



Poplar Bank News

We are a Respectful and Caring School

June 2018

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

Upcoming Events

June 1st	Spirit Day—Beach Day
June 4th	PA Day
June 5th	2018/2019 Grade 1 Orientation Session Fun Fair
June 12th	Music Calixa - Board Office Track and Field - Junior Areas
June 13th	Track and Field - Intermediate Areas
June 19th	Track and Field - Regionals
June 21st	Talent Show (10:15 to 11:55)
June 22nd	Smoothie Day
June 25th	Play Day (Primary)
June 26th	Grade 8 Graduation
June 27th	Report Cards Go Home
June 28th	Early Release Day
June 29th	PA Day



ladybugs & butterflies
ICE CREAM TRUCKS sprinklers
lemonade stands
SPLASH IN THE POOL
SUMMER
HOT DAYS STARRY NIGHTS
PLAY TIME ROAD TRIPS
BBQs bonfires Waterslides
FUN IN THE SUN lazy days
BAREFEET OR FLIP FLOPS
GROW A GARDEN
snow cones & popsicles

Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home on Wednesday, June 28th. If your family sets out on vacation prior to June 28th, you can obtain your report card when the office reopens at the end of August.

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Families:

It is with mixed feelings that I am writing to announce my decision to retire at the end of this school year. I want to thank you for your commitment to our students and support of our school goals of improving student academic achievement and well-being. Together we have created a strong and caring school community and forged relationships that will last for many years to come. Poplar Bank has excellent teachers, great students, wonderful and supportive parents. At the beginning of June, the in-coming Principal will be announced. The new Principal and I will be working together to ensure a smooth transition and the continuation of endeavors that the Poplar Bank Community has been working towards over the past several years.

I feel honoured and privileged to have had the opportunity to serve this community for the last 5 school years.

Sincerely,
Natasha Baage, Principal



Tentative School Organization for September 2018

We are projecting an enrolment of approximately 570 students. Here is the tentative class organization structure with 24 classes for 2018-2019:

French Immersion Primary Division Classes:

Grade 1 (5 Classes); Grade 2 (4 Classes); Grade 2/3 (1 Class); Grade 3 (3 Classes)

French Immersion Junior Division Classes:

Grade 4 (2 Classes); Grade 4/5 (1 Class); Grade 5 (1 Class); Grade 5/6 (1 Class); Grade 6 (2 Classes)

French Immersion Intermediate Division Class:

Grade 7 (1 Class); Grade 7/8 (2 Classes); Grade 8 (1 Class)

This organization of classes is tentative and should our enrolment change over the summer, a re-organization will occur.

Early Dismissal - Thursday, June 28, 2018



All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 28, 2018**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 28, 2018 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at 11:05 am. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

Grade 8 Graduation



Congratulations to the Grade 8 students at Poplar Bank as they approach the end of their elementary school years! They had a great trip in Quebec to celebrate, and they are now planning for their Graduation Celebration that will be held at Poplar Bank on June 26th.

Learning Commons/Library News



It's hard to believe that the school year is coming to a close. It has been a pleasure to work with students from all grades throughout the last 10 months and to support them in all areas of the curriculum. Heartfelt thanks are given to all members of the Poplar Bank community for their support, encouragement and feedback.

Looking ahead to September, there will be many new and innovative Maker-space activities, centres and reading materials to look forward to. The use of technology, as a teaching tool, will continue to increase, in order to support Modern Learning and Literacy.



The final due date for materials to be returned to the Learning Commons/ Carrefour d'apprentissage is **June 15, 2018**. This will allow me to conduct an inventory of our materials and to ensure that all accounts belonging to Grade 8 students are clear before their transition to high school.

Have a wonderful, happy and restful summer!

Chantal Jenicek

Student Council

Thank you to this year's Student Council Team of Grade 7 and 8 students. They provided their Student Voice and their time and effort planning various events and activities at school. Your leadership and participation is what makes Poplar Bank an amazing school! Go Pride Go!



Peer Tutors



This year we had students from grade 7 and 8 volunteer their time and abilities to help fellow peers learn and study current math topics twice a week. They developed leadership roles and gained valuable practice themselves from helping others. It was very encouraging watching them lean off each other and push themselves mathematically this year using the lessons in class as a base of discovery from which they could explore the concepts further. Thanks for all your hard work! - Mr. Pichora

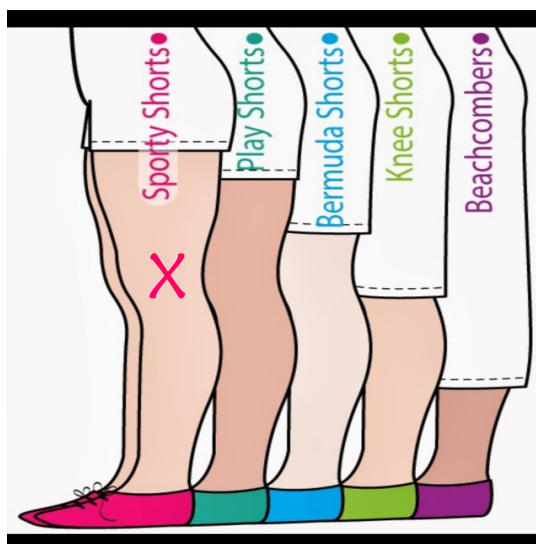
Dress Code

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 home-room 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.

Track and Field



Congratulations to the Athletes at Poplar Bank for their excellent participation on our school Track and Field day that was held on our school property on May 17. We saw some fantastic results! Planning is under way for the Area Track and Field Meets to be held at the Stouffville Arena on June 12th for the Junior students, and June 13th for the Intermediates. Mme Sampson will be confirming the Area Team with the students as soon as possible! Good luck to all participants!

Intramural Sports

Poplar Bank has enjoyed another successful year of our 3 Intramural Sports Leagues of Volleyball, Basketball, and Badminton. A big thank you to all of the nearly 200 students from grades 4 to 8, who signed up to make the leagues so much fun! We'll be very happy to welcome new students to the league next year who are entering into gr. 4 and will be trying out the leagues for their first time. Thank you also to the many gr. 8 volunteers for helping with officiating and maintenance as well as teachers Mrs. Middleton, Mme. Tummon, Mme. Mason, Mme. McDonald, and Mr. Pichora who helped with supervision. See you next year in the gym! Go Poplar Bank!



Badminton

The 2018 Poplar Bank Badminton Season was a "smashing" success this year! At the Area Tournament in early May, we took home not one, but two championship banners! Rebecca and Janna took home the Girls' Championship, while Stan and Xavier won the Boys' Championship! Honorable mention goes out to Olivia, Michael, Ana-Michele, Max, Caroline, Alejandra, Curtis, and Joshua for their great efforts as well. Let's Go Pride! *Coaches: Mr. Maccarone and Mr. Pichora*



Chess



Once again Poplar Bank fielded a competitive team of 8 students to participate in a local tournament hosted at Bogart P.S. Our school, despite being in the second year of the club came second overall in the tournament. The 8 students had competed internally through consistent participation and ladder matches in a club of almost 50 students total. It has been a great year for student growth and the hope is that all continue on learning from this experience. - Mr. Pichora

Eco News - Reduce, Reuse & Recycle

Our gardens are underway! The Eco Team still welcomes any donations of edible plants for our garden. They will provide us the opportunity for the whole school to be a part of the process of growing food: planting, watering, weeding, harvesting and eating! Thank you to everyone who has already contributed!



Music

It has been another very successful year at Poplar Bank! The music festival results speak for themselves. (The highest rating is GOLD).

Congratulations!



GOLD: Advanced Band (Music Alive)
 Junior Choir:
 Calixa Lavallee
 Junior Band
 Advanced Band (Musicfest Nationals)

SILVER +: Stage Band

SILVER ++: J/I Choir

Where words fail, music speaks.

-Hans Christian Andersen

Musically Yours,
 Mme Smith

Fun Festival

The Fun Festival is only a few days away!!

Final preparations are well underway for what we anticipate is going to be a fantastic event!

We do however urgently still need small prize donations. We have added some new midway games this year, and don't want to disappoint our kids by running out of prizes. We can accept midway prize donations right up to the morning of the Fun Fest on June 5th.

We also urgently need volunteers for the day of. It is a very large event with many stations that need staffing. You can pick your time and task at <http://signup.com/go/BDaYGdd> This way, you can combine helping out with enjoying the festival with your kids.

A reminder that Raffle Baskets are on display this week from Wednesday to Friday. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and can be purchased by students between 9:30 and 1:30pm in the front foyer.

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated items and/or their time. We can't do this event without you!!

Kind regards,
 Jen and Melissa
 Fun Festival Coordinators



School Council Update



FUN FESTIVAL: We are still in desperate need of **parent volunteers** for our Fun Festival on Tuesday, June 5th. We have posted all the volunteer tasks and times at <http://signup.com/go/BDaYGdd>. Please help us make this a fun and safe event by volunteering a few hours of your time. Thank you!!

MANY THANKS to all our PBPS families who donated items for the classroom raffle baskets, midway prizes and silent auction.

An equally huge thank you to our community businesses who have donated items and products to our Fun Festival and silent auction. Please take a moment to view the attached donation list and make note of those businesses who have supported our event. If you get the opportunity to do so, please support them in return by visiting their businesses and thanking them for supporting our school.

VOLUNTEER & STAFF APPRECIATION TEA: Mark your calendars for June 18th at first recess (9:45 am to 10:15 am). 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 a PBPS annual tradition loved by all the students! It will be held the morning of Friday, June 22nd. We need volunteers who can bring their blenders, or join us to help make and deliver the smoothies. Please contact School Council or the office if you are interested in helping.

COUNCIL MEETING: Our final school council meeting of this school year has been re-scheduled to **Tuesday, June 19th at 6:45 p.m.** in the school staffroom. You do not need to be a council member to attend. All parents are welcome! We will be providing child minding in an adjacent room for those who require it. Thank you to COBS Breads for providing the delicious baked goods for all our council meetings this year.



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.

PBPS Fun Festival 2018 - Food Truck Menus and Pricing

	 <small>THE BOSS OF GRILLED CHEESE</small>	
Poutine with Real Cheese Curds \$8.00	McGangster ("Big Mac" Grilled Cheese) \$10	Pepperoni & Cheese
6oz Angus Burger \$6.00	Bacon Cheeseburger Grilled Cheese \$9	Margherita Pizza (tomato sauce, mozzarella)
Crispy Chicken Sandwich \$6.00	Plain Grilled Cheese \$7 Pulled Pork Grilled Cheese \$9	Signature Pizza Brie & Mushrooms (Chipotle Aioli, Mozzarella Mushrooms and Brie)
Jumbo All Beef Hot Dogs Or Italian Sausage on a Bun \$5.00	Mac and Cheese Grilled Cheese \$8 Fries \$5	Any 2 slices \$5.00 Can of pop/bottle of water \$1.00
Chicken Tenders with Fries \$8.00 Cotton Candy \$2.00	Poutine \$8 (pulled pork, bacon cheeseburger, or mac and cheese can be added for \$2)	
	 ...for all your ice cream novelties!	<i>In addition, you can use activity tickets to purchase popcorn and jumbo freezies!</i>

All food trucks will be onsite from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.!