



Poplar Bank News

We are a Respectful and Caring School

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School Improvement Plan
Respectful School
Differentiated Instruction and Assessment

Hot Lunches and Milk Program

We are pleased to let you know that the School Lunch Program has been launched. We will be offering Mr. Greek on Mondays, Pizza on Thursdays, Mr. Sub on Fridays and daily milk.

Please register and order on-line at www.schoolcashionline.com.

Please support our efforts to be an ECO School and minimize paper waste.

For the time being paper order forms will be available for pick up in the office.

Thank you,
Your School Lunch Committee.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 8: Area Cross Country

Oct 9: Bus Safety

Oct. 12: Thanksgiving Day
(No School)

Oct: 13 Milk & Hot Lunch begins

Oct. 20: School Council Meeting

Oct 20-22: Lice Lady

Oct. 27: Immunization Clinic for
Grade 7's and Grade 8 girls

Oct 27: Holla Respect/ Character
assembly for whole school—Gym

Oct. 28: Picture Day

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!



Ecology Club



Our Ecology Club has a box, beside the lunch table outside the office, to collect your used batteries again this year. The Ecology Club has begun "Trashless Tuesday" - where all lunch + snack garbage is sent home. Please try to send reusable food containers and water bottles to promote "garbage Less" lunches.

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.



Canadian Author Presentation



"Poplar Bank's grade 6-8 students will be participating in a presentation for the launch of a new book series called "The Secrets". The seven books in this new series are written by Canadian authors (Kelley Armstrong, Vicki Grant, Marthe Jocelyn, Kathy Kacer, Norah McClintock, Teresa Totten, and Eric Walters).

Author, Marthe Jocelyn, will be at Poplar Bank in the afternoon of October 7th to speak with our grade 6-8 students in the library.

That same evening there is an

event at Brownridge Public School (7-8:30pm at 65 Brownridge Drive, Thornhill) where students can meet all seven authors of the series. This is a unique opportunity to meet some of the best and biggest selling Canadian children's and young adult writers, to see them all in one place, listen to them talk, ask questions, get autographs and purchase their books if desired.

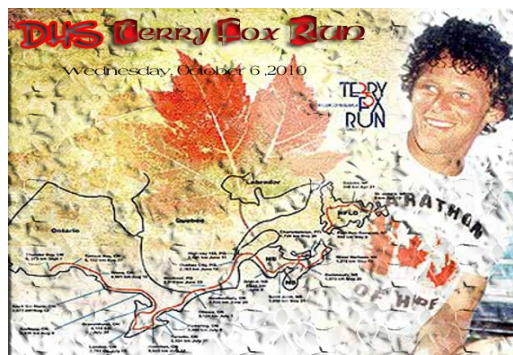
All of the school communities participating in the day author visit, including Poplar Bank, are invited to attend the FREE evening presen-

tation at Brownridge. Keep in mind that this is geared to an audience of grades 6 to 8. Teachers, administrators, parents and students are all welcome."



Terry Fox Day at Poplar Bank Public School!

"Poplar Bank students and staff participated in the Terry Fox Run on Friday, Sept 25. Everyone was enthusiastic as they ran or walked around the field for over 20 minutes. Thanks for your participation! "



Félicitations et Merci !

LA COURSE TERRY FOX!

Poplar Bank Terry Fox Run- Sept 25, 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

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

Nous avons collecté un total de \$432.60

Merci pour vos dons pour la recherche du cancer!

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.

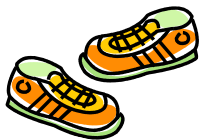
Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter.

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.

Cross Country

"Poplar Bank is running! The Cross-Country team has been practicing for the month of September preparing for the upcoming Area Meet on October 8 at George Richardson Park. The grade 4-8 students have been running well as a team while their coaches, Mme Sampson, Mme



Wansbrough, and Mme Tummon cheer them on. We wish them good luck as they prepare to compete against other schools in our Area! Go Poplar Bank! "



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. As of September 27, 2014 Poplar Bank has donated 1945 Wheelchairs. 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 com-



fortably, more actively and more independently. **DID YOU KNOW:** There are approximately 1000 tabs in a pound.

****We have a friendly class competition to see which class will collect the most pop tabs. Last year we gathered over 12 huge blue water bottles full of tabs to donate.****

Halloween Festivities at Poplar Bank

On Friday, October 30th, 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 October Update 2015

On September 30th the 2014/2015 council held their last meeting of the year and the new School Council for 2015/2016 was elected. Thank you to all the parents who were involved in many council activities last year including fundraising, lunch programs, Fun Festival, and other special events. We are happy 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.

FOOD PROGRAMS: Thanks to everyone who has signed up for our lunch programs. The online payment is new this year, but paper forms are still available in the office for those who need them. Thank you so much to those ordering online as it eliminates hours of volunteer time counting money and processing orders. These programs are a convenience for parents, very much enjoyed by students, and a fundraiser for our school.

VOLUNTEER HELP: Activities in our school are run with the time and talent of many parents and grandparents. At the moment we are looking for parents who can assist over the lunch hour to help our food programs run smoothly. We require one volunteer for 30 minutes on Monday, 3 volunteers for one hour on Thursdays, and one volunteer for 30 minutes on Fridays. You don't have to be available every week, we are hoping to have enough parents to be able to create a rotating schedule. If you are available please email Marcela marceladiazgr@gmail.com.

PARENT RESOURCE LIBRARY: A free resource library for parents has been set up with books and magazines on a wide range of parenting and education topics. It will be rolled out to the main hallway throughout the year during any events where parents are invited to the school. You can also drop by the office during regular school hours. We would love to accept any donations of books or magazines that you may have at home that other parents may benefit from.

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

If you are not on Twitter you can visit the school website to scroll through our Twitter feed.

2015\2016 Council Members

Adrian Glauser

Amy Seiling-Fischer (Secretary)

Angelica McIntyre

Edna Bazante (Treasurer)

Jennifer Brett Fraser (Co-Chair)

Karen Peck (Co-Chair)

Kelly Barbarich

Kerrie Stock (second Secretary)

Kim Jagger

Michelle Williams-Lee

Natalie Ocak

Nina Doiron

Petra Turco

Preeti Raj

Rima Humphries

Sarah Howson

Susan Thomson

Veronica Jouaneh

Wendy Lebskin