



## Highlights from This Week and Important Information

This has been a fabulous week at Reesor Park. I have enjoyed getting to know our students, staff, and some families. We have had fun playing in the snow and are looking forward to getting some more. I have appreciated visiting classrooms and seeing math, literacy, art, science, music, and more. The students are helping me pull my French vocabulary out of the recesses of my memory. The gyms are filled with active students before during and after school. Play rehearsals have started. Students are demonstrating their leadership throughout the school in many ways. I am thrilled that I get to be a part of this great school community.

### Cold Weather Policy

We have had some questions about the policy on extreme cold weather and indoor recesses. As per this board policy on [Severe Weather Conditions](#), our students will continue to play outside throughout the winter. Here is an [article from Ontario Parks](#) about the cognitive, physical and mental health benefits of outdoor play in winter. We will only have an indoor recess in conditions of extreme cold weather (temperature or wind chill of -20 C). Please have your children come to school with boots, snow pants, jackets, hats, and mittens, prepared to play outside.

### Morning Drop-Off

Thank you for watching so carefully, signalling your intention, and keeping your speed down, during morning drop-off. We remind everyone that the Kiss and Ride lane is only for drop-off and that no one should park there. If you want to get out of the car to walk your child to the door, please find a parking spot. We will continue to work with the Tennis Club to discourage their members from using our parking lot during school hours. Please consider participating in Walking Wednesday. You might find that active transportation is almost as quick as driving, and much less stressful.

### Lunch Drop-Off

It would be greatly appreciated by our wonderful office staff if you would send your child's lunch to school with them in the morning. As we're sure you can appreciate, the items drop-off cart is primarily for emergency drop-offs and not to be used as a regular depository system. Even if it only takes a minute to call a student down, 50 or 60 lunch drop-offs takes an hour out of someone's work day.




### Coming Soon - Instagram

We will be setting up an Instagram account to share events, information, reminders, pictures (non-identifying) of what is happening at Reesor Park. Be sure to follow us!

Ms. Janice Franklin  
Principal, Reesor Park PS



## Highlights for Next Week

Monday, Jan. 15, 2024 Day 1	
Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024 Day 2	School Council Meeting - 7:00 pm in the library Boys' Jr. Volleyball game - Castlemore vs. Reesor
Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024 Day 3	 Walking Wednesday - Enjoy the winter weather, get some exercise, slow down, get your child's brain ready for learning.  Boys' Jr. Volleyball Tournament at Armadale
Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024 Day 4	French Immersion Information Night - 7:00 pm in the library - for parents of Senior Kindergarten children
Friday, Jan. 19, 2024	PA Day - No School Kindergarten Registration begins French Immersion Registration begins

## Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, January 31 - Save the date for an evening family event hosted by the School Council to officially launch the Active Transportation initiative
- Feb. 2 - PA Day

## Information from the Board

### Plans for the February 2 PA Day

(As per ministry policy, these must be posted two weeks in advance of the PA Day).

**Length:** Half Day - AM

**Topic:** Violence Prevention Training on Student Safety and Violent Incident Prevention

Entity Hosting: All Elementary Schools



**Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s):** Online module developed by Board staff, facilitated by Administration.

**Description:** Staff will be engaging in learning related to:

- developing relationships and identity-affirming working and learning environments;
- identifying warning signs that a person's behaviour may be escalating;
- responding to escalations using specific strategies;
- exploring case studies;
- following reporting procedures; and
- accessing support and resources.

**Length:** Half Day - PM

**Topic:** Literacy/Mathematics Instructional Strategies

**Entity Hosting:** All Elementary Schools

**Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s):** Teacher/DECE

**Description:** Staff will engage in self-directed learning to support instructional strategies including areas of literacy and mathematics.

## Community Information

- Markham Tamil Heritage Month event - Saturday, January, 20 from 5:00 - 8:30 at Middlefield Collegiate. See attached pdf for more information.