thanking both staff and volunteers for their incredible efforts this year to make Poplar Bank a special place for our kids to go to school. Council will host a Staff/Volunteer Appreciation Tea on Tuesday June 21 at first recess.

Dance-a-thon

Our annual Dance-a-thon was held on April 29th, with the help of a fabulous DJ, Paul Rogers, who kept the party going! The students had a great day of dancing, fun, and snacks, with every class participating. Thank you to all the students and families who contributed to this fundraiser! With your generous contributions, we raised **\$5,700!!** These funds will be put to good use in funding school activities for the remainder of this year and into the Fall.

As a result of the amount raised, the students earned ALL the incentives! No homework day, an extended recess, and the Student vs. Teacher soccer game which will be held in front of the whole school on June 20th, with freezies for every student! Mme. Wansbrough's class was the Junior/Intermediate class that raised the most funds and will be challenging the teachers in the soccer game. The winners of the raffle for coaching the teams were Sebastian B. in Mme. Ramsperger's class and Kayla W. in Mr. Maccarone's class. Mme. Nicholson's class was the Primary Class that raised the most funds and will be treated to a pizza lunch.

Gift cards were delivered to our top student contributors. Congratulations and thank you to the family and friends of Alex N. in Mme. Wansbrough's class, Emily F. in will Mme. Bodrug's class, and Sophie N. in Mme. Hampton's class. Again, a huge thank you to all the Poplar Bank families for supporting the Dance-a-Thon and our school!!



Please note that the tax receipts are being prepared and will be sent out shortly.

Music News

It has been an exciting musical year at Poplar Bank! The students have once again demonstrated their superb musical talent at concerts and at festivals. Congratulations to the Grade 6 Junior Band who performed beautifully at the festival and received a PLATINUM standing and an invitation to the Nationals that will be held in Niagara Falls next year!

If you have any gently used band instruments that you would like to donate to the music program, then we would greatly appreciate them. Thank you!

Thank you for another amazing musical year!!

Musically Yours,

Mme Smith

"Where words fail, music speaks."

-Hans Christian Anderson



June

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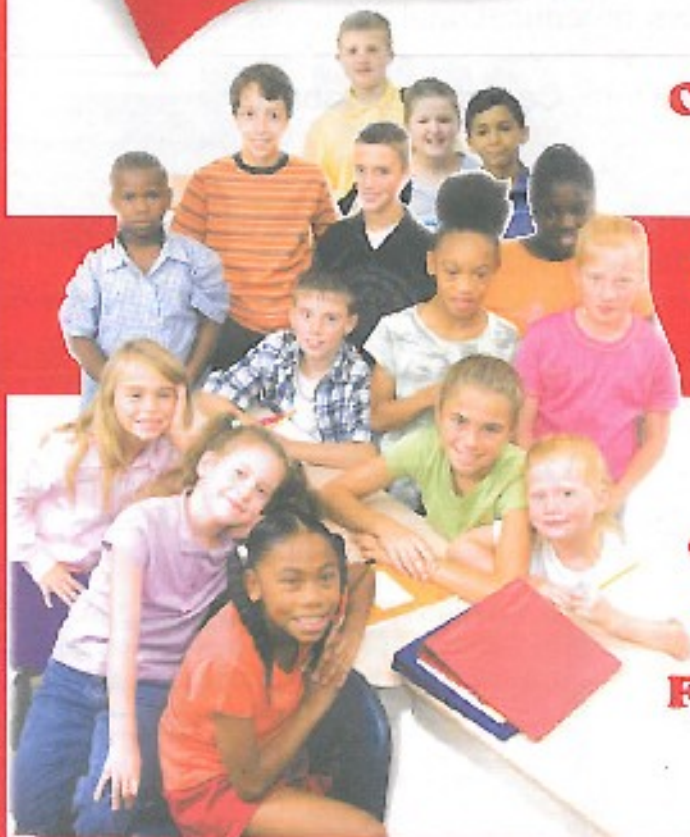
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En route vers le succès books for each grade from Kindergarten to Grade 7 are French translations of our successful curriculum-based Learning Advantage series. We believe that our books will help students grow in self-esteem and self-confidence, and achieve better grades in all areas of the curriculum.



New!! Apps for learning French

Available for purchase on the App store (for iPad and iPhone) and on GooglePlay (for Android devices): Our suite of eight student-friendly apps is well suited for French Immersion students, all students of Core French and even French as a First Language, beginning at any grade level. Our apps support parents by providing them with information and materials so that they can help their child learn, and even participate in the learning process. Apps cannot be purchased through your child's school, but may be accessed through our web site, and are supported by free resources available at <http://www.frenchimmersionresource.ca/>

Each app teaches 28 words using a variety of activities. Even young students who do not yet read will be able to use all activities because the sound is always attached to graphics and word boxes.

Bundles are available if you wish to purchase five apps or all eight apps at a reduced price. [If you buy an app and later buy a bundle that includes the app you bought, the purchase price of the first app will be credited to the cost of the bundle.]



How to order

A Return the order form to your child's school (This easiest and least expensive way includes HST and saves on shipping cost.)

Or

B Order on line at www.learningadvantage.ca

Which grade to order

A For orders in **Fall-Winter**, order for your child's current grade.

B For orders in **late spring/summer**, order for the grade your child will enter in September.

FRENCH IMMERSION

Support for English-speaking parents:

A For Kindergarten, a translation is provided throughout the book.

B For Grades 1-2-3, order the appropriate grade. The "Companion Book" gives the English translation for all three grades.

Method of Payment
Ordering through the school: we accept cash or cheques payable to Learning Advantage.

ORDER FORM

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Teacher _____

School _____

Town/City _____

Home Mailing Address _____

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Grade One	_____ x \$20 = _____
Grade Two	_____ x \$20 = _____
Grade Three	_____ x \$20 = _____
Grade Four	_____ x \$20 = _____
Grade Five	_____ x \$20 = _____
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Grade Seven	_____ x \$20 = _____

French Immersion: En route vers le succès

French Kindergarten	_____ x \$20 = _____
French Grade One	_____ x \$20 = _____
French Grade Two	_____ x \$20 = _____
French Grade Three	_____ x \$20 = _____
French Grade Four	_____ x \$20 = _____
French Grade Five	_____ x \$20 = _____
French Grade Six	_____ x \$20 = _____
French Grade Seven	_____ x \$20 = _____
Companion Book (Grade 1-2-3)	_____ x \$10 = _____

EQAO Practice Test & Resource Booklet (Ontario Schools)

EQAO Primary (Grade 3)	_____ x \$10 = _____
EQAO Junior (Grade 6)	_____ x \$10 = _____

Language Toolkit

Language Toolkit (For students entering grade 8 & 9)	_____ x \$20 = _____
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Math Toolkit

Math Toolkit (For students entering grade 8 & 9)	_____ x \$18 = _____
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Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

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