



Poplar Bank News

We are a Respectful and Caring School

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Principal's Message

On behalf of the staff at Poplar Bank, we extend a warm welcome to our new and returning students and families!

As the new Principal at Poplar Bank P.S., it is an honor to have the opportunity to serve such an outstanding community. I am looking forward to working with you, your children and the staff for the purpose of fostering the development of strong school-community relationships.

I truly believe that strong partnerships between parents and staff are crucial to maintaining a positive learning environment, where each student feels safe, valued and respected. It is through these strong connections that we can build a community focused on increasing student academic achievement and well being. Therefore, I invite you to visit our school, your school and to actively participate in your children's education. This participation may come in a variety of forms including: joining the School Council, volunteering at the school, attending school-wide events, checking your children's homework and agenda on a daily basis and communicating questions or concerns to me and the teachers.

I look forward to knowing you and working with you. Again, I am thrilled and excited to join this wonderful community.

Mrs. Natasha Baage

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 30- Oct 4: York Region District School Board's Safety Awareness Week

Fri. Sept. 23: P.A. Day: No School for Students

Sept. 24 – 26: Scholastic Book Fair

Sept. 26: Curriculum Evening and School Council BBQ

Sept. 27: Terry Fox Day



Daily Schedule at Poplar Bank for 2013-2014

7:50-8:05 Supervision Provided on the Pavement

8:03 a.m.	Entry Bell
8:05 a.m.	School Begins
8:05 - 10:05 a.m.	Classes
10:05 - 10:35 a.m.	Recess
10:35 - 11:55 a.m.	Classes
11:55 - 12:15 p.m.	Lunch
12:15 -12:55 p.m.	Lunch Recess
12:55- 2:35 p.m.	Classes
2:35 p.m.	Dismissal

Students are to be in class by 8:05 a.m. or they will be marked absent. Should students arrive at, or after 8:05 bell, they should report to the office for a late slip. This reduces unnecessary calls home.

Curriculum Evening and School Council BBQ

School Council will be hosting a BBQ from 5:15 - 6:20 p.m. to mix and mingle. Curriculum Night will follow:

Session 1	6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Session 2	7:00 - 7:35 p.m.

Pre-order forms for food tickets have been sent home with your child. Copies of these forms are available in the office.

Medication

Either on a regular basis or at times throughout the year some students may need to take medication at school. Parents are required to complete a Self/Staff Administration of Medication Form signed by the parents and approved by the Principal. For legal and safety reasons, written permission is required for all medication including inhalers, Aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, etc. All medication is kept locked in the office and students are supervised as they take any medication.

Students are not permitted to bring medication to school and keep in in their classroom, lunch bag, or backpack.

Safety is Our Top Priority: Routines and Guidelines

1. Nut Alert! We are a Peanut/Nut-Free School

Please do not send peanut, peanut products or other foods that contain nuts or nut products to school. We have students and staff members who are anaphylactic. This means that exposure to even the smell of peanuts can result in a severe allergic reaction that can be life threatening. Some safe snack foods are: fruit, veggies, cheese and crackers, fruit roll-ups, mini-bagels with cream cheese, milk puddings and yogurt. **Prior to sending in food for the class, please contact your child's teacher.**

2. Before School:

Supervision on the school yard pavement begins at 7:50 a.m. Between 7:50 -8:03 a.m., all grade 1-8 students are to gather on the pavement around the east and south sides of the school building. The entrance bell rings at 8:03 a.m. Students are to walk to their respective entry doors, proceed to class and get ready for the school day which begins at 8:05 a.m.

3. Picking Your Child Up at 2:35 p.m.:

When picking up your child, please do not park in the drive through at the front of the school or in the North bus loop as these areas are out of bounds. Meet your child at their exit doors.

4. Parents Visiting the School:

- a) When dropping off a child in the morning, please do not walk through the school with your child. Students are to wait outside their assigned entry doors.
- b) When dropping off your child's lunch or homework, please come into the office and we will ensure that your child gets the item.
- c) We will not interrupt curriculum times for you to speak to your child unless it is an emergency. Please make any alternate arrangements at home.
- d) When picking up your child for an appointment, please come into the office to sign your child out and we will call your child down to the office.
- e) When picking up your child at 2:35 p.m., parents are to wait outside the appropriate exit doors.

Lunchtime Routines

Any student who brings lunch to school is to remain at school and is not permitted to leave school property unless he/she has parental permission.

Students will:

- ***Follow school expectation regarding lunch procedures and behavior.***
- ***Sign out at the office if leaving with a dated note signed by a parent (unless you have completed 7/8 permission form)***
- ***Once children leave school property and return to school, they are NOT permitted to leave a second time during the lunch hour and must line up with their class for regular entry at 12:55.***

Lunch privileges may be withdrawn if rules and expectations are not followed.

6. Students Who Take the Bus:

During the first week, there are sometimes difficulties with bus time arrivals and departures. The transportation department works closely with us to sort out the problems we are experiencing. For help and information, feel free to call Mrs. Grant or Mrs. Pallett in the office or you may seek assistance at www.schoolbuscity.com. Your child's safety is our top priority. September is a time for parents to discuss bus safety, and stranger danger. These rules will also be reviewed and reinforced in September and throughout the year by school staff. **Please note that we do not grant permission for students to change buses.** Students must ride on the bus assigned to them by the Transportation Department

7. After School:

Students are dismissed at 2:35 p.m. and they are required to leave the school grounds immediately after school. There is staff supervision on the east and south pavement adjoining the school from 2:35-2:45 p.m. Please note that there is no supervision for students who choose to play in the nearby Town of Newmarket playground or fields around the school. Students who have not been picked up by their parents are to report to the school office at the 2:45 bell where they will wait and an office staff member will contact a parent.

8. Safe Play Guidelines:

In order to prevent physical injury and because of our concern for student safety, students at Poplar Bank P.S. are expected to avoid activities that involve aggressive play and physical contact. Recess activities that are not acceptable include wrestling, piggy-backing, football, lacrosse, tripping, baseball, pushing, shoving, body-checking, poking, punching, play fighting and other forms of rough play in busses, stairwells, hallways and playgrounds. During recess breaks, students are able to play organized games such as basketball, soccer and foot hockey as well as activities such as skipping and tag. We ask parents to regularly review these expectations with their son/daughter to ensure that our school is a safe place for everyone.

Message from our Trustee

I am very pleased to welcome our new and returning families as we start another school year. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer, and feel refreshed and energized.

There is a lot to look forward to in the first few months of school, and I hope you will find an opportunity to get involved in some way. Partnerships with families are essential, not only to student achievement and well-being, but also to creating a positive, caring and supportive school environment in which students can thrive.

There are many ways you can get involved and support your child's education from communicating with your child's teacher and asking your child about what they are learning to volunteering in the school or participating in the school council.

Thanks to your support and the hard work and commitment of our staff, students, families and community partners, we continue to be one of the top performing school boards in Ontario.

As an elected trustee and an advocate for high quality public education, I am committed to ensuring the highest quality public education possible for our students and their families. In the coming year, we will continue our focus on the priorities set out in our Multi-Year Plan: student achievement and well-being, the delivery of effective and appropriate educational programs and the responsible stewardship of Board resources.

I hope you have a great start to the school year and wish you all the best for 2013-14.

Martin Van Beek, Trustee

Poplar Bank Staff 2013-2014
We are proud to present the Poplar Bank Staff:

GRADE 1	Mme Roach	English	Mr. Maccarone
GRADE 1	Mme Thomas	English / Math	Mme Cundari
GRADE 1	Mme Nicholson	Library / Sert	Mme Hampton
GRADE 1	Mme Hodge	Admin Assistant	Mrs. Grant
GRADE 2	Mme Moubarak	Secretary	Mrs. Pallett
GRADE 2	Mme Green	Lead Caretaker	Mr. Allen
GRADE 2/3	Mme Hazlewood	Caretaker	Mr. Papaevangelou
GRADE 3	Mme Samaai	Caretaker	Ms. Palmer
GRADE 3	Mme Parenteau	Vice-Principal	Mr. Helston
GRADE 3 / 4	Mme McGraw	Principal	Mrs. Baage
GRADE 4	Mme Tummon		
GRADE 4	Mme Bodach		
GRADE 5	Mme Wansbrough		
GRADE 5	Mme Slessor		
GRADE 6	Mme Jenicek		
GRADE 6	Mme Kendall		
GRADE 7	Mme Bimo		
GRADE 7/8	Mme McDonald		
GRADE 8	Mme Sampson		
Math/English	Mme Middleton		
Music	Mme Smith		
French	Mme Poppe		

POPLAR BANK IS
 LOOKING FOR LUNCH
 ASSISTANTS....

We are in need of Lunch
 Assistants for the 2013-2014
 school year. This is a **paid
 position** from 11:55- 12:55
 p.m. and you choose the
 days you wish to work.

Useful Websites for Parents

Links for Parents (compiled by the Ministry of Education):

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/links.html#learn>

Resources to Help Your Child (compiled by the Ministry of Education):

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/howcanihelp.html>

Ontario Ministry of Education: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/index.html>

EQAO: <http://www.eqao.com/>

TumbleReadables: <http://www.tumblebooks.com/tumblereadable/>

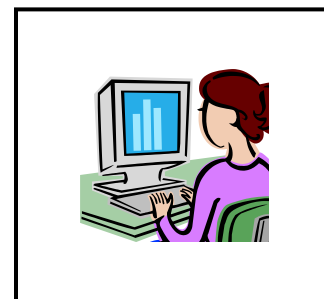
Parents as Partners: <http://www.parents-as-partners.ca/parents.html>

The Canadian Safe School Network: <http://www.canadiansafeschools.com/parents/overview.htm>

TVO Kids: <https://www.tvokids.com/>

Link to Learning: <http://www.linktolearning.com/>

Discovery Channel: <http://dsc.discovery.com/>



HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD AT HOME?

Parental Support of Literacy Skills

Literacy is about more than reading and writing. It is about how we communicate in society. Literacy takes on many forms: on paper, on the computer screen, on TV, on posters and signs. At Poplar Bank, we regard parents as partners in our quest to develop our students' literacy skills.

Reading should be an activity enjoyed by all at home. Reading to or with your child on a regular basis and talking about the book or article read are two important activities parents and children can share.

The following are a few tips you may wish to practice at home to make the reading even more productive.

1. Ask your child to look at the cover and name any objects and characters they know. Read the title and the author's name. See if the cover and title remind you of any other books you have read together.

2. Flip through the pages and note other objects and characters in the pictures. This is called "previewing" the book. Ask your child to "predict" what the story may be about.

3. For primary students, run your finger beneath the words as you read. Stop once or twice to ask questions like, "What do you think will happen next and why?" and then read on to compare the story to your child's guesses.

4. Afterwards, sum up the story line by talking about the beginning, middle and end of the book.

5. Connect the story line to real-life events. Did an event in the story ever happen to you or your child? Do the characters remind you of anyone you know?

6. Evaluate the story or article. (Did your child like the story? What was the best part? Who was the silliest character? Did the article give accurate information?)

Have fun reading together!

Library Volunteers

There are numerous tasks involved in the operation of an effective and efficient library and any assistance you can give would be most appreciated

If you are interested in volunteering in our library please contact Mme Hampton.



Safe Arrival Program

Our students' attendance check is an important part of our daily routine to ensure that your children have arrived safely at school. We ask that you cooperate with us by following the steps listed below:

1. Call the school before 8:00 a.m. if your child will not be attending school that day and / or will be late.
2. Please use our voice mail system to leave us a message before/after school hours.
3. Please call every day of your child's absence. This is the only way to ensure the integrity of the Safe Arrival Program.

The following set of actions will take place if your child is not in school and his/her absence has not been accounted for by a call or by a written note.

- A. First, we will call your place of residence
- B. In the event that we are unable to reach you at home, we will next call your place of business/cell
- C. If no contact is made then we will call the emergency contacts you have provided...and lastly...
- D. The York Region Police will be called for assistance in locating your child.

Save the Environment!

Reduce School Costs Via Electronic Communication

Our School is going green to help save trees and reduce school costs. We are requesting that parents sign up on our electronic mailing list so that we can keep you informed via email of upcoming events and newsletters.

Log on to the school's website and follow the link at:

www.poplarbank.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca



General Interest Courses

YRDSB General Interest Courses have experienced a steady decline in client registrations for the past six years. As a result, YRDSB General Interest Courses have operated at a financial loss in 2011-12 and 2012-13. This information was brought forward and discussed at the Board Standing Committee Meeting on May 21. At the June 4, 2013 Board Meeting, the decision was made to discontinue General Interest Courses.

Thank you for your past support of YRDSB General Interest Courses,

Continuing Education Services



Student Transportation Services of York Region
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1
905-713-2535
FAX: 905-713-2533
Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

Transportation Eligibility

STSYR001

Revised: Jan. 2013

Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR) provides transportation service in accordance with the policies of its member School Boards, the York Region District School Board (YRDSB) and the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB)

Students may be eligible for transportation if their primary address is located within their home school attendance area and is further than the following distances:

YCDSB

Grades JK – 3	1.2 km's
Grades 4 – 8	1.6 km's
Grades 9 – 12	4.8 km's*

*Students living further than 3.2 km's may be eligible if Public Transit is not available.

YRDSB

Grades JK – 3	1.2 km's
Grades 4 – 8	1.6 km's
Grades 9 – 12	Students living in an area serviced by Public Transit are not eligible for school bus transportation.

Distance Measurement

Eligibility for Transportation will be determined by STSYR using Trapeze routing software or ArcView G.I.S. software. These software's measure the shortest distance by road from the closest access of the student's property to the closest access of the school property. These measurements may include the use of walkways and parks.

Students may be transported in exceptional circumstances within a school Non-Transportation Zone. This is an area designated by Board policy as ineligible for school vehicle transportation. This may include service for students with special needs and students with documented medical conditions from a certified medical practitioner.

Attention Parents!

It's time for our FAMILY READING PROGRAM!

We are pleased to bring you QSP's Family Reading Magazine Program. This subscription sale will raise much needed funds for our programs and activities that benefit all our students. We have chosen magazines as our fundraising product to help our literacy initiatives. Reading print material fosters a desire in students to "stick to" reading. Children who see their parents sharing a love of reading are also more likely to make reading a life-long habit. **To reach our goal we would like to have all our families involved, so please consider buying a magazine for yourself and your children.** Please also contact family, neighbours and close friends. Every order counts. Thank you!

Browse and Shop the Catalogue

- Over 600 magazines available with savings up to 86% off newsstand prices.
- Top sellers include People, Canadian Living, Hello Canada, Highlights for Kids, Owl, Golf Digest, Oprah and more. **PLUS** – Many Digital subscriptions now available (see page 39 for details).
- **Raise A Reader At Home! Make one of your orders a subscription for your own child.**
- Magazines make great gifts for children, relatives, friends and business associates. Each issue serves as a reminder of your thoughtfulness. Magazines can be sent anywhere in Canada, and if requested on your order form, QSP will send a gift postcard on your behalf.
- Renew existing subscriptions to extend without overlap.
- Fill in the order form neatly & completely.
- Keep the pink copy as your receipt.
- Lower price coupons will be honoured – just attach the coupon and pay the lower price!

Shop Online – Go to www.QSP.ca

- It's quick, easy and your order is processed instantly so you **receive your magazines faster!**
- Online ordering is easier for you, our school & volunteers and you save the \$1 processing fee!
- More titles available online! Plus new titles are added as they become available.
- Please use the www.QSP.ca email feature to invite out of town friends and family across Canada to visit www.QSP.ca and support our school.

Please make cheques payable to: _____ Poplar Bank Public School _____

Return orders on or before: _____ October 31, 2013 _____

Our www.QSP.ca School Group # is: ___18405_____

Prizes provided are a 'thank you' to our students for their efforts during our campaign; however, we want you to know we truly appreciate your support of our fundraiser. Families may work together to earn rewards; to do so, submit orders together, under one name, so totals will be combined. Orders placed online during our campaign will also count towards rewards.

SAFETY FIRST! NO DOOR-TO-DOOR SELLING!

Fundraising Makes It Happen



POPLAR BANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents:

It is time to start our **FALL FUNDRAISER** raising necessary funds to purchase such things as technology, books and support the School Plan for Continuous Improvement. In an effort to provide a fundraiser that will include "something affordable for everyone", at every price point, we are excited to leap ahead of the HOLIDAY SEASON and offer several inexpensive gift ideas along with a few tasty treats.

We are pleased to introduce **THE LAMONTAGNE COLLECTION**



Here's how it works:

Each participating family is receiving one package containing the above brochures along with a 4 part order form, collection money envelope and a **cumulative PRIZE program brochure**.

- ☑ **STYLE 2013**whether a special gift for your sweetheart, something cute for the little ones or storing jewelry in THE LITTLE MERMAID DRESS ORGANIZER on page 3, you will not be disappointed with this trendy and exciting new 2013 selection of STYLE designs. All delivered in an iridescent gift pouch with ribbon.
- ☑ **HOLIDAY COLLECTION!**.....HOLIDAY gift ideas, Kitchen gadgets and fun and colourful PLAYSKOOL favourites; take a look at page 7 for MOM'S BUSY YEAR CALENDAR ORGANIZERa little something for everyone !!
- ☑ **CHOCOLAT**...Everyone loves chocolate, any time of year!
Our Belgian and Milk chocolate is "melt in your mouth" delicious, and with so many options to choose from you are sure to please everyone on your list! ALL CHOCOALTE IS 100% PEANUT- FREE with NUT-FREE OPTIONS! If you are a dark chocolate lover, choose varieties made with our 73% dark cocoa recipe! Mmmm, delicious

Taking orders from relatives, friends, neighbors and colleagues at your workplace will really help to accumulate sales. Invite out-of-town friends and relatives to view all catalogues online at www.lamontagne.ca and then call or e-mail their order to you. You can view all brochure products online and make your choice(s) on the attached order form. **Please collect the money when you take the order. No orders can be accepted without payment.**

Important Dates and Information:

Return the top three copies (white, yellow and pink) of the order form and monies collected on or before **OCTOBER 18** in order to ensure a timely return of the final order.

Please make sure that your child's name is on both the order form and the money envelope. Retain the green copy for your records.

All cheques must be made payable to [Poplar Bank Public School](#).

As our special “thank you” for your efforts, this fundraiser includes some prizes for your family:

Included inside each brochure package is a poster listing all of the prizes each child may receive when they reach their specific sales target.

No need to select prizes as your family prizes earned are delivered with our small “thanks” with your order upon delivery in approximately four weeks.

PLUS.... each and every student's family who participate should register at www.lamontagne.ca

WIN A CROSS CANADA VIA RAIL TRIP for 4 from Toronto to Vancouver. (A prize value of \$14,000.00) Your family is treated to a most comfortable first class sleeper plus cabin. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner served with pampering care and impeccable service. Two more days in one of Canada's very best Fairmount Hotels to explore a great pacific coast city, VANCOUVER. This Cross Canada Rail Adventure could be experienced by one of our very lucky families! (details are on line at www.Lamontagne.ca) **BE SURE TO REGISTER TO WIN!**

This is a simple way for us to raise much-needed funds for the School so let's do it together and make it a huge success.

Thank you in advance for your efforts and your on-going support!

Every Participant who returns their money on time will receive a Buy-one-get-FREE **TORONTO MARLIES game ticket voucher and your name in the draw for a Scooter!**



Thank you for your SUPPORT!