



Poplar Bank News

We are a Respectful and Caring School

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School Improvement Plan
Respectful School
Differentiated Instruction and Assessment

Character Matters!

This school year, we will be focusing on respect and other character traits including responsibility, honesty, empathy, fairness, initiative, perseverance, integrity, courage and optimism.

Students will be engaged in a variety of classroom activities that address the meaning of the character traits. Every grade will have a turn to display their work on the bulletin board in the hallway of the first floor and will

write a small paragraph to be included in our school newsletter. We will also have announcements on the character traits and

we will be referring to them on our interactions with each other on a regular basis.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 6:** Milk & Hot Lunch begins
- Oct. 10:** Cross Country Regionals
- Oct. 10:** Immunization Clinic for Grade 7's and Grade 8 girls
- Oct. 13:** Thanksgiving Day (No School)
- Oct. 15:** School Council Meeting
- Oct. 20:** Lamontagne Fundraiser due
- Oct. 22:** Picture Day
- Oct. 27:** P.A. Day (No School)
- Oct. 29-30:** Bus Safety
- Nov. 13-14:** French Book Fair

Book Fair: A Great Success!

Thanks to all who supported Poplar Bank's literacy program by making a purchase at the September Book Fair! We recognize parent volunteers Edna Bazante, Amy Fischer, Olga Kachayeva and Rachel Rizzi, as well as our student library helpers, for their dedication to making the Fair a success!

We will also host a French Book Fair later in the school year. Proceeds from these events go towards the purchase of new resources for the classrooms and the library.

Merci beaucoup!



Curriculum Night

It was great to see such a terrific turn out! Teachers did a fine job outlining the various programs that the students will be following and explained



the classroom routines and expectations as well as how to help students at home. Regular homework that includes the application of effective study skills is crucial to sustained progress. Do contact your child's teacher if you are unsure as to how to help your child at home. If you would like detailed

information on the learning expectations for your child in each subject area this year, check the Ministry of Education web site at www.edu.gov.on.ca

Use of Cell Phones, I-Phones, Blackberries and Other Devices

Many students bring these communication devices to school. These items are ideal for communication before and after school. During instructional time and at recess, students are not to be using these tools to communicate with family or

friends. Should students feel ill, get hurt or need to call home, they must speak to their teacher and then, come to the office where a member of the office team will assist them. As well, using electronic devices of any sort to voice record, video tape

or take pictures at school is not permitted as this breaches personal privacy laws. We strongly discourage students from bringing these items to school as they can easily get broken, misplaced or stolen.



EQAO Results are In! Grade 3 & 6: May/June 2014

Each year at the end of May, all Grade 3 and 6 students in Ontario take a ministry assessment. EQAO is one measure of academic progress for the end of Primary instruction (Grade 3) and the end of Junior instruction (Grade 6). The grade 3 French Immersion students do the math assessment in French and the Grade 6 French Immersion students do the language and math assessments in English. The EQAO test results provide a snapshot of a student's achievement in relation to the

provincial standards. We are very proud of the work of all our staff and students from grades 1 to grade 8, and of our grade 3 and 6 students on the May 2014 EQAO .

As a school, we use the detailed EQAO results with teacher classroom assessments in developing School Plan for Improvement to strengthen our instruction in particular areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. If you would like more information about EQAO (e.g., parent re-

sources, sample questions), go to: www.eqao.com.

For information about the Ontario Curriculum in all subjects and grades, go to:

WWW.edu.gov.on.ca.



Grade 3, Mathematics, 2013-2014

	Percentage of students who received level 3&4
School	91
Board	79
Province	67

Grade 6, 2013-2014

	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
School	98	96	77
Board	86	86	68
Province	79	78	54

Poplar Spirit at Its Best!

We would like to thank the Poplar Bank community for the support and kindness they have shown to the Bethune family, whose house caught fire during the first week of September.

As a result of your generous

donations, Poplar Bank P.S. has presented the family with two gift certificates in the amount of \$50 each along with a cheque in the amount of \$ 2187.00 to help them get started again.

Thank you once again for the

community spirit and pulling together to help one of our families in a time of need.

Natasha Baage



No Nuts Please



Poplar Bank is a Nut-aware school. We have students and staff who have life threatening allergies to nuts and nut products. The most important thing you can do is to avoid sending any foods from home that may contain peanuts, nuts or nut products. Please read the labels to see if peanuts/nut products are present in the foods you are packing for school lunches. Students who accidentally

bring food containing nuts will be asked to take it to the office.

Do to this awareness and student safety concerns, we ask that you do not send cakes, cookies or other foods to celebrate student's birthdays as many children have food allergies as well as nut allergies.

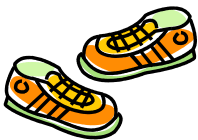
Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter.

If your child requires an Epi-Pen and you have not sent the forms or the Epi-Pen to the office, please do so as soon as possible!

Board Policy requires there to be 2 Epi-pens at school at all times; one in the office and one on or with the child.

Congratulations Team Poplar!

The Poplar Bank Pride Cross-Country Team members have been practicing hard by running outside during lunch every Monday-Thursday for the past few weeks. The team is made up



of grade 4-8 students who are dedicated to running every day, for the benefit of their health! They trained for the Area Meet which was held on October 2nd at George Richardson Park in Newmarket. Way to go Poplar Pride!

Thanks to coaches Mme Sampson, Mme Wansbrough, Mme Tummon, and Mr. Korman.



The Facts of Lice

Now that we are back in school, it is a good idea to check your child's head for head lice and nits. Head Lice infestation (Pediculosis) can happen to anyone. There is no reason to panic if your child has head lice. Although



head lice are a great nuisance, they are definitely not a health problem. As well, the treatment is safe and effective, but you must follow the directions carefully and follow certain procedures to get rid of the nits. It would be

greatly beneficial if you check your child. If you are unsure of how to do this, information pamphlets are available in the school or at your local pharmacy, along with special shampoo needed to get rid of the lice and nits.

Bus Information

We would like to thank Parents and Guardians for their patience in the first month of school as bus routines and routes were established and refined. To keep our bus loading zone safe, we ask that you never enter the bus loop with your car or on foot. The bus loop is located at the north side of the school and is for school bus use only. When entering our parking lot, please use caution and watch for our little ones. Their safety is of prime concern. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and attention to these matters.

Board Policy states that the walking distance for students from Kindergarten to grade 3 is 1.2 km and for students from grade 4 - 8 is 1.6 km. Students who live within our boundaries but beyond the distances stated above are eligible for bus transportation as long as they adhere to safety and behaviour rules. As well, students **MUST** ride the bus to which they have been assigned. They must also get on and off the bus at their assigned stop. Students will not be

allowed to switch buses or to take friends home on the bus. Please keep the Board website (www.schoolbuscity.com) handy to check route updates for your child. Once set for the year, the school will advise you of any changes to your child's route.



Pop Tabs = Wheelchairs

Did you know that it takes approximately 4 million tabs to make a wheelchair? As of January 2013, the Royal Canadian Legion has donated 17005 wheelchairs through the collection of pop tabs. Poplar Bank can

help now too. Every classroom has a collection



container and students can bring tabs in at any time. Our efforts will help needy –special needs children and adults, who are confined to wheelchairs, enjoy life more comfortably, more actively and more independently.

Halloween Festivities at Poplar Bank

On Friday, 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:



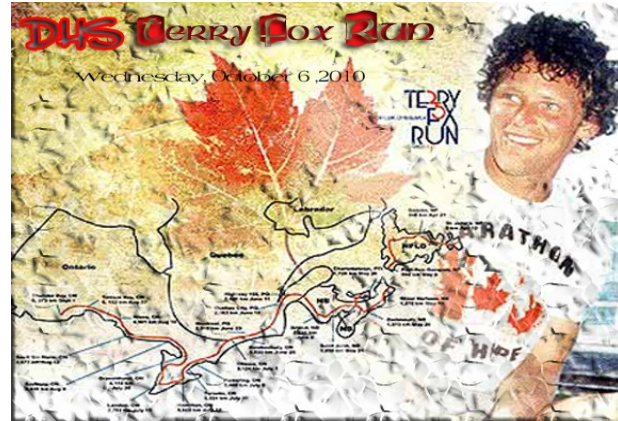
- The costume should be kept simple so that it does not interfere in the student's mobility and learning
- No masks
- No weapon replicas
- In support of our school initiative to provide a healthy

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.

Terry Fox Day at Poplar Bank Public School!

On September 26, we held our 11th Annual Terry Fox Day! Parents, grade 1-8 students and staff ran and walked to commemorate Terry Fox, a great Canadian hero.



Félicitations et Merci !

LA COURSE TERRY FOX!

Poplar Bank Terry Fox Run- Sept 26, 2014

Coordinated by Mme Sampson

Excellent Participation Recognition Awards

Une démonstration d'énergie et une excellente participation!

Students were awarded various prizes such as a skipping rope, sports ball key chain, and stickers!

Primary Classes (period 5)- run/walk for 20 minutes

Cameron	(Mme Gwyn- grade 1)
Edgar	(Mme Roach- grade 1)
Isabelle	(Mme Thomas- grade 1)
Emily	(Mme Bordea- grade 1)
A.J	(Mme Green- grade 2)
Addison	(Mme Samaai- grade 2)
Lauren	(Mme Moubarak- grade 2)
Sam	(Mme Parenteau- grade 2)
Adam	(Mme Hazelwood- grade 3)
Dawn	(Mme McGraw- grade 2/3)

Nous avons collecté un total de \$ 383.25

Merci pour vos dons pour la recherche du cancer!

Junior/Intermediate Classes (period 8)- run/walk for 25 minutes

Adrian	(Mme Kendall- grade 4)
Evan	(Mme Tummon- grade 4)
Ethan	(Mme Irwin- grade 4/5)
Maia	(Mme Slessor- grade 5)
Noah	(Mme Wansbrough- grade 5)
Dwight	(Mme Jenicek- grade 6)
Jacob	(Mr. Korman- grade 6)
Kaleb	(Mme Bimo- grade 7)
Sneha	(Mme McDonald- grade 7/8)
Elicia	(Mme Sampson- grade 8)



Sibald Point Outdoor Education Centre Field Trips

Our grade 2 and 4 classes had the good fortune of visiting the Sibald Point Outdoor Education Centre a few weeks back to enrich their science studies. Mme Moubarak, Mme Samaii (Sept. 17th), & Mme Green's class went with Mme McGraw grade 2's (Sept. 16th) on an Animal Adaptation Hike through forest, field and wetland/lake ecosystems, stopping frequently to participate in activities that emphasize animal characteristics and adaptations. The afternoon, following a review of the characteristics of different classes of animals,

students used animal characteristic clues to find the matching animal signs hidden outdoors (supporting our Science and Technology, Social Studies & Physical Education curriculum). Later in the week, Mme Tummon's class, Mme Irwin's 4's and Mme Kendall's class went on an Animal Habitat Hike in the morning, followed by a Geology Quest in the afternoon, led by Tanya Murray, Outdoor Education Teacher, and Trevor Eby, Outdoor Education Specialist. We encourage all our students at Poplar Bank to enjoy

the great outdoors with their families.

For more information about programs open to the public, please feel free to contact:

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Did you Know?

Each visit to Sibald Point counts towards our Eco Schools Certification, which our Eco-Team is working diligently towards our goal of Gold!

Grade 1-8 Fall Progress Reports

On **November 11**, your child will be receiving his/her "Progress Report." Parent Interviews will be scheduled for the evening of November 13th and the morning of November 14th.

The progress report is intended to communicate if your child is:

- Progressing Very Well or Progressing Well or Progressing With Difficulty

There are Learning Skills and work habits that students will be taught, provided feedback upon and assessed on throughout the school year:

- * responsibility
- * independent work
- * initiative
- * organization
- * collaboration
- * self-regulation

These learning skills and work habits will be assessed and reported on the Progress Report Card and assessed, evaluated and reported on your two Provincial Report Cards later in the school year using this evaluation scale:

E= Excellent

G=Good

S=Satisfactory

N=Needs Improvement.

The first term report card will go home in mid-February 2015; the second term report card will be sent home at the end of June 2015.

School Council October Update

1. Lunch programs are about to get started. This is the first year we will have a lunch option every day. If you did not order, we will be collecting payment and forms once a month. You can pick up forms at the office. As well as providing families with a convenient lunch option, these lunches help fund some of the extra resources and programs council provides for the school. Thursdays we require volunteer help to help divide pizza orders up for each class. If you have time between 11:15 and 12:15 even one Thursday per month we'd appreciate your help. We need one or two more volunteers each Thursday. Please contact Nina ninadoiron69@gmail.com.
2. Crunchy Munchy is a very popular program at Poplar Bank. It provides fresh fruit and packaged cereal to students who do not have, or require an extra snack. To get this off the ground we require a few volunteers who are willing to meet at the school a few times per month to package cereal. If you, or someone you know is interested, please contact Petra petrose27@hotmail.com.
3. School Council meetings are held once per month in the school library at 6:45 pm. Our next meeting is Wednesday October 15. You do not have to be on council to attend or contribute your ideas, questions or concerns. All parents and guardians are welcome. The October meeting will elect our incoming council.
4. You have already received the Lamontagne package, and the QSP magazine order form will soon be coming home. These two programs raise significant funds for our school. We do not want any students fundraising door-to-door, but appreciate orders from family and friends.
5. A school council annual update will be coming home later this fall to update you on council accomplishments and challenges over the past year. For daily updates from council and information on school and community news, you can follow us on Twitter @PoplarBankSC. If you are not on Twitter you can visit the home page of the school website to see our Twitter messages.

Understanding Learning Disabilities

Wednesday, October 8th, 2014

6:30PM – 8:30 PM

YRDSB Community Education Centre North

130 Carlson Drive, Newmarket ON L3Y 5H3

learn about:

- ☐ what learning disabilities are
- ☐ advocating for a child/youth with LD
- ☐ supporting a child/youth to gain self-advocacy skills
- ☐ parent rights within the school system
- ☐ supporting a child/youth with transitions into secondary and post secondary learning

free event – light refreshments provided

free child-minding is available upon request

Presenters: Renee Flannery & Stephanie Gatti

from the Learning Disabilities Association York Region (LDAYR)

Renee Flannery is a Resource Facilitator with LDAYR and has provided support and guidance to parents for over 20 years.

Stephanie Gatti is a Program Coordinator with LDAYR.

To register and for more information contact:

LDAYR - 905 884-7933 ext 23 or info@ldayr.org

or Jennifer Gillespie YRDSB - 905 895-5155 ext 124 or jennifer.gillespie@yrdsb.ca

October 2, 2014

Dear Poplar Bank Public School Staff, Students, Families, and Community:

We just wanted to express our heartfelt thanks for all the support that we have been fortunate to receive from you since the fire that took place on September 5, 2014. While the fire may have taken much of the contents and a large part of our home, we are grateful that no one was harmed with the assistance of York Region Fire Department, Police, and Emergency Personnel and neighbours who alerted everyone and others who took us into their home during those evening hours.

Your generous collection of clothing, funds and gift cards has made it possible for the girls to quickly get back to attending a school they love and being amongst friends, classmates and teachers they have grown up with since they began in kindergarten.

We appreciate the outpouring of kindness and sensitivity everyone has shown under these special circumstances. We've been overwhelmed by your fundraising efforts and continued well wishes.

Thank you for making our family feel part of yours.

Sincerely,

The Bethune Family