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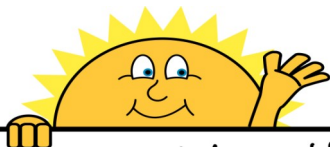
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Summer Vacation

*School Improvement Plan
For Student Achievement and Well Being
Respectful School, Modern Learning, Math and
Mental Health*

June 29th Early Dismissal (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 Thursday, June 29th, 2017 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 Events

- June 1 Grade 1 Orientation
- June 2 PA Day (no school)
- June 8 Fun Fair
- June 9 Spirit Day (Jersey/Sports Theme)
- June 13 Junior Track & Field Areas
- June 14 Senior Track & Field Areas
- School Council Meeting
- June 15 Volunteer Appreciation Tea
- June 20 Smoothie Day
- June 21 Track & Field Regionals
- June 22 Talent Show (10:15 to 11:55)
- June 27 Grade 8 Graduation
- June 26 Primary Play Day (Morning)
- June 29 Last Day of School (Early Dismissal 11:05 am)
- June 30 PA Day

June Report Cards

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



Message from the Trustee

As we near the end of the school year, I want to thank you for all that you do to strengthen our schools and communities. This is a good time to celebrate your child's achievements over the past year.

One of our goals in the [Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#) is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture and caring and learning." That includes a culture that emphasizes engagement and positive relationships among all the members of the school community – students, staff members, families and community members.

You, as parents/guardians, are our most important partners when it comes to education. The support you have provided to your child throughout this past school year will help to strengthen our schools and make a difference to your child's learning.

I encourage you to continue engaging your child in learning throughout the summer, and to help them to see the connections between what they are learning in school and the world around them. There are so many opportunities to do this over the summer, whether that's planning a budget with your child, enjoying the natural beauty in York Region, reading a book or visiting local sites. Whatever your plans are this summer, I wish you all a successful end to the school year, and a safe and enjoyable summer.

Tentative School Organization for September 2017

We are projecting an enrolment of approximately 510 students. Here is the tentative class organization structure with 22 classes for 2017-2018:

French Immersion Primary Division Classes:

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

French Immersion Junior Division Classes:

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

French Immersion Intermediate Division Class:

Grade 7, 7, 7/8, 8, 8

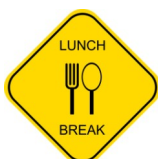
This organization of classes is tentative and should our enrolment change over the summer, a re-organization will occur. Information on Staff Assignments will be shared in the July newsletter which will be sent home in each student's report card envelope on June 29th. Student class placements will be shared on September 5th, 2017 the first day of school.

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 2017.



Lunch Assistant Positions Available



We are in need of lunchtime assistants for Monday to Friday 11:55 am to 12:55 pm as well as occasional/supply help. This is a paid position and we are accepting applications in the office for September 2017.

Poplar Bank Fun Fair

FUN FESTIVAL - THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH AT 5-8PM!

Join us for the school's biggest annual fundraising event! Our Fun Festival is open to the public with a special invitation to families with children entering grade one at Poplar Bank P.S.

For those who haven't pre-ordered tickets, they will be sold at a cost of \$1 for 2 activity tickets on the event day. Activity tickets can be used for the new STEM Robotics 101 workshop, 3 Inflatable Obstacle courses/1 Inflatable Slide, Midway Games with hundreds of prizes, Face Painting, Photo Prints, Caricature Drawings, Used Books and snacks including popcorn, freezies and more!



Plus, bring cash for the Food Trucks, Silent Auction, Gift Basket Raffle, Local Vendors and so much more!

NEW AT THE FUN FAIR! STEM MINDS™ ROBOTICS 101

A fun introduction to coding and robotics uses BeeBots to complete a variety of play-based challenges. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math. This workshop is new at the Fun Fair. Sign-up is required. Spaces are limited!

Grade 8 Graduation

This year's Grade 8 Graduation will be on Tuesday, June 27 2016. The ceremony will start at 6:00 pm. Invitations will be sent home with students shortly. 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 2017 Graduating Class!



Poplar Bank Volunteers are the Best!

We are most fortunate at Poplar Bank Public School to have so many 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. 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 19th to the 23rd. After that, unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.



Track and Field

Poplar Bank had a very successful Track and Field day on our own school property this year. Students from grades 4-8 ran fast, jumped far, and threw great distances on May 19, 2017. Now we are planning our AREA TEAM for our best student athletes to compete at the Meet at the Stouffville Arena. The Junior Team (grade 4-6) will go to Stouffville on Tues, June 13, 2017 and the Intermediate Team (grades 7-8) will compete on Wed, June 14. Students who are invited to attend this Track Meet will be given a permission form with the schedule and details very shortly. Please speak to Mme Sampson if you have any questions.



Hotmail



Please be advised that over the course of the past several months we have been experiencing some difficulty with mass communications to our community. This affects all “hotmail” addresses, particularly when a mass mailing is involved. For those affected, please provide the office with new email address so that you will be in receipt of future mail. The York Region District School Board is working on resolving this issue.

Student Safety & Bikes at School

If your child is going to ride a bike to school, please note the following: Have students walk their bike on and off the school property. Students are not to ride bikes around the property before school or directly after school. They must wait until 6:00 p.m.

- ◆ Retain a description of the bike and the serial number at home.
- ◆ Students are encouraged to wear a safety helmet.
- ◆ Remember to lock your bikes.



Music



CONGRATULATIONS to the Advanced Band who received a *SILVER* in the “Musicfest Nationals” competition in Niagara Falls! As well, congratulations to Abigail W. who received the HONOUR AWARD at Musicfest for her clarinet leadership in the band. We are so proud of you!

This has been another wonderful musical year at Poplar Bank! Thank you to all of the students who put so much hard work into their musical endeavors. I am looking forward to another fantastic musical year in 2017-2018!!!

Musically Yours,
Mme Smith

Library News

The Primary students listened to all 10 books for the Prix Peuplier of the Forest of Reading, and the majority of our students voted for Manchots au chaud by Andrée Poulain. This book is based on a true story about an oil spill off the shores of New Zealand, and the people in the community who rallied to help the penguins.



- ◆ The grades 3-8 students, who independently read the books in their programmes, selected the following titles at our celebration:
- ◆ Prix Tamarac Express: Pique la lune by Katia Canciani
- ◆ Silver Birch Express: Pink is for Blobfish: Discovering the World's Perfectly Pink Animals by Jess Keating
- ◆ Silver Birch Non-Fiction: Friend or Foe: The Whole Truth About Animals that People Love to Hate by Etta Kaner
- ◆ Silver Birch Fiction: Everyday Hero by Kathleen Cherry
- ◆ Tamarac: Le Grand sault iroquois by Isabelle Larouche
- ◆ Red Maple: MINRS by Kevin Sylvester

Votes from all participating schools across the province will be tallied by the Ontario Library Association to determine the overall winners.

Congratulations to all of our readers at Poplar Bank!!

Eco News - Reduce, Reuse & Recycle



L'Équipe Verte Update

A special thanks to Adrian Glauser and his helpers for building our fabulous edible, student garden. Now all we need is a name and banner for our garden. **Calling all artists to submit a design.** Please see Mme. Rudyk or Mme. McDonald for more information.



The eco-team has been happily planting, watering and nurturing the garden with extra watering help from the after-care program. We really appreciate all the donations that we have received so far. We still have room for some more plants and our bean seeds are sprouting and will soon need some kind of framework to support them. Donations are most appreciated!

Our school has been chosen to attend Eco-Camp in October for 3 days. It was very hard to select only 6 students from our active eco-team. Congratulations to our committed, responsible leaders who were chosen: Adrina D., Tia M., Vanessa A., Kate J., Naima K., & Emily F.



Until June 5th, we will continue to collect milk bags to be woven and reused as bed mats for the less fortunate by Pam Taylor's mother's retirement home.

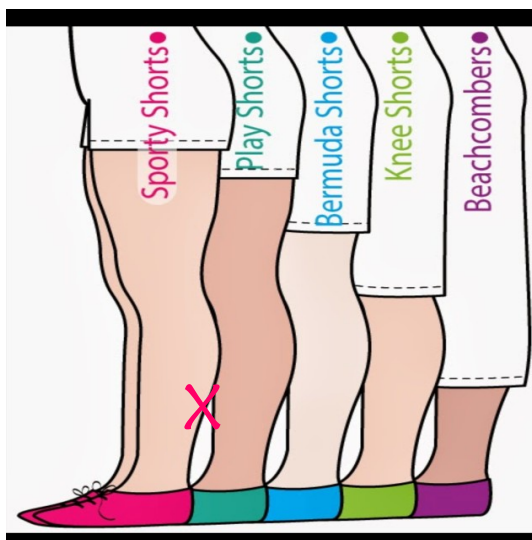
Dress Code

As the warm weather is fast approaching, we are asking parents to discuss and review the Dress Code with their children. It is the expectation that all students follow the Dress Code protocol.

GOAL: Students will dress in an appropriate manner, conducive to a positive learning environment.

Students will ...

- ◆
- ◆ wear tops that cover their midriff – tops must meet bottoms without midriff showing at any time (e.g. when raising the arms)
- ◆ not wear any top or dress that is strapless or has a low neckline or a plunging back
- ◆ make sure that undergarments are covered at all times
- ◆ not wear articles of clothing with inappropriate slogans or pictures
- ◆ not wear sheer see-through clothing
- ◆ not wear tube tops and muscle shirts
- ◆ not wear sporty shorts (see shorts length guide) that exposes the buttocks at any time (e.g. when sitting or bending):



- ◆ wear shoes at all times
- ◆ not wear beach flip flops or Heelys as they present safety risks
- ◆ not wear caps, hats, bandanas, hoodies or head coverings indoors (exception – religious coverings).

Consequences for not following the dress code will begin with a discreet warning by the homeroom teacher and the student will be asked to change or cover up inappropriate clothing. Repeat offences will be referred to the school office and reflection sheets will be filled out and parents will be contacted.

We thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

Junior Girls' Basketball



Congratulations to the Junior Girls Basketball team on a very successful season! The girls won the Area banner, and advanced to the quarter finals of the Regional tournament. The banner with their signatures will be hung in our school gym. Bravo les filles!!



Junior Boys' Basketball

The Junior Boys Basketball team had a wild run this season. They played more games than ever this season, including 3 exhibition games, and 3 tournaments. They won the Denison Feeder School Tournament, and 1 of the 2 tournaments at Mazo. Their biggest accomplishment was winning the Area Championships. As a whole, the team improved drastically on defence and controlling the ball on offence. Qualifying for the Regional Basketball Tournament was an incredible experience, playing against the best teams in YRDSB!!!

Badminton Team

Poplar Bank's Badminton team had one of the most successful seasons in school history this year! Poplar Bank's first ever Badminton banner will hang high from the gym wall as they won the Area Championship tournament in late May at Huron Heights Secondary School. Our girls' pair of Janna Xing and Rebecca Kraft won their division at areas and placed 4th overall out of all schools in the entire York Region District School Board. Our boys' pair of Mitchell B. and Stanislav Y. also won their division at the Area Tournament, and finished mid-table at Regionals. Our top Co-Ed pair of Dwight Hartley and Abigail W. finished third place at the Area Tournament. Other pairs of Ethan L. with Joshua G., Emery L. with Samantha D., and Michael M. with Olivia A. all had proud showings at the Area tournament to help make 2017 a banner year in Badminton at PBPS. Way to go guys. - Coaches Mr. Maccarone and Mr. Pichora



Intramural Sports

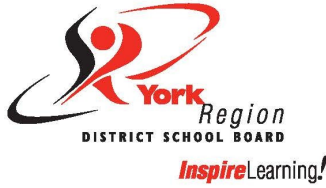


Poplar Bank's Intramural sports leagues have come to a close for the year. With nearly 200 students participating in the Volleyball, Basketball, and Badminton seasons throughout the year, we can say it was another huge success. A big thank you goes out to the teachers involved in supervising the students: Mme. Hodge, Mrs. Middleton, and Mme. Hampton. The students must also be highly commended for conducting themselves with maturity while playing and officiating their games. Here's to another great year of friendly competition in the spirit of sportsmanship, respect, and healthy living. - Mr. Maccarone

School Council Update

- ◆ **Spring Fundraiser** - Thank you to everyone who participated in our Blooms and Cookies fundraiser through QSP. We raised a total of \$2,980 for our school!! Thank you for your support!! Initial feedback from families is that they liked this fundraiser, and that the cookies are delicious! We will certainly consider running this fundraiser again. We welcome feedback on all our School Council matters and our fundraising activities. Please feel free to email your comments or ideas to Poplar Bank School Council at poplar.bank.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca
- ◆ **Fun Festival** – Only a week until our Fun Festival on **Thursday, June 8th**. If you didn't purchase tickets online, you can buy them at the event. Lots of exciting activities for the whole family, such as inflatables, photo booth, caricatures, midway games & prizes, vendors, food trucks, and silent auction!! Please come out and support your school!
- ◆ **Volunteer & Staff Appreciation Tea** – Mark your calendars for **Thursday, June 15th** at first recess (9:45 to 10:15). Invitations will be sent out soon. Come celebrate all our wonderful volunteers and staff, and give thanks for all our accomplishments this year!
- ◆ **Smoothie Day** – It's an PBPS annual tradition loved by all the students! It will be held the morning of **Tuesday, June 20th**. We will be looking for volunteers to help make and deliver the smoothies. Please contact School Council or the office if you are interested in helping. A HUGE thank you to Adrian & Susan Glauser for organizing this event year after year. We are very sad that this is their last year and Smoothie Day at PBPS!
- ◆ **Garden** – Watch our garden grow!! We would be very grateful for any donations of gardening gloves, hand tools, watering cans or vegetable plants you might have to offer. Students who are interested in participating in the garden should speak to Mme Rudyk.
- ◆ **Social Media** – Are you on Facebook? If so, please follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/PoplarBankPS> to have school activities and important dates and reminders appear in your News Feed. We're also on Twitter. Follow our tweets **@poplarbank_ps**. If you are not on Twitter, you can visit the school website to scroll through our Twitter feed.
- ◆ **School Council Meeting** - Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 14th, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.** in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend council meetings! We will be providing child care in an adjacent room for those who require it. Please let us know in advance if you will be attending, and the ages and number of children who need minding. Thank you.





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