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Administrator's message

November 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Over the past few months, our students have been demonstrating their learning through a variety of ways. They have also been developing their learning skills and setting both academic and personal goals. November 12, 2019, students will be receiving their Progress Report Card and parents/guardians will have an opportunity to meet with teachers and their child to reflect on new learning and set goals for the school year. Parent-teacher Interviews for students in Year 2 Kindergarten to Grade 8 will take place during the evening of November 14 and the morning of November 15. Parents of Year 1 Kindergarten students visited their child's classroom for Observation Visits this past week.

Discussing school life, assignments and homework with your child is an important part of the learning process. Build in time each day to connect with your child so you may hear about their successes, challenges and goals. Invite your child to describe what they did at recess, what learning tasks they enjoyed that day and which ones were a challenge for them. Try asking your child one of the following questions to ignite his/her thinking:

- If I called your teacher tonight, what would she/he tell me about you?
- How did you help somebody today?
- Tell me one thing that you learned today.
- When were you the happiest today?

We hope that in the coming weeks you will build a deeper understanding of your child's progress at school.

We look forward to seeing you during the interview and observation visits and wish you productive interviews and observations.

As partners, your ongoing participation in school events, parent- teacher meetings and communication by phone, agenda or notes is very important. Any questions you may have, please call the school and speak with your child's teacher.

We look forward to seeing you at our next School Council meeting on Wednesday, November 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Your partner in Education,

Mrs. C. Pink
Principal

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Progress Reports go Home

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Parent /Teacher Interviews
November 14th and 15th

P.A. Day
Friday, November 15, 2019

Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

All assessment, evaluation and reporting in Ontario schools are based on the policies and practices described in *Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting in Ontario Schools, First Edition, Covering Grades 1 to 12*. There are three formal reporting periods in elementary schools where teachers share students' information regarding their learning and achievement of their learning skills and work habits and the Ontario curriculum expectations:

Elementary Progress Report Card

- Progress Report Card to be sent home: November 12, 2019
- Parent-Teacher Interviews to be held (Year 2 Kindergarten to Grade 8):
November 22nd, in the evening, and November 23rd, in the morning

Elementary First Term Provincial Report Card

- Provincial Report Card to be sent home in February 2020

Elementary Second Term Provincial Report Card

- Provincial Report Card to be sent home end of June 2020



Elementary Progress Report Card (Grade K-8)

The purpose of this report card is to communicate the progress your child has been making since the beginning of the school year in each subject. The progress report also indicates how well your child is demonstrating the various learning skills and work habits and identifies areas in which you may be able to support your child in achieving success this year. This report is not an evaluation or a record of achievement levels. It reflects preliminary observations of your child's learning to date. It is our hope that this report will serve as a central part of rich discussions between home and school.

Initial Observations Report - Year One Kindergarten

Parents will be invited for an in-class Observation Visit during the month of November. The purpose of this visit is to enable you to observe your child in the classroom setting. An *Initial Observations Report* will be sent home on November 12th. The report is an overview of your child's key learning and growth in learning during the fall of the school year, along with information about next steps in learning. In February, you will receive your child's Term 1 report card. The Term 2 report card will be sent home at the end of June. For both Term 1 and Term 2 reports, the teacher will report on your child's achievement based on curriculum expectations from the four learning areas (Belonging and Contributing, Self-Regulation and Well-Being, Demonstrating Literacy and Mathematics Behaviour, and Problem Solving and Innovating).

Communication of Learning Kindergarten

An *Initial Observations Report* will be sent home on November 12th. This report provides early evidence about your child's growth in learning in relation to the Kindergarten program expectations. The comments will be based on the curriculum expectations within and across the four frames in learning (Belonging and Contributing, Self-Regulation and Well-Being, Demonstrating Literacy and Mathematics Behaviour, and Problem Solving and Innovating). A Term 1 report card will be sent home in February as well as a Term 2 report card at the end of June.

Ramer Wood P.S. School Council 2019-2020

Council Chair - Mr. Dharmendra Dholakiya
Treasurer - Ms. Maggie Lu
Oct. Secretary - Ms. Karen Hincks
Fund Raising Coordinator - Ms. Karen Hincks
Fund Raising Coordinator—Ms. Vasuki Murphy

All School Council meetings are held in the Library. **Our next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 (6:30 p.m.)**

Future meeting dates are as follows:

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 (Tentative)

All parents are encouraged and welcome to attend School Council meetings. For further information please contact ramer.wood.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca.



EDSBY NEWS

The York District School Board introduced **Edsby last year**, and is an engagement platform tool for our students and families.

Edsby provides many opportunities for you to access information from your child's school.

We are **ONLY** using **Edsby** at Ramer Wood Public for Parent/Teacher Interviews.

For students absence please continue to call the safe arrival line and not send emails via Edsby or to the school account.

In order for families to access **Edsby**, a valid email address is required.

We are very excited about this new opportunity to connect with families.

For more information on **Edsby**, visit the **Edsby** website at www.edsby.com/help/parents.



Dressing Appropriately for the Weather

As the weather changes, it becomes very important that children arrive at school dressed appropriately for the weather. Warm hats, mitts, gloves, coats and waterproof boots are the regular dress during the late fall and winter months. If your children walk to school, bright coloured and reflective pieces of clothing help make them visible to motorists and traffic.

Children go outside for morning and lunch recess. When children are dressed for the weather, they are able to enjoy the activities outside during the colder months. Dressing in layers helps students to regulate their temperature. We always monitor the weather and, in extreme conditions (e.g., wind chill), we keep the students indoors or shorten recess breaks.

Students should have a change of clothes (socks, track pants, shirt) at school in case they get wet while outside. It is always a good idea to pack extra clothing too.



Safe Arrival

If a student is absent or late, parents need to notify the school by calling our school office at 905-471-6512 by 8:45 a.m. or sending a note to the teacher. As part of our Safe Arrival Program, we contact parents to confirm unexplained absences, and may contact the police if we are unable to reach parents for a satisfactory explanation.

Regular School Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial for continued academic progress. Getting to class on time and avoiding absences are critical if your child is to get the most out of school. Attending school - every day and on time - is very important. Learning occurs daily, right from the start of class.

In order to be less disruptive to both staff and students during instructional time, please follow the following procedures:

- **Students arrive at school for 8:30 a.m.**
- **If your child is going to be late or absent from school, please report the absence before the start of the school day (8:45 a.m.).**
- **If you must sign out your child from school due to a scheduled appointment, please place a note in your child's agenda/communication bag so that your child's teacher will have time to prepare your child for an early dismissal (i.e. homework, notes). Children will be called down to the office when you arrive. Please avoid appointments during class time.**
- **If you need to pick up your child at the end of the school day tell your child before school and leave a note in their communication bag/agenda to inform the teacher of the change. Please make all attempts NOT to make last minute changes to your child's regular dismissal routine.**



Creating Safe and Healthy Schools for Children with Allergies

School staff and parents are responsible for creating safe and healthy environments for students. This is an additional challenge for schools attended by children with allergies, especially life-threatening allergies. While we take every step to create a risk-free environment, school staff and parents can take important steps to minimize potentially fatal allergic reactions as there are implications for the whole school, not just individual classrooms. There are children and staff in our building who suffer from life-threatening allergies.

Please do not send the following items to the school:

Item

All Nuts

All Tree Nuts

Seeds

Eggs

Fish

Shellfish

Nutella

Some Examples

Peanuts, Peanut Butter

Almonds, Cashews, Hazelnuts, Walnuts

Sesame Seeds, Sunflower Seeds

Raw or cooked

Tuna, Salmon

Lobster, Shrimp, Crab



It is very important that students understand the seriousness of anaphylaxis and they should never share their own food with a friend. Staff will not share any food items included in the above list. **Please check the ingredients label on the food you send with your child for lunch or snack.** We respectfully ask that children wash their hands thoroughly before arriving to school to ensure that they are not bringing any trace amounts of allergens to the classroom and common areas such as the library, playground and washrooms. We would like to thank you in advance for your full cooperation and appreciate your continued support of our mandate to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all of our students and staff. Thank you to our snack program and School Council for providing the treats on special event days.

We Remember

Today, November 11, members of our Ramer Wood community shared in acts of Remembrance with us. Our service commemorated the lives that were lost in Canadian History. Poems and songs were presented to help us reflect on this day.

The Royal Canadian Legion provides us with the poppies that we wear as a symbol of Remembrance. **We will continue to receive donations for the Legion's Poppy Fund with students throughout this week. Any donation is welcome, no matter the size.**

When everyone gives, we accomplish more.



"The living owe it to those who no longer can speak to tell their stories." -- Czeslaw Milosz

FLU SEASON IS HERE

Get the flu shot as early as possible



The first and best step to preventing the flu (or influenza), is to **get the flu shot every year**. The flu spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others and anyone can get it. Getting the flu shot can protect you, your family and those around you.

Students may be at higher risk of getting the flu as they come together in close public spaces including the classroom, gymnasium, lunch room and library.

The flu shot is especially important for students who have a chronic condition (e.g. asthma, diabetes) or those who live with or have close contact with a pregnant woman, kids less than five years old, or a resident of a nursing home or other chronic care facility since these groups are at higher risk of getting very sick or being hospitalized because of the flu.

Flu shots are **free** and are readily available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

In addition to getting the flu shot annually, here are some other health tips that can help prevent the spread of the flu:

- Wash your hands well and often with either soap and water or alcohol based hand rub
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze (if you do not have a tissue, cough into your upper sleeve)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Stay home when you're sick
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and shared items

It's important to get the flu shot as early as possible as it can take nearly **two weeks** for the influenza vaccine to take full effect.

To learn more about flu and flu vaccine, visit york.ca/flu.

PUBLIC HEALTH

1-877-464-9675
TTY 1-866-512-6228
york.ca/flu



INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL

The intermediate boys and girls volleyball teams have been practicing diligently the past few months leading up to their area tournaments. They have shown dedication, effort and hard work.

The girls intermediate volleyball area tournament will be held at E.T. Crowle Public School and Cornell Village Public School on Friday, November 22, 2019.

The Intermediate boys volleyball area tournament will be held at Markham District High School on Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

Let's wish them good luck!

Coaches: Ms. Gauss & Mr. Tzogas



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KINDERGARTEN TEAM NEWS



As we gear up for colder weather, we are reminding parents to send children dressed appropriately for outdoor play. Please take the time to practise how to do up zippers, put on boots and, dare we say it, snow pants! Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated. Please remember we go outside everyday, unless it is raining or we are under a cold weather advisory. Children must come prepared for daily outdoor activity. We also encourage you to keep sending healthy snacks for your child. Fruits, vegetables and milk products are great energy providers and easy finger food.

LOST AND FOUND

We seem to have accumulated a large amount of lost clothing, shoes, lunch bags, etc. While visiting the school over the next few weeks please take a moment to look through our Lost and Found box located between the primary hallway and the caretakers office and see if anything may belong to your child(ren).



November 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 	6	7	8	9
10	11  Remembrance Day Service at 11:00 am	12 Progress Reports Go Home 	13	14 Progress Interview Evening Picture Retake Day	15 P.A. DAY (No School for Students) Progress Interviews (AM)	16
17	18	19 Intermediate Boys Area Volleyball Tournament 	20	21	22 Intermediate Girls Area Volleyball Tournament	23
24	25	26 	27 Grade 1 Fire Safety Visit in Afternoon School Council Meeting 6:30 pm — 8:00 pm	28 Leader By Example Assembly	29	30