



Poplar Bank News

We are a Respectful and Caring School

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REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

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

Upcoming Events

November 7	Picture Re-take
November 8	Closing Assembly—Dance-A-Thon (1:30 pm) School Council Meeting
November 10	Remembrance Day Celebration (10:20 am to 11:10 am)
November 15	Senior Boys Volleyball (Areas)
November 21	Progress Reports Sent Home
November 22	Senior Girls Volleyball (Areas)
November 22 to 24	Book Fair
November 23	Holiday Heroes Commences Parent Teacher Interviews (Evening)
November 24	PA Day

Remembrance Day Assembly

On Friday, November 10th we will be having our annual Remembrance Day Assembly. It will promptly begin at 10:20 am. Parents are welcome to attend. There will be chairs set up at the back of the gym for you to enjoy the presentations.



Learning Commons News



On October 2nd, Poplar Bank's students participated in an assembly given by Duane Gibson. Duane Gibson, "aka D.O.", is a Guinness World Record setting rapper and university graduate who has been inspiring hundreds of thousands of youth since 2001". His presentation was very interactive and entertaining. Mr. Gibson's performance encouraged students to "stay driven" and to reach for the stars.



The Learning Commons/Carrefour d'apprentissage continues to welcome students of all grades throughout the day and during lunch recess. The Makerspace/zone de créativité is not restricted to one corner of the room. Students are making excellent use of all areas, to design, build and create both simple and complex structures. I would like to thank Veronica Jouaneh for spending countless hours setting up all the Lego walls in the Learning Commons/Carrefour d'apprentissage.

At the end of November, Poplar Bank will host its French Book Fair. This year, our supplier is "Educo Entrepôt" and parent volunteers will be most welcome, during the course of the book fair. Please stop by the Library/Learning Commons at the following times to look at or purchase a variety of French resources:

- November 22nd - 8am-4:00pm
- November 23rd - 8am-8:00pm
- November 24th - 8am-11:30am



Hope to see you there!

School Spirit Wear



School spirit wear will be available until November 10th. Our clothing options are short sleeve forest green t-shirts, long sleeve grey t-shirts, grey sweatpants, black track shorts, forest green hoodies and grey zipper hoodies. They will have the school logo embroidered on the left side. Sizes available are Youth XS/S all the way to Adult 5XL!

Mme Bachand has sample sizes available to try on. If you are unsure of the fit, please send your child up to my room to try on a piece of clothing! Purchases will be made through School Cash Online ONLY - keep an eye out for the email order reminder! Once ordered, items are non-returnable and non-refundable!

Thank you for your support!

Snack Shack is BACK

Snack Shack is back! Bring a toonie to help our Grade 8 fundraiser! Snack Shack sales will also continue at first recess throughout November!



Cross Country

KEEP
CALM
AND
RUN
HARD



The Cross-Country team had a successful day at the Area Meet on October 11, 2017 at George Richardson Park in Newmarket. 88 Poplar Bank runners braved the cold and rainy weather to show their determination. Congratulations to those that qualified for the Regionals (Caroline A, Olivia A, Michael M, Kate J, Janna X, Kaitlyn H, and Rebecca K). Also congratulations to the grade 8 girls team for finishing in 2nd place overall. Thank you to Coaches Mme Sampson, Mme Lauzon, and Mme Tummon, as well as Mme Bachand for supervising at the Area Meet. At the Regionals Meet on October 17 at the ROC in Georgina, our 7 runners completed another fantastic race. Way to go Caroline and Olivia for finishing 4th and 5th, Michael for finishing 12th, and Janna for finishing 30th! And good job to Kate, Kaitlyn, and Rebecca for a great race as well! Thank you to Mme Sampson for organizing and supporting this team at Poplar

Senior Boys Volleyball

The Sr. Boys Volleyball team is well under way with their practices to prepare for the Area Tournament that will be held on November 15, 2017. Good luck in your exhibition games and tournament! Good luck Ethan T, Michael M, Joshua G, Bradley B, Max, Austin T, Luka M, Peter B, Brody H, and Noah V. Thank you to Coaches Mme Sampson and Mme Lauzon for training the boys!



Senior Girls Volleyball

Poplar Bank's Senior Girls Volleyball season is set to begin with practices scheduled for Tuesdays after school and Fridays during lunch recess! We will be scheduling exhibition games with nearby schools shortly to test our skills in preparation for the championship tournament taking place on November 22. Go Poplar Bank!

Music News

Music is in full swing at Poplar Bank!! Students can be heard singing and playing beautiful music throughout the day. Rehearsals are as follows:

Day 1	1 st recess	Calixa Lavallee
	lunch recess	Junior Band
Day 3	1 st recess	Primary Choir
	lunch recess	Advanced Band
Day 5	lunch recess	Stage Band

(Beginner Band and J/I Choir will begin in the new year.)

Thank you for supporting our popcorn fundraiser!

Musically Yours,
Mme Smith



Eco-Team News



October was a busy month for our Eco-Team. All the grade 3 classes enjoyed harvesting carrots, potatoes, tomatoes and herbs from our Edible Student Garden. We are still looking for a student artist to make a permanent banner for our garden. Please see Mme Rudyk for more details.

We have 76 Eco-Ambassadors from grades 3-6 who are responsible to visit their assigned classroom to monitor how well we are sorting our recycling from our compost and garbage. Next month, we are going to start counting all the **plastic milk bags** that are being sent in to REUSE and made into bed mats. The class who collects the most bags at the end of the year will have a special celebration.

Poplar Bank continues to collect **pop-tabs, used batteries** and markers, all in our efforts to Reduce, Re-use, Recycle.

Highlights from our “Capitaines de l’environnement” about their time at Eco-Camp

“We often forget that we are nature. Nature is not something separate from us. So when we say that we are unconnected from nature we are unconnected from ourselves!” **This was one of my favorite quotes from Eco-Camp because it teaches us that nature is always going to be there and you're always going to have to protect it.** - *Emily*

At Eco Camp I was really excited when they made us work on food waste. Any food that we put on our plate that we didn't eat, that was edible, went in a plastic bin on the table, that was weighed daily. Our table had **NO food waste** at the end of camp. We did a great job. - *Naïma*

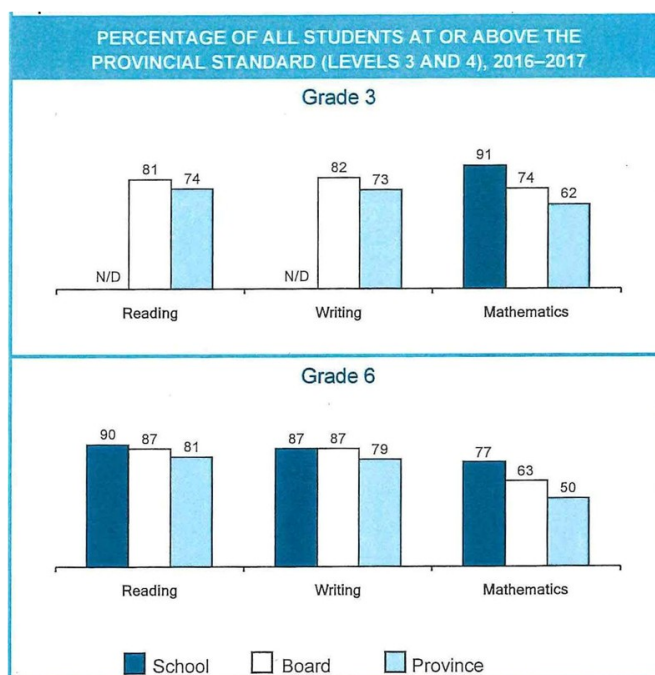


One of my favourite things at Eco-Camp was the **sunrise ceremony**. We woke up at 6:00 am, got ready and started heading towards the field. We held tobacco while we thought of something good we wanted to happen when we burned it to let it float in the sky while someone sang a traditional Ojibway song - *Vanessa*

Eco-Camp is a very fun way to learn about eco and the environment. I think it's the kind of thing where anyone would have fun doing it. - *Kate*

EQAO Results

Here are our school's EQAO results which capture students' performance at a particular time in the school year. These results along with other data (e.g., student climate survey and classroom assessments) will be used to identify the school's areas of focus to improve student achievement.



Parent-Teacher Interview

We will be holding Parent-Teacher Interviews at the school on Thursday evening, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th. This year you will be able to schedule your interview time using Edsby (more information will follow shortly).

Holiday Food and Toiletry Drive



THE HOLIDAY HEROES

Poplar Bank is having a **Holiday Food and Toiletry Drive!** As a demonstration of the important Character Trait “Empathy”, we will be collecting non-perishable food items (e.g., canned beans, peanut butter, cereal), new toiletry items (e.g., toothbrushes, soap, Shampoo), or new winter wear accessories (e.g., hats, gloves, mittens). These items will be donated to the **Holiday Heroes Program**. This program works directly with families in York Region that are in need of various items. York Regional Police and Fire Department are also part of this organization.

We are encouraging Poplar Bank students and families to bring in donations starting Thursday, November 23rd and we will be collecting until Monday, December 18th.

A “Mitten Tree” will be set up in the front school foyer. Please help us decorate it with new winter accessories (mittens, hats) and fill the “present boxes” below the tree with food and toiletry items.

Thank you in advance for your contributions!



School Council Update

School Council is off to busy and productive year! Thank you to all the parents and families who are showing support for our initiatives.



- ◆ **DANCE-A-THON:** We held our Halloween Dance-a-thon on October 31st. It was a fantastic day filled with fun and exercise for all students! Thank you to Mme. Sampson, Mme. Mason, and the Student Leadership Team for creating the posters and decorations for the dance, and for all the volunteers who helped decorate the gym. A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped with the organizing and running of the Dance-a-Thon, from picking up prize donations, helping with the pumpkin raffle, creating the prize ballots, and supervising the event. The Dance-a-Thon committee is busy tallying all the pledges received and will have a final total to announce at our Closing Assembly on Wednesday, November 8th.

The Grand Prize ballots will be distributed on Monday, November 6th. Students will be able to visit the Grand Prize ballot boxes on their lunch hour between November 6th and November 8th to put their ballots in the box/prize of their choice. The Grand Prize draws will take place at the Closing Assembly. All Grand Prize ballots not selected will be added to the final draw for a chance to win other exciting prizes. There will also be a few surprises for all students...so stay tuned! We would also like to announce that

A huge thank you to all the businesses in our community who have generously donated prizes and financial donations to support our school. Please take a minute to review the sponsor page in this newsletter, and be sure to let these businesses know that we appreciate their support!

- ◆ **QSP:** The QSP program is continuing to run online for those families who enjoy ordering magazines, wish to renew current subscriptions, or provide some as gifts. You can continue to order at www.QSP.ca using code our Group ID: 3738911. A portion of sales continue to go back to Poplar Bank.



- ◆ **COUNCIL MEETING:** Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th 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.
- ◆ **LEARNING COMMONS:** Thanks to the efforts of Mme. Jenicek, Mme. Baage, Veronica Jouaneh, and many others, our library has been transformed in an exciting space for our students to visit. Mme. Jenicek will be giving all parents who attend the school council meeting on November 8th a tour of our new space and all the exciting changes that have been made. All parents/guardians are welcome to join us for the tour. Meet in the staffroom at 6:45 p.m.
- ◆ **VOLUNTEER HELP:** School Council has recently started using signup.com to post volunteer opportunities and tasks that we need help completing. All parents are welcome to visit the page and "sign up" for any of our volunteer postings <https://signup.com/group/8955835720108>.
- ◆ **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/>



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2017-18 SPEAKUP PROJECT GRANTS

HURRY!
Deadline is
December 7, 2017,
at midnight EST.

Students in grades 7-12 at publicly funded schools!
SpeakUp Projects Grants of up to \$2,500 can help you lead projects that make a difference.

Learn more and apply online at
ontario.ca/speakup



Flu Season is on its way – are you ready?



Flu season is nearly here. Be prepared by getting the flu shot as early as possible.

The first and best step to preventing influenza (the flu), is to get the flu shot every year. Influenza spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others.

Everyone six months of age and older can get the flu shot.

Flu shots are available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

Visit ontario.ca/flu to find where you can get the flu shot.

How can the flu be avoided?

- Get the flu shot!
- [Wash your hands](#) well and often with soap and warm water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based [hand sanitizer](#)
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue out immediately. Wash your hands afterward. Cough into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid large crowds and stay home when you are sick
- Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected

To learn more about flu and the flu vaccine visit york.ca/flu

