

# Home of the Cougars

## Queensville Public School

York Region District School Board

December, 2019

From the Administration desk...



### *The Fun and Learning Continues!*

With the change of seasons and weather, our students have adapted well. Outdoor learning continues with classes exploring our extensive school yard with binoculars, recording changes to the vegetation and looking for and researching animal tracks.

November and December character traits are honesty and empathy. Classroom teachers continue to find explicit ways to model and teach these traits. Our Kindness Initiative continues as an additional reminder of the importance of showing good character.

Students from grade 1 – 4 have formed a kindness club lead by Ms. Wallace and Mrs. Toma. As a group they continue to brainstorm ways they can show kindness at school, at home and in the community. Over the next few weeks, the Kindness Club is asking for donations of an expired non-perishable food, new unwrapped toys, gift cards and toiletries for the East Gwillimbury annual Toy and Food Drive. If you are interested and able to contribute, please drop items off at the office Between November 25<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Message from School Council**

School Council has been busy as usual. A detailed fund raising plan has been created in partnership with staff. Council will once again access the School Board Cost Sharing program in January to purchase **new technology** for the school at a significant discount. Council will also support a school wide presentation for our students focused on **resiliency** in late February. On **February 25<sup>th</sup>**, in partnership with Sharon PS, our students will experience U Power and the Sara Westbrook performance. There will also be an evening presentation on the same day for parents. Mark it on the calendar and come out to see what our students are learning about resiliency.

**Save the Date:** School Council has once again procured **Toronto Marlies** Tickets for Saturday, **February 15<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 pm. Ticket are \$30.00 each. We encourage everyone to bring friends and family for a fun night out at a great venue. More details will follow soon.

### **Save the Date - Up Coming Events**

December 18	9:00 Caroling in the Gym – Primary classes presenting
December 19	9:00 Caroling in the Gym – Junior classes presenting
December 20	9:00 Caroling in the Learning Commons
December 20	Last day of classes
January 6	First day of classes
January 6	Welcome back to Mrs. Keosongseng

To all those celebrating special holidays, Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa, we wish you all the best.

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## Inclement Weather:



Winter weather is already here. We want to share a few important reminders:

### Dress for the weather

Students should come dressed appropriately for the weather and for outdoor play. Students can stay warm by wearing layers of loose-fitting clothing, a hat, scarf, jackets, snow pants and mittens or gloves. Students may also want to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet.

### Recess

If students are well enough to come to school, they are expected to go outside for recess. Our students benefit from spending time outside and being active. We monitor weather conditions throughout the day. If there are extreme weather conditions, we may consider a shortened or indoor recess.

### Bus or School Cancellations

When an **extreme cold** or **inclement weather** day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) is cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. Please notify the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.

There may be rare instances when **emergency weather events** occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure. Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, [Board](#) and school website and on [twitter @YRDSB](#).

Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather and emergency weather days are outlined in the Board's [Severe Weather policy](#), which has been recently updated and is available for public comment. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process. All [policies available for comment](#) are sent to school council chairs and are posted on the Board website, along with information about how to provide feedback.

Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to monitor winter weather conditions. Please continue to monitor our usual notification systems for inclement weather, which include:

- [Student Transportation Services](#) website
- Student Transportation Hotline: 1-877-330-3001
- [Board website](#) and school websites
- [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets

All efforts will be made to keep schools open, however, student and staff safety is our top priority.

## Elf Day @ Sharon PS

Saturday, **December 14<sup>th</sup>** is the annual Elf Day. Over 70 vendors will be present from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Come out for some great holiday shopping and enjoy the Silent Auction, Basket Door Prizes, Crafts for Kids, Elf Day Lotto and Santa Surprise. There will be lots for everyone to enjoy!

## Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

### Information Sessions

Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 16, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2020 <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx> to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

### Registration

FI registration will begin on January 17, 2020. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2020, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. This Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register, between January 17 and February 7, 2020. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

### Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 7, 2020. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

### Accommodation Plan

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

# Around the School

And the Learning Continues...



## Outdoor Learning



Land Skies



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More Outdoor Learning



Bee Bots



Catapults



Pumpkin Carving

