



Poplar Bank News

We are a Respectful and Caring School

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School Improvement Plan
Respectful School
Modern Learning, Math, Mental Health



Upcoming Events

- | May 2nd—5th—Grade 8 Grad Trip—Québec City, We wish them fun and a safe trip, as they learn about “La Belle Province”!
- | May 6th—P A Day
- | May 9th—Presentations by Author (Rukshana Khan)
- | May 10th—Scientists in the Classroom
- | May 11th—JR Badminton Areas
| JR Band Music Festival
- | May 13th—Grade 3 Trip—Pioneer Village Trip
- | May 16th—Scientist in the Classroom—Grade 7
- | May 17th—Track and Field Day @ Denison Secondary School (grades 4 –8, full day event)
- | May 18th—Orientation Grade 1—AM
- | May 20th—French Play—8:45am—9:45, Grade 1-3

Lunch Assistant Positions Available

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 help. This is a paid position and we are accepting applications now in the office.



Grade 1 French Immersion Registration

Registrations are still being accepted daily on a first come first serve basis in the school office from 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have a child you would like to enroll, please call the school office at 905-953-8995 for more information.

Grade 8 Graduation

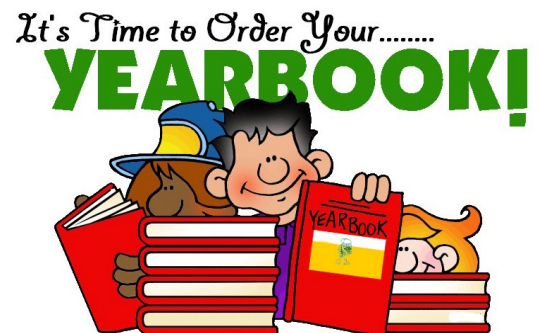
This year's Poplar Bank Grade 8 Graduation will be on Monday June 27th 2016. The ceremony will start at 6:00 p.m, in the Poplar Bank Gym. Please mark this date on your calendars. More information will follow.



Yearbook News

Yearbooks! Yearbook! Yearbooks!

We have extended the deadline to buy a yearbook to Friday, May 13th, 2016. Please use our new option of "SchoolCashOnline" to have your name entered in a draw to win a free yearbook. The cost remains at \$26.00 a book. Advertising (business card) and sponsorship is a little extra. TIME IS RUNNING OUT VERY SOON!



Music News

Congratulations to *Calixa Lavallee* and the Junior/Intermediate Choir who both received a **GOLD** standing and an invitation to the Nationals at the "Music Alive" music festival in April!!!

Congratulations to everyone who performed in the "Spring into Music" concert. The performances were incredible!!! They truly demonstrated the high level of musical talent that the students of Poplar Bank possess. Félicitations!!!

The *Junior Band* will be performing in the music festival on April 11th at Newmarket Theatre between 12-2. Bonne chance!!!



Thank you for supporting the music program by purchasing popcorn during the month of April.

Thank you to Mr. Mathewson, who donated art supplies to the music room and donated the incredible signs for the concert. We really appreciate it!

DONATIONS: If you have a gently used Poplar Bank music t-shirt that no longer fits or a working band instrument that is collecting dust, Poplar Bank would love to have them for the music program. Thank you!

Musically Yours,
Mme Smith



Track & Field Day

Poplar Bank's Track and Field Day" will be held at Denison Secondary School on May 17. All Grades 4-8 classes will walk to Denison after morning attendance with their teacher. They will participate in various events (5 total) based on the sign-up process at school. Students will be informed of the schedule of events, and please see the attached schedule if you are interested in coming to watch and support our athletes! Based on phys.ed practices and the day's results, the Area team will be formed for the June Meet. If you have any questions, please contact Mme Sampson



If you wish your child to walk directly to and from Denison, please write a detailed note for the office so the safe arrival and attendance procedures are not disrupted .

Jr Boys & Girls Basketball

Congratulations to the Junior Boys Basketball Team for winning the North Area "B" Tier 1 Tournament! They played at Huron Heights on April 19, and went undefeated in many close games! They brought home another banner to put up on the gym wall, and we will do this with Poplar Bank Pride! Way to go Ethan, Evan, Brody, Michael, Noah, Irvine, Alex, Simon, Taylor, and Austin! Good luck at the Regional tournament on May 4th in Aurora! What an accomplishment! " Thank you Coach Sampson for the Area tournament, and Mme Wansbrough who will fill in with her coaching duties at the Regionals.



Congratulations to the Junior Girls Basketball team for winning the Consolation Final and third place ribbon at the Area tournament on April 20th at Huron Heights Secondary School. The girls were strong contenders and their biggest loss was by only 2 baskets to the team that won it all! We are proud of the athleticism and teamwork demonstrated by the players: Abby, Alejandra, Aryn, Caroline, Ceilidh, Laura, Maggie, Maia R, Maya B, Olivia and Vanessa. Coach: Mme Hodge.



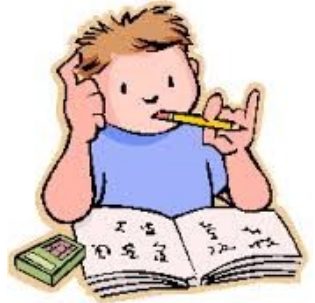
Snack Shack

Snack Shack will return mid-May to help support our Grade 8 Fundraiser! Bring your toonies for some healthy snacks!



Spring Provincial Testing Update: EQAO

In a few short months, 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. Students in grade 6 complete three subsets, namely reading, writing and Math in English. For parents interested in finding out more about the EQAO tests, please visit the website at <http://www.eqao.com>. Our Grade 3 and 6 students will take part in the testing between May 25- and June 8. If possible, please avoid taking vacations or booking appointments for your child during this time frame. A letter will be sent home in late April detailing the specific testing dates for each grade level. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Parents are asked to avoid scheduling appointments or holidays during the dates noted above.



Intramural Badminton

Our 2016 Intramural Badminton season is underway! Several students from grades 4 to 8 have signed up to participate in our own in-school Badminton league during first recesses in the gym. The league has teams from grades 4 to 6 playing against each other once a week on Day 2. Teams from grades 7 and 8 play on Day 3. Students have been placed on teams like The Tricky Serves and The Birdies. Over 100 total students have signed up to play in this fun, fair, sportsmanlike league that celebrates the importance of physical activity and respect for one another. Serves and smashes for all!



Poplar Bank Badminton

The birdies have been flying in the gym as tryouts for the Badminton Team have concluded. The team is only open to grade 7 and 8 students interested in the sport of Badminton. The team consists of 12 total students, 2 pairs of boys, 2 pairs of girls, and 2 mixed pairs. Congratulations to the players who have been chosen, and a wholehearted thank you goes out to all of the players who came and tried out. The Area tournament is set for May 11 at Huron Heights. Go Poplar Bank!

Have you changed your Address, Phone number ? Are you moving? Do we have your up-to-date email address?

If you have changed your address, phone number, email address or plan on moving, please call the school office. It is very important that we have your up-to-date information in the event that we have to contact you for any reason.



Update Your Information

Scooters, Skateboards, Roller Blades

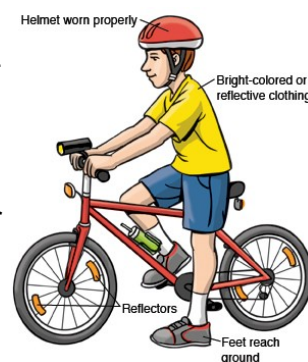


Please refrain from allowing your child to bring these items to school as this presents a safety hazard. These are expensive items and we cannot be responsible if they are lost, stolen or damaged while on school property. They also represent a storage problem in the classroom.

Student Safety & Bikes at School

If students are 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 and 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.



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 Class Placement for September 2016—Deadline Extension

We will soon begin the process of organizing classes for the 2016-2017 school year. The student placement process focuses on creating balanced classes. A great deal of time is spent to ensure that each student's academic and social needs are taken into consideration. Parent input is one factor considered in the placement process. If you have any information about your child's learning needs or know peers he/she works well with, please inform Mme Baage in writing by May 6th (The deadline has been extended). Please be advised that we cannot accommodate requests for particular teachers, or straight grade classes.

Library News



The Primary students listened to all 10 books for the Prix Peuplier of the Forest of Reading. It was a difficult choice, but the majority of our students voted for Mille Rose by Lili Chartrand.

The grades 3-8 students, who have been independently reading the books in their programmes, selected the following titles at our celebration on April 26th.
Prix Tamarac Express: Les Mutamatak: Les Superhéros by Karine Gottot and Mathieu Lampron

Silver Birch Express: Melvis and Elvis by Dennis Lee

Silver Birch Non-Fiction: Saving Turtles: a kid's guide to helping endangered creatures by Sue Carstairs

Silver Birch Fiction: Masterminds by Gordon Korman

Tamarac: Le Gardien du Phare by Sylviane Thibault

Red Maple: We Are All Made of Molecules by Susin Nielsen

Votes from all participating schools across the province will be tallied by the Ontario Library Association and overall winners will be announced later in May.

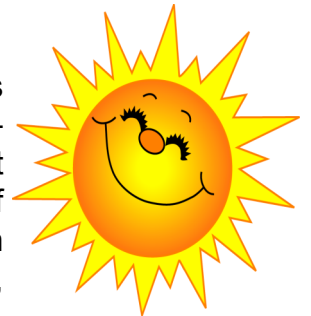
Congratulations to all of our readers at Poplar Bank!!

On May 9th, Poplar Bank will welcome award-winning author and story-teller, Rukhsana Khan, to our school. Students in all grade levels will hear her speak about her books and her personal experiences. She is a Muslim woman, born in Pakistan, who immigrated to Canada at the age of three. We are excited about this learning opportunity for our school community!

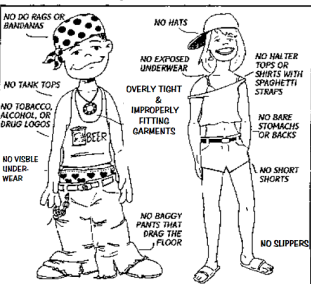


Warm Weather is Here! Dress Code

With the warm weather upon us, we ask for your help to ensure that students are dressed in an appropriate manner conducive to a proper learning environment. 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,



THE DRESS CODE



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.

Poplar Bank Public School Fun Festival

Thursday, June 9th, 2016

5-8pm

Please join us for the 10th annual Poplar Bank Fun Festival!!

Once again, PBPS School Council will be hosting this exciting community event and fundraiser to help celebrate another successful school year. Everyone is welcome to attend including family, friends and community members! We will be offering many fun activities including inflatables, midway games, hair braiding, face painting, emergency vehicles, vendor fair, and basket raffle.

Food Trucks – We are pleased to offer this unique food service once again this year! No need to pre-order. A variety of food options offered. Food trucks will be available for the duration of the event. Stay tuned for details including menu and pricing information!

Order Forms – Ticket order forms will be available by May 9th along with basket raffle donation requests and volunteer sign up sheets. **Due date** will be Monday, May 23rd.

While the Fun Festival is intended to be a community event, it is also a fundraiser and the proceeds will be used to support many valuable programs at the school. These programs may include, but are not limited to: Healthy Schools, Technology, Literacy and Music. Funds raised are allocated at council meetings in Dec, Apr and June.

DONATIONS NEEDED ASAP!

The Poplar Bank Fun Festival is a very large event to plan and coordinate. There are many volunteers who spend many hours to help make this event a success - but we also need your help!! **Donations are critical to help make this event a great success and we are appealing to Poplar Bank families to help donate items that are listed below.** Midway prizes are a particularly challenging item as we need to collect about 2000!!! Thanks in advance for any help you can provide!!!

Request	Contact
<p><u>Prizes Needed!!</u></p> <p>URGENT! Small and medium-sized (<u>new</u>) prize items for the midway games (examples include mini flashlights, highlighters, novelty erasers, etc.)</p> <p>**Approximately 2000 prizes needed in total!!</p>	<p>Donations can be dropped off at the office. Please be sure they are clearly labeled as 'Fun Festival Prize Donation'</p> <p>or</p> <p>Pam Scheps pamscheps@rogers.com 905-478-8503</p>
<p>Donations for the Basket Raffle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Donations (from Poplar Bank family or friends) • Corporate or local business donations <p>Donation request letter available upon request</p> <p>**Student donation request for our popular Theme Basket Raffle will be sent out with the Fun Festival order forms</p>	<p>Donations can be dropped off at the office. Please be sure they are clearly labeled as 'Fun Festival Basket Raffle'</p> <p>or</p> <p>funfestivaldonations@gmail.com</p>
<p>New or gently used books and videos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - novels, childrens books, French or English, etc - No text books please 	<p>Donations can be dropped off at the office</p>
<p>Large baskets for the Basket Raffle</p>	<p>Kerrie Stock kerrie.stock@bell.ca</p>

Eco Team News

This past month was so exciting: on Earth day, we presented our annual Eco Projects. We had fantastic presentations that included Power-Point presentations and energetic, interactive games. With the help of the wonderful student photographer, Kaylah C., we were able to capture these wonderful presentations for our year-book.



Did you know that Walmart is recycling plastic bags? For Earth Week, we participated in their Plastic Grab Bag contest, in hopes of collecting the most plastic bags. We collected over 5000 plastic bags, almost all of the classes participated. The winning class was Mme. McGraw's class with an amazing 1024 bags. In second place was Mme. Cooper's class with a fantastic 1004 plastic bags. And the third place winning class was Mme. Kendall's class coming in with 837 plastic bags. The bags are chopped up and melted into plastic pellets that are then used to make things like decks and walkways. Please continue to reuse or recycle your plastic bags...or better yet, use reusable cloth bags.

In June, the Eco Team will be going to **Round the Bend Farm** with the Healthy Schools for a **Farm to Table** field trip. We are lucky enough to have the chance to actually plant and harvest food ourselves. We will also get a chance to interact with the animals there: collecting eggs and meeting with a bee keeper to learn about the bees' important role in our food production.

We are excited to announce that we have applied for a school greening grant to establish a student garden in partnership with the Healthy schools team. We are planning to use the garden to grow our own food for our crunchy munchy bins.

Next month we meet with a representative from the Eco-Schools program to share all our hard work to help the environment.

Written by Alicia S., with contributions from Mme Rudyk Eco-Team Leaders



May



CONSERVE!



Maple Leaf Summer Institute

Ride the summer adventure with us!

AVAILABLE AT THIS SITE

- Optional lunch
- Extended child care (a separate YMCA registration form is required)

During the literacy block, students are engaged in fun and enriching learning experiences that address reading, writing, media and oral communication expectations from the Ministry of Education curriculum documents, under the supervision of YRDSB teachers and administrators.

During the activity block, students are engaged in purposeful, intentional learning which is embedded.

- Archery
- Dance
- Digital Photography
- Drums
- Field Invaders
- Fine Arts
- Guitar Stars
- Karaoke Stars
- Makerspace
- Model Building
- Naturally Curious
- Net Sports
- Racquet Sports
- Ready, Set, Cook
- Scrapbooking
- Sew Crafty
- Skatezone
- Tournament of Champions
- Video Filming
- Wacky Science World

SITE ADDRESS & CONTACT DETAILS

Maple Leaf Public School
155 Longford Drive Newmarket, ON L3Y 2Y7
Phone: (905) 884-2046 ext. 240 (before June 30, 2016)
Phone: (905) 895-9681 (after June 30, 2016)
Email: maple.leaf.si@yrdsb.ca



COMMUNITY CLEANUP +FUN DAY



SATURDAY, MAY 7

Recreation Youth Centre & Sk8 Park (RYC)
56 Charles Street
905-953-5120



Registration is from 8:30 to 9 a.m.

Meet at RYC to pick up supplies and select clean up area (maps provided).

Cleanup is from 9 a.m. to Noon

Supplies will be provided including gloves & garbage bags. Free BBQ lunch from Noon to 1 p.m.

Fun Day is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us for music & activities for the whole family!



NEWMARKET.CA/EVENTS





Parents for Children's Mental Health

SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

Support Group

Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult?

Support is available through a new Support Group offered by the York Central Chapter of *Parents for Children's Mental Health (PCMH)*.

- When:** Second Monday of the Month (except July, August, and December)
Time: 6:30-8:00pm (childcare and light refreshments provided)
Where: Aurora Kinark Office at 24 Orchard Heights Blvd. Unit 101A Aurora (Entrance is at east side of grocery store) free parking & very close to Yonge St. NO pre-registration necessary but please let us know if you need childcare at parentengagement@kinark.on.ca

Benefits of This Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
 - find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
 - learn how to access resources in the community

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit www.pcmh.ca.

(PCMH also has a York East Chapter at The York Centre, 11225 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill. It meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.)

**DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING
INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM**

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2016-2017

Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

So what are you waiting for Grade 8's?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a Level 1 YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 13 languages at 4 high schools.

Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: <http://www.ilea.ca> 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
		MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S.
ARABIC	LYA BD		Saturday		
CANTONESE	LKC BD	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD			Saturday	
GREEK	LBG BD		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED AP	Grade 12 Course Only	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	Saturday			

SCHOOL LOCATION	ADDRESS	SUBMIT REGISTRATION FIRST CLASS
MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	525 Highglen Ave. <i>South of 14th Ave., East of McCowan Rd.</i>	September 17, 2016 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
RICHMOND HILL H.S.	201 Yorkland St. <i>East of Yonge, North of Elgin Mills Road</i>	September 17, 2016 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
THORNLEA S.S.	8075 Bayview Ave. <i>South of Highway #7</i>	September 17, 2016 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
UNIONVILLE H.S.	201 Town Centre Blvd. <i>Warden Ave. & Highway #7</i>	September 20, 2016 5:45 pm to 9:30 pm

Register online via Career Cruising commencing May 2ND, 2016.

- See attached *Career Cruising Tip Sheet* for registration instructions
- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course schedules will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class

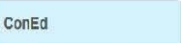

Career Cruising On-line Grade 8 International Languages Credit Continuing Education - Quick Tip Sheet

For York Region District School Board Grade 8 students, you must use the Career Cruising Course Planner to register for International Languages Credit Program offered at Saturday School or Tuesday Night School. Career Cruising can be accessed wherever you have Internet access.



How to access and register for Continuing Education courses:

- Go to www2.careercruising.com/default/cplogin/YORK
- Login in by entering your username (YORK-XXXXXXXXX where XXXXXXXXXX is your 9-digit student number). When logging in for the first time, the password will be the student's birth date using the format mmddyyyy. The system will prompt the student for a new password after successfully logging in the first time.
- To retrieve a lost password, click on the words "Forgot my username and/or password" found under the login box. On the next page, enter the email address that you originally entered when you first logged in to the portfolio home page.
- To register for the Continuing Education course you wish to take, on the left hand side of the screen under



- On the right hand side under the heading  click the following 
- Choose the "Continuing Education Type" from the drop down menu – **International Languages Credit Program**
- Choose the Discipline from drop down menu.
- Using the drop down menu under "**Discipline**", Select - **Classical and International Languages** next **select** the course you wish to take and click on it. (All the Courses which are available will listed by Code course and Languages Name). Ensure that you have selected the Level 1 course in your desired language.

Course / School	Credit	Type	Grade
<input type="checkbox"/> LIGAD1 Gujarati, Level 1 Middlefield International Languages Night School Sa	1	Academic Regular	n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> LIGBD1 Gujarati Middlefield International Languages Night School Sa	1	Academic Regular	n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> LIGDU1 Gujarati, Level 1 Middlefield International Languages Night School Sa	1	University Regular	n/a

- Choose  this will submit your course request.
- The Coned course will now appear listed in the column before **Year 9 – called Previous**.
- Once you have registered you must click on the  button on the course planner to print the sign off sheet and get your parent to sign for parental approval. Return sign off sheet on first class of International Languages Credit School Location.