



Regency Acres Public School Home of the Griffins April 2015

From the Office of Ms. Leoni

If you have not already noticed, our school front entrance walls are in the process of being re-designed. When you enter the school, you can imagine sitting in a park. We hope you enjoy the landscape as you enter. Our goal is to make our school more inviting for parents and students. Moving forward, we will continue to imagine how to shift and re-create our learning and teaching spaces.

This month we also look forward to our Spring Fundraiser event, a **FITNESS-a-THON!** The fundraiser will run from March 31 until April 17. The Fitness-a-Thon will be held on April 22. The kick-off student assembly was Tues., March 31st at 9:00am. On this day, all Regency Families received their fundraising information. Please review the information that comes to your attention. We greatly appreciate your support. Your participation builds school spirit and with your help, we are able to purchase/access resources for students.

If you have a child that will be starting **Junior Kindergarten** at Regency Acres in September 2015, please come to the office to **register**, if you have not already done so. Please pass along this message if you have friends or neighbours who have Kinder-age students.

Parents/Guardians of Grade 5-8 students, a letter went home at the end of March providing information about a 30 minute **STUDENT CLIMATE SURVEY** in which every student in YRDSB in these grades will be invited to participate. The survey will be conducted from April 7 until May 15. This is a very important survey as the board and our school will review the results to identify area to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being.

Computers and other technological devices are clearly an integral part of learning. The internet provides our students with a wealth of information and resources. At the same time however, the internet allows students to enter another world of information so **please make sure computer usage and internet browsing is supervised and monitored by you.** Please take the time to review the *Computer Usage & Internet Safety* section of our newsletter. It would be a good idea to post this in your home. This is for your child's safety.

As we welcome the warm spring weather, we know that April often brings wet weather so please be mindful of the field conditions during the next two months. We are sometimes forced to close the field because of the mud. This means students are limited to play on the paved area and no balls are permitted to ensure student safety.

It has been a great couple of months at Regency so far. Thank you for your warm welcomes and the time you volunteer to support our school. The students and staff are wonderful and I feel honored to serve this school community. *Have a wonderful day!*

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Book Fair Class



Regency Spring Book Fair starts on Monday, April 13 at 8:30 a.m.

and closes on Friday, April 17 at 12:00 p.m.

Hours are:
Mon., April 13 - Friday April 17..... 8:30-4:00 p.m.
Wed., April 15.....
8:30-7:00 p.m.

Autism Awareness

Thursday, April 2, 2015

is World Autism Awareness Day. Let's **Light it Up Blue** Regency!

Students, staff, parents and community members are encouraged to wear blue in support of people with autism spectrum disorder and their families!

Ms. Jennings

On March 10th, Ms. Jennings' Grade 4 class had a gear workshop as part of our unit on Pulleys and Gears. We learned about gear trains and played with gears. It was fun.

Written by
Chiara and Sarah



Black History Month at Regency Acres



Over the family day weekend, our classmate, Tyriq, and his family went to Atlanta, Georgia to see Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth place. On February 27, 2015, his mom, Yolanda Cornwall, came into our class and spoke about their trip. Ms. Cornwall spoke about the racial problems that have occurred over time in our world. Her

mother's ancestors were one of the first black families to come to the United States, from England and Germany. Her family followed the Underground Railroad and eventually settled in Buxton Ontario, one of the first black communities in Canada. Her distant aunt, Mary Shadd-Cary was the first black woman to publish a newspaper. Tyriq's mom, Yolanda taught us a meaningful saying in the black community, "Rosa sat, so Martin could walk, so Barack could

run." We appreciate Ms. Cornwall's courage to come in and talk about her background and her parents' early difficulties when first coming to Canada. Her visit really made us think about how much courage it must have taken for Martin Luther King Jr. to stand up for equal rights for blacks in the U.S.A. and also for all cultures in the world.

Written By Yasmeen, Christina and Jake Mrs. Walsh's gr. 7 class

EQAO Testing

The Education Quality Accountability Office has set the dates from May 26-June 6 as the period in which our students are to complete the EQAO assessment. Grade 3 students are May

26-29 and Grade 6s are June 2-6. The Regency Acres' staff members will be administering the test throughout this period with our grades 3 and 6 students. We ask that parents of these stu-

dents ensure that the testing period be free from appointments. This will enable us to gather a complete set of data for each child. Your support is appreciated.

Class Placement Information and Requests

As the final term continues, we will be making decisions later this spring regarding class placements for next year. When organizing classes, we take into account many important factors to provide an optimum learning environment. These include: class size, student performance levels, gender and special needs. The following criteria will be used to determine student placement:

Academic Ability:

To ensure that all classes contain a balance of students with varying abilities.

Learning Styles:

To ensure that specific

student needs (learning styles, organizational skills, work habits and behaviour) are addressed.

Special Educational Needs:

To ensure that placement maximizes support and opportunities for success.

Maintaining Peer Groupings:

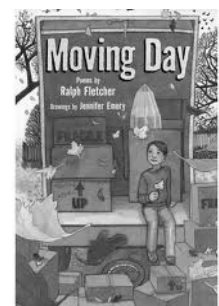
Students, where possible, will be placed to maintain positive peer support.

While we make no guarantees, we do our best to meet requests.

Please submit requests not later than May 1st, 2015.

Are you Moving?

Please let us know if you are planning a move. This information helps us immensely when planning for next year. Please notify the school office, or send a note in with your child as soon as possible.



ECO Tip and Healthy Corner

Match the saucepan size to the hob ring.

"When cooking, ensure that the size of the saucepan matches the size of the hob ring you are using. This applies to both gas and electric cookers. This means you are not paying (as much) to heat the air. Gas flames should only heat the bottom of the pan and not the sides. This will also help prolong the life of your saucepans." Regency Acres is committed to healthy living opportunities through both fitness and nutrition. Our healthy schools cart continues to be a hit with our students, who are able to

help themselves to healthy snacks of fruit, vegetables, cheese and crackers each day. The donations that continue to come in have helped to keep our cart fully stocked so that we can continue to provide students with healthy alternatives. If you would like to donate to our healthy school's cart, please feel free to drop off your contributions to the office. Thank you.

A big thank you needs to go out to our Healthy Schools Committee and our committed parent volunteers for a very successful

Booster Juice Day on Tuesday, March 24. The teachers and students thought this special healthy treat was so fantastic that we hope to do it again. Keep your eyes open for order forms later this month. As the weather improves and the sun begins to shine, we hope that you and your children have an opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors and begin to walk or ride to school again. Bike racks are available at the sides of the school - all you need is a lock!



Lego Robotics Challenge



On March 11, Regency students participated in Nobleton Public School's Lego Robotics Challenge. Our 5 teams consisted of Seth, Keown, Michael P., Ashton, Jake, Emma P., Owen C., Liam, Finn, Brandon, Logan, Melanie, Brooke S., Brayden B., Jonah, Luke O., Nick L., Yasmeen and Sidney. Our teams have been

working since December to perfect their robots. Other team members were Christina, Megan W., Bryn, Rachel W. and Jesse. We were excited to win "Most Effective Design Ball Drop Challenge Intermediate Division" this year. Congratulations to all members for a great competition. Thank you very much to our parents who drove.



York Region District School Board Student Surveys

In order to provide information for Board and School planning, York Region District School Board students in Grades 5 to 12 will be invited to participate in a school survey. The survey, which is anonymous and confidential, will be conducted from **April 7 to May 15,**

2015 and will take place at school. The information from this survey will be used to identify areas to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. Aligned with Board priorities, the survey will address

topics including equity and inclusion, school safety, learning environment, student well-being and other priorities.

If you have questions, please contact the school office.

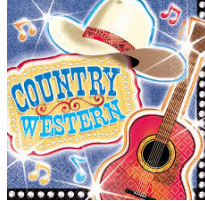


Spirit Day- Western Style Jersey Day



Friday, April 24, will be Regency's next Spirit Day .

Please wear your "Western Gear" and come to school ready to "Walk in cowboy boots, hats, jeans, plaid shirts and scarves."



Jersey Day on March 27, was a big hit! Thank you Regency for all being part of our Spirit Day.



Safety in Our School

REMINDER: A reminder to visitors to please sign in and take a sticker at the office. We also ask that you use the front doors of the school when leaving at all times of the day. Thank You.



Each year, the Staff of Regency Acres P.S. takes time to thank all those parents and community members who volunteer their time to help make the school year extra special. Whether helping to tie skates, shelve books, photocopy and create work materials, organizing hot lunches, or working directly with our students, our volunteers work hard and are truly appreciated. This

Volunteer Tea

year, we will be having a Volunteer Breakfast, from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 16 to thank our volunteers. Invitations will be sent home Thursday, April 2nd. If you volunteered this year and do not receive an invitation, please contact Mrs. Claus at the school so that we can make sure your hard work and dedication can be acknowledged.



In and Around Regency Acres

