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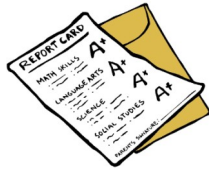
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June Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home on Thursday, June 25th, 2015. If your family sets out on vacation prior to June 25th, your child's report card will be mailed to your home address.

Grade 8 Graduation

This year's Grade 8 Graduation will be on Wednesday, June 24 2015. 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 2015 Graduating Class! Bonne Chance et Felicitations!



June 25th, 2015 Update in Elementary Schools

On Thursday, June 25, 2015, schools will be open and classroom instruction will continue for the entire normal school day. Friday, June 26, 2015 will remain a PA Day.

Poplar Bank Family Fun Fair

Come one, come all! Poplar Bank Public's School Parent Council is holding its annual **Fun Festival on June 11th** from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. There will be a ton of fun activities: inflatables, face painting, gift basket draws, magic show, local vendors and much more. Book the date and invite your friends and neighbors too!

Lunch Assistant & Supply Positions Available for September, 2015

We are in need of lunchtime school assistants for Monday to Friday from 11:55 am to 12:55 pm as well as occasional/supply help. This is a paid position and we are accepting applications now in the office for September 2015. Please contact office immediately to be trained in June and ready for the September school year.

RESPECT

For the month of June, grade 3 students at Poplar Bank contributed to the Respect bulletin board in front of the office. Students worked respectfully with each other in small groups or partners by demonstrating good collaboration and cooperation skills. Students decided what kind of work to produce and what to put on the work that reflects well working together respectfully. Come by and visit their work! Mme Hazlewood Class.

Upcoming Dates

June 3	NHS Spring Carnival Gr. 8's
June 3	School Council Meeting 6:45 pm
June 5	PA Day (no school)
June 10-11	Track & Field Areas
June 11	Fun Festival 5—8 pm
June 16	Track & Field Regionals
June 22	Play Day (am) Rain Date June 23
June 24	Grade 8 Graduation 6 pm
June 24	Eco-Club & Gr. 5 Kortwright Centre
June 25	Last Day of School
June 26	PA Day (no school)

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, 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 2nd, we held our Volunteer/Staff and Teacher Appreciation Tea to recognize our volunteers and teachers! Merci beaucoup! Thank you!



Greetings from Trustee Martin Van Beek

As the 2014-15 school year winds down, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize our parents and guardians for their ongoing support of our students throughout the year. We know that parents are our most important partners when it comes to educating your children. Good schools become better schools when they are connected with parents and families.

During the year, I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy some of the many student performances, sporting events and cultural celebrations that take place in schools across our region. These events would not take place without the support of our school staff. I would like to thank the staff for their work to support student achievement and well-being.

Summer is a great time to relax and pursue hobbies or activities that complement the learning that took place over the school year. Whether you visit a museum, enjoy nature or just catch up on some summer reading, I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer.

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 2015.



Highlights from Students' Voice Conference

On Monday, May 4th, two Grade 6 students represented Poplar Bank at the annual "Our Voice" conference, held at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel. The focus of the conference was innovation in education. Here are their impressions:
Innovation to me is learning. Something new is discovering a new talent. Powerful words I retained from the presentation are: thinking big, magical ideas, fears conquered, inspiring others, taking risks. My teachers have supported my ideas and have been believing in me. Ethan. Innovation is progressing, going farther, finding a passion and taking risks. I can change the world if I have the courage to try. A hero can be a scientist who discovers a cure for a disease. The powerful words I remember from the presentation are: moonshot, doing, accomplishment, possibilities. Sean

Girls on the Run 5K Celebration

Come out and cheer on the 29 grade 3, 4 & 5 girls in the program as they complete their 5K celebration event on Friday, June 12th from 12-1:00pm. The girls have been training for this event two days a week for 10 weeks. With your encouragement and support, the girls will no doubt have a successful completion of this wonderful, positive, self-esteem and self-concept program. We look forward to see you all there!



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.

Parent Requests for Information (CRA, etc) - Summer Process

Please be advised that during the summer months all requests from parents for records and information related to CRA Tax Benefit applications, etc. will be handled by your Community Education Centre. Be reminded that the school the child currently attends can provide enrolment and attendance data. A history of residential addresses can only be provided by the school where the student attended at the time (reference Office Index Cards for this purpose).

Lost and Found

We have accumulated a number of clothing items. These items will be put on display in the school from June 15-19. After that, unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.



Tentative School Organization for September 2015

We are projecting an enrolment of approximately 468 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, 2/3, 3, 3, 3

French Immersion Junior Division Classes: Grade 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6

French Immersion Intermediate Division Class: Grade 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 25. Student class placements will be shared on September 8th, 2015 the first day of school.

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!



Poplar Bank's Healthy School Focus Continued: 2015-2016

We are very proud of the school's "Crunchy Munchy" program, along with Council's efforts to heighten student and parent awareness on "Healthy Schools" issues! Thank you to Petra Turco and a team of volunteers: Samantha Timbers, Veronica Jouaneh, Steve Bascavan, Edna Bazante. Thank you! Thank you very much to our Healthy Schools Coordinators, for accessing the grants on behalf of the school! Thank you also to our School Council for supporting all our Healthy School initiatives. Stay tuned for more exciting "Healthy Schools" activities next year!

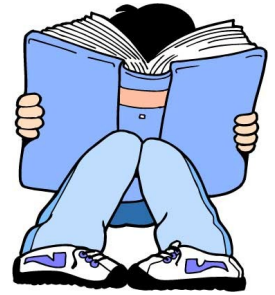
Pizza Lunch Committee

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: Angelica McIntyre, Elaine Mota, Christine, Edna Bazante, Mitchella Fauteux, Pam Scheps, Liz Gerecke, Michelle Williams-Lee, Scott Bailey, Barb Dorion, Suzanne Abela-Nagles



Library News

Students are welcome to continue borrowing resources from the school library until Friday, June 12th. On Monday, June 15th all books, dvd's and other library materials need to be returned. Thank-you for helping your child respect this due date.



On June 9th, the librarian from the Newmarket Public Library will come to our school to talk with our grade 1 to 6 students about the Summer Reading program. We encourage all children to visit the local library and make use of the many resources available in both English and French.

Music News

Congratulations to the Calixa/Glee ensemble who were invited to perform at the Music Alive Closing Ceremonies on May 11th. Their performance was wonderful and memorable.

Congratulations to all of the students who performed at the Spring Concert at Poplar Bank on May 21st. Every ensemble performed amazingly and truly demonstrated the spectacular musical talent of Poplar Bank students. Thank you for all of the donations that were given at the concert. The money will be used to purchase percussion equipment such as; drum sticks, mallets, drum heads and rhythm instruments. We raised \$305.10!!!!

This has been another very busy musical year where students demonstrated their time and talent in ensembles such as: Primary Choir, J/I Choir, Calixa Lavallee, Stage Band, Beginner Band, Junior Band, Advanced Band and Glee. Thank you for all of your hard work! I am very proud of all of you. "Where words fail, music speaks."

-Hans Christian Anderson Musically Yours, Mme Smith

JUNE LUNCH ORDERS

Mr. Greek (Monday)	June 1, 8
Pita Pit (Tuesday)	June 2, 9
Pasta (Wednesday)	June 3, 10
Pizza (Thursday)	June 4, 11, 18
Mr. Sub (Friday)	June 12

School Council Update



Our next school council meeting is Wednesday June 3rd at 6:45 pm in the school library.

As the school year winds down many of our school council volunteers are still in high gear with special activities. School council volunteers, classroom volunteers, staff, and teachers will be acknowledged for all their contributions to Poplar Bank at an Appreciation Tea on June 2. Thanks to you all!

MOVEATHON Our Moveathon, with the help of a fabulous student DJ was a full morning of music and movement with every class participating in dancing in the gym. Thanks to everyone who contributed – we raised close to \$2000 which will help fund school activities for the fall. With such a large amount raised, the students earned ALL incentives! No homework day and extended recess will be June 12. Mme Baage will be a student in every class on June 18th. Mme Slessor's grade 5 class raised the most money with \$249 and will be challenging the teachers to a game of soccer or volleyball on June 19th. Special thanks to the classes of Mme Moubarak, Mme Kendall, and Mme Samaai for the large amounts they raised.

FUN FESTIVAL A core group of volunteers is hard at work pulling together what may be the most exciting Fun Festival ever! Please join us Thursday June 11 from 5-8 pm. This event runs rain or shine, as there are many activities indoors as well. This year we have huge inflatables and lasertag courtesy of Muskoka Woods Camps. Our traditional BBQ has been replaced by delicious offerings from food trucks. There will also be many games, vendor tables, and a craft area. We had many contributions to raffle baskets and have over 10 exciting baskets full of items and gift certificates that would make for a great summer. This event is one of our largest fundraisers and is a fantastic tradition. Be sure to invite your neighbours, as Fun Festival is open to the community. Extra tickets are available at the event. There is still time to volunteer your time to set up, clean up, or an hour at the event to help things run smoothly. For Fun Festival related questions please contact Pam, pamscheps@rogers.com.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT: Thanks to all parents who came out to our parent engagement night at the end of April. We heard Mme Samaai, a Poplar Bank teacher, and Jacqui Strachan from People for Education talk about parent-teacher communication and building a positive relationship between parents and teachers. We also had an open question part of the evening and touched on topics including helping with homework, transitioning to high school, reading at home, practical ways to get our kids talking, and bullying.

MEETING: Our last council meeting of the school year is Wednesday June 3rd. If you are interested in serving as a parent volunteer or on council for 2015\2016 please watch for the forms that come home the first week of school in September for more information.

Eco-News Update

Starting last month, at our school, every Tuesday is Trashless Tuesday! The garbage cans are removed from all classrooms, so all trash (i.e. ziplock bags, granola bar wrappers...) brought to school on Tuesdays from now on must go home with the students! We continue to compost and recycle as much as possible. Usually, our caretakers throw out 2 full bags of garbage every day! On Tuesdays we have reduced the amount of garbage to only a quarter of a bag of garbage. We continue to encourage families and students to bring in their dead/used batteries into the school, like you did during the Battery Blitz campaign, as we will recycle them responsibly.

New school grounds beautification initiative

We would like to make our school even more inviting by planting some perennials in the front garden. If you have any flowers to donate, the Eco-Team is eager to plant them. Bulbs, or perennials that you are able to split, like hostas, would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the office by June 8th, C/O Mme Rudyk.

-Reported by Eco-Embassadors Ashley A. (6J) and Victoria B. (7B)

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.



Track and Field Day

On Friday, May 15, Poplar Bank grade 4-8 students participated in a day of Track and Field Events held at Denison S.S. Many great results were accomplished, and excellent participation from all! Based on their results, some students will participate at the Area Meet in Stouffville. The Area Meet for grade 7-8 students is on June 10, and the Meet for grade 4-6 is on June 11. Permission letters and schedules will be available soon. Thank you to all the staff that helped run an event at Denison, as well as to our event organizer, Mme Sampson. Good luck to our Poplar Bank students as they prepare to compete at the Areas! Bonne Chance!



Badminton Team

Competition was fierce this year as the Poplar Bank Badminton team traveled to Huron Heights Secondary School for the Area Championship Tournament. The Green and Gold fought hard against teams from all over Newmarket and we saw a strong showing from pairs Arsheeya and Yussef, Amparo and Keston, and Jordanna and Sarah. Special mention goes out to Daniel and Elicia for finishing in the top six for Mixed pairs, as well as Liukkor and Richard finishing in the top six for Boys doubles. When the dust settled on the championship finals in the Girls' division, Crystal and Katrina found themselves in a heated battle for the Area Championship. The girls took the match all the way into the third game of a best-of-3 format, but eventually would come out on the losing side taking 2nd place on the day. Due to their enthralling performance at Areas, Katrina and Crystal qualified for the Regional Tournament at Richmond Hill High School on May 21. This was the first time in the last five years that Poplar Bank had sent a badminton team to the Regional Tournament. The girls' pair had an exciting and fun day competing for the prestigious title but ended up falling short in the tournament. We hope to continue building on this success in the years to come. Go Poplar Bank!



Bantry players have reached the highest levels

Thanks,
Coach Frank Maccarone

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

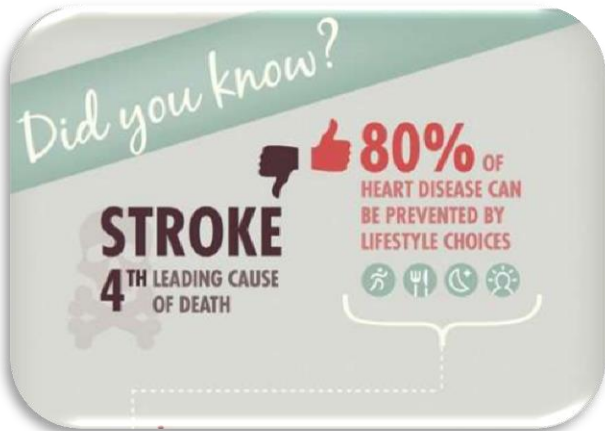
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Tip of the Month



Question of the Month

Q. What are some tips to get myself and my family active?

- Find a safe route to school and a walking buddy for your child.
- Encourage free play time, like a game of tag.
- Trail bike riding is a fun way to get the heart pumping while exploring nature.
- Swimming has many benefits. Whether at a local pool or lake, there are plenty of opportunities for having a good time while staying healthy.
- Split the hour of exercise into 10 or 15 minute periods of active bursts, like a short bike ride or a quick run.

Physical activity strengthens your children's hearts and helps them maintain a healthy weight. Plus, it puts them on the right track to becoming healthy adults with lower risk of hypertension or heart disease. For more information visit heartandstroke.ca/healthykids.

Recipe of the Month

Chicken kabobs with peach salsa

Makes 4 servings

Kids love anything that comes on a stick. The peach salsa is a creative way to have fruit for dinner!

Ingredients

- 4 long wooden skewers

Salsa

- 4 medium peaches, chopped small
- 125 mL (1/2 cup) cucumber, diced
- 3 mint leaves, finely chopped
- 2 mL (1/2 tsp) raspberry vinegar
- 5 mL (1 tsp) finely chopped red onion (optional)

Kabob

- 3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (300 g/10 oz), cut into large chunks to fit on skewer
- 15 mL (1 tbsp) balsamic vinegar
- 5 mL (1 tsp) sugar
- 5 mL (1 tsp) olive oil
- 1 large yellow or orange pepper, diced

Directions

1. Soak skewers in water (this prevents burning). Set aside.
2. Mix all ingredients for the salsa in a bowl and set aside. This can be done a day in advance. Store in the fridge.
3. Preheat the barbeque to medium heat.
4. Place the chicken chunks, vinegar, sugar and oil in a bowl and toss to coat.
5. Alternate spearing chicken chunks and pepper with the skewer. Make 4 skewers.
6. Cook on the barbecue for 10 to 15 minutes, turning once, or until chicken is no longer pink inside.
7. Serve with 125 mL (1/2 cup) salsa.

Nutritional information per serving

- Calories: 158, Protein: 18 g, Fat: 2 g (Saturated fat: 0 g, Dietary cholesterol: 44 mg), Carbohydrate: 16 g, Dietary fibre: 2 g, Sodium: 41 mg, Potassium: 525 mg.
Developed by Nadine Day, RD. ©The Heart and Stroke Foundation



“Lack of activity destroys the good condition of every human being, while movement and methodical physical exercise save it and preserve it.” – Plato

Respect

À: Mme Borge
De: La classe de
Mme Samaai!

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