



# 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 Mental Health

## Upcoming Events

October 2nd	Duane Gibson Presentation (Anti-Bullying)
October 3rd	Picture Day
October 9th	Thanksgiving Day
October 11th	Cross-Country Areas
October 17th	Cross-Country Regionals
October 19th	Lice Check
October 20th	PA Day
October 23rd	Lice Check
October 31st	Dance-A-Thon



## Dance-A-Thon



Halloween Dance-a-Thon will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Students are welcome to dress up and wear their Halloween costumes on this day (no masks, weapons). Snacks and drinks will be for sale during the event. Parents are welcome to join us in the gym during the time their children are scheduled to participate (schedule to follow).

## Learning Commons News



Hello from the Learning Commons! Bonjour du carrefour d'apprentissage!

The Learning Commons/Carrefour d'apprentissage is a hub of activities. Students of all ages are making excellent use of the space throughout the day and during lunch recess. Over 50 Grade 7 and Grade 8 students have signed up to help as Library Monitors! As a result, students have been assigned a semester, as well as a specific day in the weekly cycle, to assist me and their fellow students.

In other Learning Commons news, our English Scholastic Book Fair has been a huge success, and thanks are extended to all who attended! Special recognition goes to Michelle Williams-Lee, Amy Seiling-Fischer, Pratiti Upadhyay, Pamela Taylor, Karen Peck and Ms Adrianna. Your assistance was very much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you at the French Book Fair in November!

Chantal Jenicek

## Punctuality Counts!

Punctuality is an important life-skill valued by school, employers in the workforce, and society. The morning entry bell rings at 7:55 a.m. and classes begin sharp at 8:05 a.m. Students who walk to school or who are driven to school **must** be in class before the start of the National Anthem. Otherwise, they are marked as late and this is recorded on their report card. Strategies to help students who are repeatedly late can include making up lost time or a letter to parents. Severe cases will be referred to Attendance & Counseling Services. Please ensure that your child arrives on time ready to learn.



## School Spirit Wear



During the month of October, we will be selling school spirit wear. 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!

## Terry Fox Run



Our annual Terry Fox run/walk is taking place on October 6th (postponed from September 29th due to poor weather conditions). A Toonie for Terry is encouraged to be donated for this Community Fundraiser to support Cancer Research. Donations will be collected at the school until October 13th. Thank you for your donations and for encouraging the many Character Traits that Terry Fox promotes. Thank you to Mme Sampson for organizing this event and to all staff for supporting and pro-

## Student Leadership Teams

Our Student Voices are being heard! Poplar Bank students have shown their interest in leadership as they handed in application forms to be part of our 5 Leadership Teams this year. Student Council, Healthy Schools, Eco-Team, Tech Team, and Library Team are great opportunities for students to engage in the school environment outside their classroom. Congratulations to our students for taking the initiative to be leaders in our school. Thank you to Mme Rudyk, Mme Jenicek, Mme Lauzon, Mme Nicholson, and Mme Sampson for leading these teams and providing the opportunity for our students.



## Cross Country

KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
RUN  
HARD



The Poplar Bank Cross-Country Team has been practicing hard during the month of September! They have been running every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to prepare for the October 11th Area Meet to be held at George Richardson park in Newmarket. Parents have been shared information and details on School Cash Online. Good luck to our 116 grade 4-8 students! Thank you to Mme Sampson, Mme Lauzon, and Mme Tummon for coaching!

## Intramural Sports League

Our Intramural Volleyball League is set to be served up with matches beginning in October! Juniors (gr. 4-6) and Intermediates (gr. 7-8), have signed up to be placed on four friendly teams that will compete in the gym on a weekly basis through October and November. The Poplar Bank Intramural Sports League runs 3 sports per year and offers a competitive and respectful way for students to stay active while learning and practicing the sports of Volleyball (Oct.- Nov.), Basketball (Jan.-Feb.) and Badminton (Apr. - May). Additionally, grade eight volunteers assist in the officiating and managing of the equipment for the Junior grades! Looking forward to a great year of sportsmanship, competition, and Poplar Bank School Spirit!





## Eco-Team News



Eco-Team is starting on Monday, October 2, 2017, and is open to all interested students from grades 3-8. We will meet every other day 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> recess (after lunch) in room 119 (Mme Nicholson's room).

The Edible Student Garden has enjoyed its first harvest of carrots, potatoes, herbs, some mini tomatoes and strawberries. Thank you to everyone who helped plant, weed, water and harvest. We look forward to planting more healthy food in the spring!

We are very excited to be sending 6 Eco-Leaders to the York Region Eco-Camp at YMCA's Cedar Glen Camp October 4-6 with Mme Rudyk. Adrina, Tia, Vanessa, Naima, Kate & Emily look forward to sharing with the rest of our eco-ambassadors lots of great new ideas to help our environment when we return.



## Healthy Schools

Mme Nicholson and Mme Roach are pleased to announce that they will be running the Play Leaders program again this year at Poplar Bank. They will be training new and returning Play Leaders the first week of October, so that our program can begin during the second week of October. Play Leaders are Junior and intermediate students that lead games and activities in the Primary yard for students in grades 1, 2 and 3, during first recess. Play Leaders can also sometimes help to resolve minor social conflicts that may occur during recess.

If your child is in grade 1, 2 or 3, and looking to play a cooperative game or activity during morning recess, remind them about Poplar Bank Play Leaders! Play Leaders wear blue pinnies that say "Play Leader", and they will be available during the Fall and Spring!

Active kids are healthy kids!



## Music News



The music program is getting ready to begin another fun-filled musical year!!

**PRIMARY CHOIR** will be available to grade 2 and 3 students and will run until the winter concert in December. Practices will always occur on Day 3. The first practice will take place on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1<sup>st</sup> recess. Students who wish to be a part of the choir must attend all rehearsals (unless absent from school) and must demonstrate appropriate listening skills and behavior at **all** times. If a student is

unable to follow any of the above expectations, then unfortunately the student will not be able to remain in the primary choir.

**CALIXA LAVALLEE, ADVANCED BAND, JUNIOR BAND AND STAGE BAND** will also be starting this term.

**J/I CHOIR** will begin in January.

**POPCORN** will be sold for the entire month of October. It is a fundraiser for the music program. Thank you for your support!!!!

*I am looking forward to another **fantastic** musical year!!!*

Musically Yours,  
Mme Smith

## QSP Program

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](http://www.QSP.ca) using code our Group ID: 3738911. A portion of sales continue to go back to Poplar Bank.

## Halloween Festivities at Poplar Bank

On Tuesday, October 31st students are welcome to wear a costume if they wish. If your child plans to do so, please make sure of the following:

- ◆ The costume should be kept simple so that it does not interfere in the student's mobility and learning
- ◆ No masks
- ◆ No weapon replicas
- ◆ In support of our school initiative to provide a healthy school environment, we also ask parents/guardians to **not send in any candy or junk food.**

More information will be sent home from individual teachers informing you of classroom plans for the day.



## School Council Update

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, the 2016/2017 Council held their Annual General Meeting, and the new School Council for 2017/2018 was elected. Thank you to all the parents who were involved in the many Council activities last year including fundraising, lunch programs, Fun Festival, and other special events. We are so pleased to be welcoming new parents to Council and encourage any parents/guardians with ideas or questions to attend a Council meeting or speak to a member of Council. Our next Council meeting is **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at 6:45pm in the staff room.

2017/2018 School Council	
Veronica Jouaneh (Co-Chair)	Hanako Schmidt (Fundraising Coordinator)
Karen Peck (Co-Chair)	Haiping Yu (Fundraising Coordinator)
Amy Fischer (Secretary)	Brenda Weeks (Fundraising-QSP)
Kerri Stock (Secretary - backup)	Pratiti Upadhyay (Volunteer Coordinator)
Edna Milena Bazante (Treasurer)	Taha Hafiz (Council Member)
Rena Stafford (Treasurer in-Training)	Preeti Raj (Council Member)

Future Council Meetings will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup>, January 10<sup>th</sup>, February 28<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>. Council dates are subject to change, but two weeks' advance notice will be given. **All parents/guardians are welcome to attend any Council meetings. Childcare is provided.**

**DANCE-A-THON:** Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Planning is underway for our large fall fundraiser, our Halloween Dance-a-thon. Information and pledge forms will be sent home the first week of October. If you do not receive a pledge form, please have your child visit the school office and request one. School Council is looking to cut down on the number of fundraisers throughout the year and just focus on a couple of large events that are all-inclusive and provide fun and enjoyment for the entire school. So, please support these fundraisers accordingly.

**FOOD/MILK PROGRAMS:** Thanks to everyone who has signed up for our Oct – Dec lunch/milk programs. These programs are a convenience for parents, very much enjoyed by students, and are an ongoing fundraiser for our school. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who run these programs and our families for participating!

**LUNCH LADY:** - it was a last-minute decision, but we have added the Lunch Lady for Mon-Wed-Fri delivery, to provide more flexibility to our families who are unable to participate in our other food programs due to allergies and other dietary restrictions.

**VOLUNTEER HELP:** Activities in our school are run with the time and talent of many parents, guardians, and grandparents. If you are interested in volunteering, we are in the process of compiling a volunteer list to notify the community of volunteer opportunities and needs in our school. Please email our Volunteer Coordinator, Pratiti Upadhyay at [pratiti.u@gmail.com](mailto:pratiti.u@gmail.com) to join our PBPS Volunteer List.

**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>.





## Red Cross Stay Safe Course

Offered by Stayin Alive With First Aid, CPR & AED

Real-world scenarios often call on our children to respond to challenges at home or when they're out and about. This course teaches the skills needed to stay safe on their own at home, respond to unexpected situations (such as strangers or visitors knocking on the door), give first aid treatment, and call 911. Whether in the community or alone, this course is a must-take if you want your children to have better tools for staying safe. For youth ages 9 to 13.

**Date:** Saturday, October 21, 2017  
**Duration:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Location:** **Superstore Classroom, 15900 Bayview Avenue, Aurora**  
**Instructor:** Red Cross Certified Instructor from Stayin Alive  
**Cost:** \$60 per participant (9 to 13 years old) + HST = \$67.80

### Course content:

- Understanding the responsibility of being accountable for yourself
- How to stay safe at home and within the community
- How to prepare for and respond to unexpected situations (like strangers)
- Check, Call, Care (including phoning 911)
- Conscious choking (adult/child/baby/alone)
- Asthma (includes use of inhaler and spacer)
- Anaphylaxis (includes use of EpiPen), poisoning and insect stings
- Wound care (minor cuts and scrapes, splinters, nosebleeds, bumps and bruises, life-threatening bleeding, and burns)

**Take-home:**  
Red Cross Stay Safe! Workbook



**Register today!**

[www.StayinAliveWithFirstAid.ca](http://www.StayinAliveWithFirstAid.ca)

**Questions?**

[info@StayinAliveWithFirstAid.ca](mailto:info@StayinAliveWithFirstAid.ca)



# BUILD A BETTER FUTURE!

## FREE CLASSES FOR ADULTS



- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Language Instruction for Newcomers (LINC)
- Academic Upgrading and Computer Skills
- Citizenship and IELTS Preparation

Have a question? We are just  
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# REGISTRATION IS ONGOING

Please call **905-731-9557** or email [uplands@yrdsb.ca](mailto:uplands@yrdsb.ca) for more information.

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## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

York Region District School Board would like to acknowledge and thank our community partners for their ongoing support and contribution to the success of our language and skills training programs. We value and cherish your dedication to the needs of our community!



Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada



# ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

## EVERYDAY ENGLISH

*Courses are available from ESL Literacy to CLB 10*

Develop effective language skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing for daily life in Canada.

*Varied course offerings based on learner's current CLB's.*

## SKILL-BASED COURSES

*Courses are available from CLB 3 to 10*

Single level courses based on learner's current CLB's in Speaking & Writing. This course is divided into two parts: Listening/Speaking & Reading/Writing.

### Listening & Speaking

Focus on listening and speaking to develop effective communication skills for daily life, employment, and academic study.

### Reading & Writing

Focus on reading and writing to develop effective communication skills for daily life, employment, and academic study.

## SPECIALIZED COURSES

*Varied course offerings based on learner's academic and professional needs and areas of interest.*

### Conversation

*Courses are available from CLB 1 to 10*

Focus on listening and speaking to develop and enhance effective conversation strategies for success in Canadian society, education system, and workplace. Whether interviewing for a job, speaking to your child's teacher, or speaking to any other professional, this course will enable you to communicate with more confidence and clarity of speech.

*Varied course offerings based on learner's current CLB's.*

### Pronunciation

*Courses are available from CLB 2 to 8*

Learn to speak English with confidence and clarity by learning to form the sounds, use the natural rhythm and correct stress of the English language. Varied course offerings based on learner's current CLB's.

# SPECIALIZED COURSES

## Citizenship

*Minimum requirement of CLB 3 in Speaking*

This course will develop effective language skills in preparing learners to take the Canadian Citizenship test through a focus on specific vocabulary and necessary concepts.

## Workplace Preparation

*Minimum requirement of CLB 5*

Develop effective speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills for success in Canadian workplaces. This course addresses original Resume and Cover Letter writing, successful interview and presentation skills, Health and Safety training, and computer skills for employment.

## Entrepreneurial World Of Business

*CLB 6-9*

Develop effective speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills for success in the real world of business. This course addresses the language and concepts of good hiring practices, managing people effectively, team work, and starting your own business in Canada.

## Professional Business English

*CLB 6-9*

Develop effective speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills for success in the professional world of business in Canada including workplace related communication and computer skills.

## Reading & Writing through Novel Studies

*CLB 6 - 10*

Enhance reading and writing skills and develop effective academic strategies through the study of novels.

## IELTS Preparation

*Minimum requirement of CLB 5*

Take this course to become familiar with the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam format, acquire effective test-taking strategies, and expand your academic vocabulary and communication skills.

## Culturally Specific Language Circles

Work with others from the same background to improve conversation and pronunciation skills while networking and building relationships in your community.

## Language Classes For Seniors

Work with others from your community to develop effective communication and language skills and become more independent in daily life.

**VISITING  
CANADA?  
TAKE ONE OF  
OUR COURSES!**

Must be 18 years of age.  
Call to register!

**905-731-9557**



# LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION FOR NEWCOMERS TO CANADA (LINC)

## CLB 2 to 5

Develop effective communication skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing for successful integration in Canadian society, workplace, and academic study. Enhance language skills for Citizenship and employment preparation. Build important computer skills for life in Canada.

## EMPLOYMENT AND ACADEMIC PREPARATION

### Basic Computer Skills

Develop basic computer skills (Microsoft Office, E-mail, Internet) for success in Canadian workplaces and post-secondary education. Whether looking to upgrade your employability skills, prepare for college, or use computers in daily life, this course will build your confidence and abilities while working at your own pace.

### Computer Skills Upgrading

Develop practical computer skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneNote, Publisher, E-mail, Internet, Google) for success in Canadian workplace and post-secondary education. Work at your own pace to advance your computer skills for employment, college preparation, or use in daily life.

### Employment and Academic Skills Upgrading

Upgrade your reading, writing, math, computer and/or soft skills in order to pursue a degree or career. Whether preparing for Adult Credit School, Apprenticeship or College, returning to work or education, this course will provide individualized instruction at your own pace.

### GED Preparation

Get individualized support and instruction while preparing for your GED. All subjects are offered.

### Literacy and Computer Skills for Adults with Special Needs

Through individualized instruction and support, adults with varying levels of abilities build and enhance their employability and life skills for success and independence at their own pace.



# COURSE LOCATIONS AND TIMES

MAPLE & VAUGHAN	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Saturday
Ahmadiyya Mosque	✓			
Al Palladini Community Centre	✓			
Discovery Public School	✓			
Dufferin Clark Library	✓			
Maple Library	✓			
Maple High School			✓	
North Thornhill Community Centre	✓			
Pierre Berton Resource Library	✓			
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church	✓			
Woodbridge College			✓	
Woodbridge Library	✓			
Woodbridge Lions Club	✓			
Woodbridge Public School	✓	✓		
MARKHAM & UNIONVILLE				
Angus Glen Library	✓	✓		
Aldergrove Public School		✓		
Armada Public School	✓			
Bridle Trail Baptist Church	✓	✓		
Ellen Fairclough Public School	✓			
Markham Chinese Cultural Centre of FCCM	✓	✓		
Markham Chinese Baptist Church	✓	✓		
Markham South Welcome Centre	✓	✓	✓	
Milliken Gospel Church	✓	✓		
Milliken Mills Library	✓			
Parkland Public School	✓			
Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School			✓	
Social Services Network		✓		
Unionville Alliance Church	✓	✓		
Unionville High School				✓
AUROMA & NEWMARKET				
Alexander Muir Public School			✓	
Aurora High School	✓		✓	
Bethel Church	✓			
RICHMOND HILL				
Bayview Hill Community Centre	✓	✓		
Bayview Secondary School			✓	✓
Richmond Hill United Church	✓	✓		
Richmond Hill Chinese Baptist Church	✓	✓		
Richmond Hill Christian Community Church	✓	✓		
Rouge Woods Community Centre	✓	✓		
STOUFFVILLE				
Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and Community Centre	✓			
EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church	✓	✓		
THORNHILL				
Bathurst Clark Resource Library		✓		✓
Thornhill Baptist Church	✓			
Thornhill Community Library	✓	✓		
Uplands Community Learning Centre	✓	✓	✓	

CITIZENSHIP				
Markham Chinese Baptist Church		✓		
Richmond Hill Chinese Baptist Church		✓		
Uplands Community Learning Centre			✓	
COMPUTER TRAINING, GED PREP, SKILLS UPGRADING/LBS				
YorkWorks - Stouffville	✓	✓		
Uplands Community Learning Centre	✓	✓	✓	
Participation House	✓	✓		
LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION FOR NEWCOMERS (LINC)				
Uplands Community Learning Centre	✓			

Click the table for specific location information and directions.

# UPGRADE YOUR SKILLS AND BUILD A BETTER FUTURE!

Are you...

- 19+ and a resident of Ontario?
- Working on upgrading your resume?
- In need of high school credits or a GED?
- Applying for an apprenticeship or second career?
- Looking for computer skills for office administration?
- Working on your soft-skills?


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and prepare for work or school!


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