

Regency Acres Public School
Home of the Griffins April 2017

From the Office of Ms. Leoni
Hello Regency Families

I just wanted to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of reporting your child's absence and lateness to school. If your child is absent, please contact the office by calling the school number to report it. You can leave a message. If your child arrives late to school they must report to the office. Parents, please do not escort your child to their classrooms.

If you or someone you know has a child who is expected to start Junior Kindergarten at our school this September 2017, registration at the school is important as we are planning classes for next school year. Please visit our office in person to register for Junior Kindergarten. **If you are moving to another school or out of York Region, it is important that our office is aware.**

April 7th is Regency's Dance-a-thon! The students are so excited about it. There are many great prizes to win and the students are working hard at getting their pledges. "Professor Jamz" is our DJ for the day and he'll be putting on a great dance! Thank you for supporting another great fundraising event.

As was previously communicated, all Grade 5-8 students across YRDSB will be completing a Student Climate survey this year. Our school is scheduled to complete the survey by April 7th. Please note that a blank copy of these surveys are in the office for parent review. Parent Climate surveys will also be scheduled soon. More information will follow. School and regional results for all Student, Parent and Staff surveys will be available in Fall 2017. This information provides rich data for our school and school board and informs planning around student achievement and well-being.

Please note that the school will be closed on Friday April 14 and Monday April 17 due to Easter holidays.

Happy Spring!

Lisa Leoni-Prinicpal

Parking

Our **Kiss and Ride** area (which has been used for parking during the day and after school) **has been IDENTIFIED by the Fire Department as a FIRE ROUTE.**

Appropriate signage has been installed in this area.

By-Law officers will be enforcing this area Kiss and Ride will operate the same way so our morning drop-off procedures will not be impacted (since it is a "moving line"). However, beyond this time, **no cars should be parked in this area**, regardless of time.

Thank you for your understanding.



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<http://www.regencyacres.ps.yrdsb.ca>

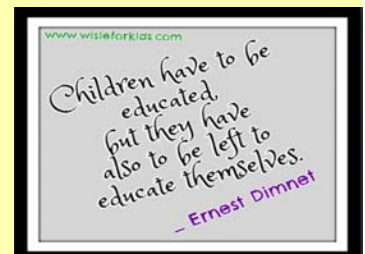
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ALLOW CHILDREN TO
BE HAPPY IN THEIR
OWN WAY, FOR
WHAT BETTER WAY
WILL THEY FIND?

~ Samuel Johnson



Regency wore BLUE on April 3 to celebrate Autism Awareness





Regency Book Fair



A big THANK YOU to all those parents and students who supported our first two book fairs this year. With your support, we have been able to purchase many new books, and a specialty book cart. This cart will allow books to be grouped by theme, allowing classroom teachers quick access to books of interest, such as inclusion, family, and getting along with others. We will have our last Book fair of the year in early June. It is a buy one, get one free event. Students and parents may purchase one item, and get one item of equal or lesser value for free. More details will be shared closer to the event.



Earth Hour at Regency



I FIND TELEVISION VERY EDUCATING. EVERY TIME SOMEBODY TURNS ON THE SET, I GO INTO THE OTHER ROOM AND READ A BOOK.

GROUCHO MARX

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A CHILD HAS A SPECIAL WAY,
of adding joy
to every day!

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.



BOKS

We are pleased to announce the launch of **BOKS**, a free before school physical activity program, at **Regency Acres Public School**. BOKS prepares children for a day of learning and is an important step in helping children gain an appreciation of the benefits of exercise and healthy choices that will last a lifetime. **BOKS** was inspired by Dr. John Ratey's book "Spark". Dr. Ratey, of Harvard Medical School, states that "exercise is the single most powerful tool that we have to optimize the function of our brains." Classes are filled with team-oriented games and provide plenty of opportunity for play, since the program focuses on fun!

Typical BOKS Class

- § 30 minutes long
- § Fun warm-up game or movement drills
- § Running activity, relay races, obstacle courses and strength movements
- § Fun game
- § Cool down and a BOKS Bit nutritional talk

When is BOKS?

BOKS will run every **WEDNESDAY** from **7:30 – 8:00AM**. Depending on weather, we will be either in the gym or outside. The session starts **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26th** and the last day will be **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st**.

How do I sign up?

Permission letters will be sent home next week. Please have your child return the BOKS permission form to **MRS. MOFFITT** or **MRS. THOMAS**. A.S.A.P. (There is a limit of 25 students/session).

Feel free to visit the BOKS website at www.bokskids.ca for more program details.

We hope that you will share our enthusiasm for this program and you will, in turn, see a positive impact on your children.

Active Kids = Active Minds

The Regency Run

**RUN
AND BE
HAPPY.**

DAY 4,
PERIOD 1
8:30 AM
The Regency Run is a group, morning

run, aimed at harnessing exercise to help kids focus, learn and remember. A past Regency teacher, Jennifer Burt, spearheaded this research, and Mrs. Moffitt's class named it Fit4Life. Following the year-long fitness program, significant improvement in the students' school work, attendance, behaviour and self-esteem were noted by both Mrs. Moffitt & Ms. Thomas and most importantly by both the students and their parents. These positive results convinced the entire school to adopt these morning workouts. Since then, participation in the weekly run has grown from one class to over 10

classes, ranging from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8. Our first Regency Run, for 2017, will take place on Tuesday, April 4th. It will continue, every Day 4, at 8:30 a.m. (weather permitting). Parents are welcome to join us as we continue to have fun and get fit at Regency. Interested classes, please meet outside by the Kindergarten Courtyard following morning attendance. Teachers will be running and walking along with Regency students. F.Y.I...My Grade 6/7s will run alongside their Learning Buddies from Mrs. Carretta's class.

Remember...."Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body!"

Pause to Play

The Pause to Play initiative is a way to celebrate and embrace physical literacy. It is a day devoted to developing the fundamental movement skills that all children need through a sport or activity that they perhaps have not yet been introduced to. We typically begin the day with the Regency Run, followed by a rotation of electives (chosen by students in advance). Activities offered on this day include cricket, karate, soccer, circus arts, basketball, yoga and playground time (to name a few). Our event relies on the generous contribution of volunteer time and skill set. Our Pause to Play day will take place on April 28th at various locations within the school and surrounding fields/park. Stay tuned for additional details as they become available and please reach out to Healthy Schools Chair Jill Snider with any questions you may have.



★ Let the children PLAY
stomp in PUDDLES climb trees
Dig in the Dirt go on a
bug hunt make mud pies
ROLL DOWN a HILL build
a cubby make a daisy chain
create a garden for fairies
Playing outside makes children
★ smarter
healthier
happier

York Region District School Board Summer Camps



The York Region District School Board **Summer Institute** is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Programs are offered in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. See the Summer Institute Locations Map. YMCA Before and After-care Registration; available at all locations **Weekly Sessions July 4, 2016 to August 11, 2017** For registration informa-

tion and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit www.yrdsb.ca and select programs and services. For additional information please email: performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca or call 905-884-2046 ext. 240.

EQAO Testing

The Education Quality Accountability Office has set the dates from May 29 - June 9 as the period in which our students are to complete the EQAO assessment. Grade 3 and Grade 6s are May 29 to June 1.

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.



Air Band

Save the date:

Regency Annual AirBand.
June 1st at 7:00 p.m.
Regency Annual Air Band



Volunteer Tea

Each year, the Staff and students 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, drive students to games, photocopy and create work materials, organizing

hot lunches, or working directly with our students, our volunteers work hard and are truly appreciated. This year, we will be having our Volunteer Tea, from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 27 to thank our volunteers. Invitations will be sent home by Friday, April 14th. Please be sure to RSVP. If you volunteered this year and do not receive

an invitation, please contact Mrs. Sandiford or Mrs. Claus at the school so that we can make sure that your hard work and dedication can be acknowledged.



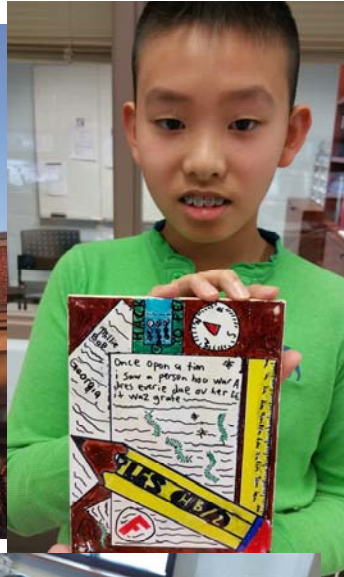
Budding flowers, sprouting trees
Chirping birds and buzzing bees
Daffodils blossom, grass starts to grow,
Little hints of Springtime are beginning to show!



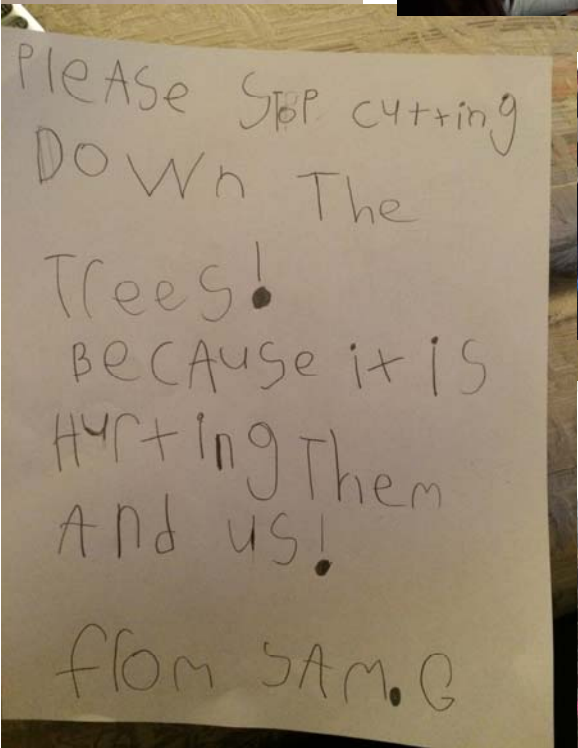
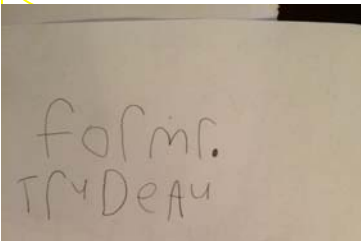
please excuse the
mess
the kids are busy making
Memories

In and Around

Regency



A letter to our Prime Minister from Sam Glidden—Grade 1



News from School Council

The last School Council meeting was held on March 30, 2017. Here are some updates:

Ski Nights were a great success this year. There was a strong turnout for all 3. Rodney Mooy is looking to expand the program next year. Thank you again to Rodney and Brendt for running this fun family activity.

Dance-A-Thon is April 7 and students are excited to participate! More prizes arrived late last week and the deadline to return the pledge envelope was extended to April 7. Thank you to the parent community for all of your support!

Lifetouch Photography promo: Lifetouch will be taking "sibling" pictures on April 20 and for every student that has their picture taken, the school will receive \$1.00! Details will be sent home soon.

Earth Week Fair - Town of Aurora is Wednesday April 20. This is a fun ECO themed event that families can participate in. You can test drive an electric car!

Bag2School clothing drive will run April 24 - 26. The school has sent out the details and our target this year is to collect more than 2 tonnes. Pack up your unwanted goods and bring them in to support this cause. All funds raised are donated back to the community.

International Educators: Regency is honored to have been chosen as a host for an International Educator visit. About 20 Educators from Taiwan will visit the school on April 26. They will see some of the classes and speak to students as part of a professional learning exchange.

Pause-to-Play will be Friday April 28. This was a very popular event last year. There are great activities already booked and more to come. Jill Snider will send details soon.

Looking ahead, the next big item for School Council is to assign **parent leads** for the various activities next year. Jill Snider, Healthy Schools Chair and Leah Clark, Fundraising Chair will be reaching out to current, and new, parent leads soon. Regency is fortunate to have the depth of parent volunteers that it has. Without volunteers we could not continue to bring such a variety of activities, food programs, and events to the students. Thank you to all of our awesome parent volunteers!

Our next school council meeting is Wednesday April 19. We hope to see you there.

Joan Lash
Chair, School Council



Student Council

The ninth annual World Autism Awareness Day is April 2, 2017. Every year, autism organizations around the world celebrate the day with unique fundraising and awareness-raising events. Regency recognizes this on April 3rd. Everyone was encouraged to bring in a dollar to raise money for autism research and wear as much blue clothing as you can for House Colour Points! Light it up **BLUE**, Regency!