



Poplar Bank News

We are a Respectful and Caring School

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School Improvement Plan
For Student Achievement and Well Being
Respectful School, Modern Learning, Math and Men-
tal Health



Upcoming Events

May 2nd	Badminton Areas (Huron Heights SS)
May 3rd	Spring Concert (6:30 pm -8:00 pm)
May 4th	Music Festival - Junior Bank Newmarket Theater
May 8th	Grade 7 Vaccinations
May 9th	Parent Council Meeting
May 15th	Music Festival (Nationals)
May 17th	School Track and Field (Grades 4 to 8)
May 23rd to 25th	Junior EQAO Testing
May 29th to 30th	Primary EQAO Testing



Year Book 2017/2018



If you haven't purchased your 2017/2018 Yearbook it will be available until May 20th on schoolcashionline.com for the low price of \$26.00

EQAO Testing



This month our grade 3 and grade 6 students will take part in the provincial EQAO testing. Students in grade 3 French Immersion write only the Mathematics subtest, which is given in French (May 29th to May 30th). Students in grade 6 complete three subsets, namely reading, writing and Math in English (May 23rd to May 25th). For parents interested in finding out more about the EQAO tests, please visit the website at <http://www.eqao.com>. If possible, please avoid taking vacations or booking appointments for your child during this time frame.

Grade 8 Graduation

On Tuesday, June 26, the Grade 8's will be having their Graduation Celebration at Poplar Bank. The ceremony begins at 6pm and we wish them all the best as they prepare for their High School education to begin in the Fall! For further information, contact Mme Sampson.



Grade 8 Trip to Quebec City



On April 23-26, our Grade 8 students went on a Quebec Trip to explore the culture of this beautiful city. They participated in many French activities and tours to enhance their learning of Canadian History and the French Canadian Culture! They all had a fantastic time along with their supervisors, Mme Sampson, Mme McDonald, Mr. Maccarone, and Mme Baage. A great way to celebrate as they approach the end of their elementary school years at Poplar Bank!"

Immunizations - Grades 7



The second dose of the Hepatitis B, HPV and Menactra vaccine for all Grade 7 students will be taking place the morning of Tuesday, May 8th.

Scoters, Skateboards and Roller Blades

Please refrain from allowing your child to bring these items to school as this presents a safety hazard. These are expensive items and we cannot be responsible if they are lost, stolen or damaged while on school property. They also represent a storage problem in the classroom.



Eco News - Reduce, Reuse & Recycle

Tap vs Bottled

- ◆ Our Eco-Ambassadors took on an impressive leadership role on Earth Day by presenting to their assigned classes creating interactive messages with power point presentations, posters and props. Many Eco-Ambassadors challenged their classes to compare tap vs bottled water. After sampling both, several students preferred the tap water or couldn't tell the difference. We encourage you to drink tap water in refillable water containers, as the waste from bottled water negatively impacts many animals and their homes.



- ◆ Thank you to everyone who celebrated Earth Day at home by:

- ⇒Turning out the lights
- ⇒Playing outside
- ⇒Refusing the straw at restaurants
- ⇒Plogging

- ◆ **Les Ploggeurs de Poplar Bank** are being celebrating in a photo collage on our bulletin board. If your child has collected litter on a family walk, take a photo of it and send it in to heidi.rudyk@yrdsb.ca. I will print it off and add it to our collection of students who are doing their part to help our environment.

- ◆ Our next exciting initiative is to start planting in our edible student garden. **We welcome donations of all fruit, vegetable and herb plants.** 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!

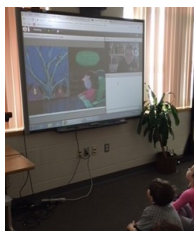
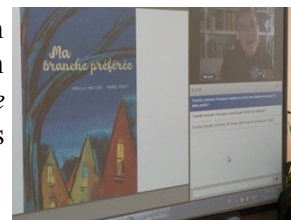


Library News



The Forest of Reading/Forêt de la lecture program is winding down. Throughout the course of several months, many Primary classes were introduced to 9 different picture books in *Le prix Peuplier* category. Students shared their opinions of the books and participated in different follow-up activities. Mme McGraw's Grade 3 class also took part in a virtual author visit (through the magic of video conferencing) with Mireille Messier, who wrote *Ma branche préférée*. They listened to Mireille read the story aloud and were able to ask her questions about the story and her work as an author, in "real time"!

Several Junior and Intermediate students will be invited to vote for their favourite book on Monday, April 30th, in the Learning Commons. These students have each read a minimum of 5 selected works from the different categories, including *Le prix Tamarac express*, *Le prix Tamarac*, *Silver Birch Non-Fiction* and *Red Maple Fiction*. The Canada-wide results will be shared with the students during the month of May.



In closing, I would like to thank Mrs. Mota for her help in the Learning Commons every Monday, as well as the French books she has donated. Aidan (Grade 8) and Kira (Grade 6) have also donated books, which are in the process of being added to the school's collection. Merci!

Wishing you a lovely month ahead!
Chantal Jenicek

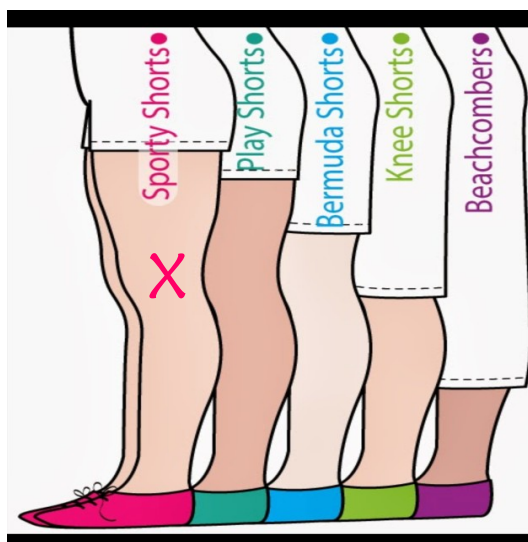
Dress Code

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



On Thursday, May 17, Poplar Bank will be having our school Track and Field Day. All grades 4-8 students will participate in many events such as the 100 m race, standing long jump or ball throw. They will pre-sign up for their choice of events during their phys.ed classes, as well as have time to practice. Parents are welcome to come and watch the events on our school property throughout the day. Students may then be selected to be part of the school team to compete for Poplar Bank at the Area Track and Field Meet in Stouffville. The Junior day is on Wednesday, June 13 and the Intermediate day is on Thursday, June 14. Regionals are on June 19. If you have any questions, you may contact Mme Sampson for further information.

Junior Boys' Basketball

The Junior Boys Basketball team had an amazing season! We played an exciting exhibition game against Mazo de la Roche P.S. and fought hard to make it to the finals at the Mini Tournament at Denison High School! At our area tournament at the Huron Heights Secondary School we demonstrated wonderful team work and great basketball skills to take us to the quarter finals! Mme Nicholson and Mme Hampton would like to congratulate our team on an amazing season! Congratulations to Spencer, Oscar, Aaron, Armin, Tomi, Al, Samuel, AJ,



Junior Girls' Basketball



The Junior Girls' Basketball team travelled to Huron Heights Secondary School for their area tournament. They won their first game against Alexander Muir, their second game against Denne, and their third game against Meadowbrook. This meant that they had a spot in the Quarter-Finals to play the tough Holland Landing team. It

was a very exciting game and Poplar Bank came out on top! Moving on to the semi-finals, they faced Terry Fox who succeeded in making a few more baskets than Poplar Bank. A little discouraged, the team went on to play Meadowbrook for their last and final game. The spirit and perseverance of all team members enabled them to make amazing passes, set picks and initiate specific plays. They won giving them third place out of thirteen teams in the area tournament. Congratulations to Lauren, Lily, Nadia, Sophie, Jillian, Grace, Julia, Alisa, Vanessa, Sharon, Tia and Jaylah. Mme Tummon and Mme Bimo are very proud of your hard work!

Music



It has been an incredible music festival season for Poplar Bank once again this year!! There has been a change in the ratings at the “Music Alive” festival and now the highest level that can be achieved is GOLD and it requires a very high level of musicality to attain that level. Our results to date are as follows:

Advanced Band:	GOLD
Stage Band:	SILVER PLUS
Junior Choir:	GOLD
J/I Choir:	SILVER PLUS PLUS
Calixa Lavallee:	GOLD

Our Junior Band will be performing at Newmarket Theatre on Friday, May 4th and our Nationals Senior Band will be performing at the “MusicFest Nationals” in Toronto on Tuesday May 15th! Wish us luck!!

THIS IS A REMINDER THAT OUR ANNUAL “SPRING INTO MUSIC” CONCERT WILL BE HELD ON **THURSDAY, MAY 3RD FROM 6:30-8:00 PM**. IT IS EXPECTED THAT ALL PERFORMERS IN GRADE 4 RECORDER CLASSES, BEGINNER BAND, JUNIOR BAND, ADVANCED BAND, STAGE BAND, JUNIOR CHOIR, J/I CHOIR AND CALIXA LAVALLEE ATTEND THE CONCERT. WE HAVE WORKED HARD ALL YEAR AND EVERY MEMBER IS IMPORTANT.

Musically Yours,
Mme Smith



Indoor Shoes for Students

This is a reminder that students must always have a pair of indoor running shoes at school that they change into and wear in the school and in the gym. Not only will this reduce the amount of dirt, sand and mud tracked into the classrooms; it will also increase student foot safety as they will not have to go in stocking feet in the school.



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.

Fun Festival

The Fun Festival is only a month away!! Mark your calendars, Tuesday, June 5th from 5-8pm!

Our annual fundraising event will have 4 Inflatables, Midway Games, Raffle Baskets, Food Trucks, Vendors, Face Painting, a Silent Auction and hundreds of prizes to be won!

New this year!! Bubble soccer, hip hop dance class with a chance to win a birthday party, FREE field games, NEW midway games and there may be a couple of surprises!



ALL TICKET ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY, MAY 25th New ticket system this year! When you purchase a wrist band (\$10) you get unlimited inflatables!! You may want to choose the package which includes a wrist band and 10 tickets (\$15). You can also purchase tickets on their own (\$10 for 20 tickets). Advance ticket sales will be available on www.schoolcashionline.com. Avoid the line and order your wrist bands and tickets in advance. Friends attending other schools can also order through School Cash Online. Their ticket orders will be available for pick-up starting Wednesday, May 30th at the school office or at the Activity Ticket Sales Booth on the event day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Adult volunteers needed!!! There are three ways to let us know you are able to help make this year's Fun Festival a success! You can fill out the volunteer form that will be going home this week with your child. Please fill out and return to the school. You can sign up to volunteer at link to <http://signup.com/go/YbKGRPg>. Lastly, you can contact Melissa O'Neil, text/call (905) 806-3636, email melissa.funfood@gmail.com or Jen Thomas text/call (416) 275-1477, email jen.thomas@rogers.com



POP-UP "GAZEBO-STYLE" TENTS If you own a pop-up tent, please consider lending it to the school for use on the event day. The Fun Festival is an outdoor event and to provide shelter from the weather, we need all the tents we can find. To loan a tent, please contact Melissa O'Neil, text/call (905) 806-3636, email melissa.funfood@gmail.com or Jen Thomas text/call (416) 275-1477, email jen.thomas@rogers.com

VENDORS Hundreds of families from the school and surrounding community attend this event, creating a great opportunity to promote your business. Please contact Melissa O'Neil, email melissa.funfood@gmail.com to get your vendor table information and application. Applications are due Friday May 25th.



School Council Update



FUN FESTIVAL: Ticket information will be distributed soon, so please keep an eye out for it. We encourage all families to purchase your tickets on <https://www.schoolcashionline.com/> in advance to avoid long lineups the night of the event.

We are looking for **Sponsors and Donations** to make our event a huge success!! Please see the donation letter and sponsorship form at the back of the newsletter. Please print and pass along to any business contacts you have.

We are still in need of **Volunteers** for different tasks and for the day of the event. It takes a village! Please SignUp at <http://signup.com/go/YbKGRPg> if you are available to help. Even an hour of your time would be appreciated!

As we receive donations from community businesses, we need individuals to help us with **picking up donations**. Please bookmark <http://signup.com/go/YbKGRPg> and check back daily for new postings.

If you need any further information, please contact:

Melissa O'Neill - (905) 806-3636 or melissa.funfood@gmail.com

Jen Thomas - (416) 275-1477 or jen.thomas@rogers.com

FOOD PROGRAMS: Thank you to all the families who have signed up for our food programs this year! These programs are a large part of our fundraising plan, while also being a huge time-saver for parents. Please join me in thanking all our food program coordinators and their volunteers for running these programs this year!

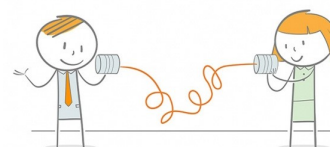
Rena Stafford
Veronica Jouaneh
Tara Wallner
Petra Turco
Edna Bazante

Astoria Shish Kebob
BP Pasta Program & Lunch Lady
Topper's Pizza
Mr. Sub & Mr. Greek
Milk Program



GARDEN: Spring is upon us, and with that comes gardening season! If you have any donations of plants, seeds or garden tools, please send them in to the office to be passed on to the Eco Team.

COMMUNICATION: As well as reading the school newsletter, or attending a council meeting, you can stay up to date on volunteer opportunities, community events, and educational resources by following us on Twitter: [@PoplarBankSC](https://twitter.com/PoplarBankSC). If you are not on Twitter, you can visit the school website to scroll through our Twitter feed. We are also on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PoplarBankPS/>



COUNCIL MEETING: Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 9th 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. A huge thank you to COBS Breads for providing the delicious baked goods for our meetings.



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12TH ANNUAL FUN FESTIVAL **TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2018**

On Tuesday, June 5th, 2018, the parent council at Poplar Bank Public School will be holding our annual Fun Festival. The school currently has a population of 550 students and their families. This event is extremely popular not only in our school community, but also across Newmarket and Holland Landing. Over the years, word has spread, attendance has skyrocketed, and our Fun Festival has become a much-loved community event with easily 1000+ people attending at various points throughout the evening.

Poplar Bank's Fun Festival offers many fun and exciting activities including inflatable slides, obstacle courses, midway games, activity stations, face painting and food trucks. However, our Silent Auction and Gift Basket Raffles are two of the most highly anticipated activities at the Fun Festival!

We are looking to local businesses, such as yourself, to help support and make our event a huge success! We have three levels of sponsorship opportunities available for your business, as outlined on the next page. If a donation of product is better suited to your business, we are gratefully accepting gift cards, certificates, and items for the Silent Auction and Gift Basket Raffles. In addition, small prizes for the midway games are needed. All donations contribute to the success of this event and, ultimately, the success of the students at Poplar Bank Public School.

Funds raised are used towards many valuable programs including healthy school initiatives, the music program, technology purchases, literacy programs, multicultural and inspirational assemblies, and much more. Without your help, many of these programs would not be possible.

All businesses and their donations will be listed in the Fun Festival Activity Guide that is distributed to all Poplar Bank families prior to the event, and to all attendees during the event. We will also be spreading the word about the event and thanking sponsors via social media.

Thank you in advance for your consideration regarding this request and we look forward to your support as a donor for this popular community event.

Should you have any questions, please contact the school at 905-953-8995, or one of the Sponsorship and Donation Committee members: Veronica Jouaneh, vjouaneh1@rogers.com, 416-999-4772; or Karen Peck, karenlpeck@outlook.com, 416-727-5273.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natasha Baage". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Natasha Baage
Principal, Poplar Bank P.S.



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**POPLAR BANK PUBLIC SCHOOL
 12TH ANNUAL FUN FESTIVAL**

TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2018

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Poplar Bank Public School is hosting their annual fun festival on *June 5th, 2018*. We are seeking companies, organizations, individuals, etc., that would like to help make this event a huge success by signing up for one of the three levels of sponsorship or providing donations. Your company/organization will receive recognition before and after the event via school newsletters and social media, during the event via signage and/or displayed donations, and be listed in the activity guide program provided to all attendees.

Sponsorship is a great way to achieve name recognition in the community and benefit a very worthwhile cause at the same time. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Please indicate your response by June 1st, 2018. Tax receipts available for sponsorship and monetary donations upon request. Send any donations or make cheques payable to *Poplar Bank Public School* and mail/email the form below to:

Poplar Bank Public School
 400 Woodspring Avenue
 Newmarket, Ontario L3X 2X1
 Attention: Fun Festival Donations
 e-mail: funfestivaldonations@gmail.com

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**POPLAR BANK PUBLIC SCHOOL
 FUN FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP FORM**

Sponsorship Levels

- Bronze Sponsor – Midway Game or Activity sponsor (signage at game or activity) \$150.00
- Silver Sponsor – Partial Inflatable Sponsor (signage at either the entrance or exit) \$250.00
- Gold Sponsor – Full Inflatable Sponsor (signage on inflatable and/or at entrance/exit) \$500.00
- Silent Auction or Raffle Basket Donation - please provide description of item and approx. value
- Promotional Prize Sponsor (prizes for midway games, such as toys, candy, small items)

Donation: _____ **Value:** _____

Company: _____ **Contact:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Phone:** _____



Spring Concert

LOCATION: POPLAR BANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

DATE: Thursday, May 3, 2018

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Ensembles: Grade 4 Recorders
Beginner Band
Junior Band
Advanced Band
Stage Band
Junior Choir
Junior /Intermediate Choir
Calixa Lavallee



PLEASE NOTE: Advanced Band meets at 6:00 pm – all other ensembles will meet at 6:15 pm.

Students are to wear their Poplar Bank t-shirt, black/dark bottom and dark shoes. (Grades 4 and 5 who are not in choir can wear a black t-shirt instead of the Poplar Bank t-shirt.)



Children's Mental Health Week 2018

May 7th - 13th

#KidsCantWait

THE YORK CENTRE PRESENTS... COFFEE & CONVERSATION

A Series of Workshops _

In Recognition of *Children's Mental Health Week (May 7 – May 11, 2018)*, The York Centre for Children, Youth and Families is hosting a *Coffee & Conversation* series of workshops for interested community members. All of the workshops are *free* of charge. *All you need to do is register in advance through the Eventbrite links listed on the reverse side of this flyer.* The format of the evenings will be structured, but informal. Each evening will include a presentation, discussion, coffee, and goodies, but not necessarily in that order! Come and join the conversation!

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**CHILDREN'S MENTAL
HEALTH WEEK
MAY 7-11, 2018**

Workshops Include:

- **YOUTH & ADDICTIONS**
- **CONSCIOUS PARENTING**
- **SAFETALK-TRAINING**
- **KEEPING KIDS SAFE IN THE REAL & VIRTUAL WORLDS**

*** Please see reverse for more details on how to register and workshop descriptions! ***

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PARENTING YOUR ANXIOUS CHILD

Children's Mental Health Week 2018

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What does anxiety look like in children and youth?

Join the conversation to learn about:

- The cycle of anxiety
- Signs and symptoms of anxious children/youth
- Helpful strategies that parents can use to support their child and more.....



In recognition of Children's Mental Health Week from May 7 – 13, 2018, The York Centre for Children, Youth and Families will be hosting a two part 'Parenting Your Anxious Child' Workshop:

PLACE: Our Lady of the Lake Catholic College School

185 Glenwoods Ave.

Keswick, ON, L4P 2W6

Dates: May 9 & May 10, 2018

Time: 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Presenter: Jennifer Scott, R.S.S.W, Psychotherapist, The York Centre Intensive Child and Family Services.

***** Please ensure you register for both part 1 and part 2 by registering through the Eventbrite links below:**

Part 1: Wednesday, May 9th, 2018 <https://tycpacpart1.eventbrite.ca>

Part 2: Thursday, May 10th, 2018 <https://tycpacpart2.eventbrite.ca>