

Regency Acres Public School
Home of the Griffins April 2018

Principal's Message

Dear Regency Families

I wanted to take this moment to introduce new long-term occasional teachers to our school. Ms. Brett is replacing Mrs. Digrigoli. Mrs. Digrigoli is a new mom and enjoying her maternity leave. Ms. Dennys is replacing Mrs. Cameron as she too is enjoying her parental leave. Ms. Brett and Ms. Dennys will be at our school until the end of June.

Our Salad Days continue to be a great success! The students LOVE the options provided. If you have not yet ordered salad as a lunch option for your child(ren), I would encourage you to try as it's a great nutritional option.

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 his/her classrooms.

If you or someone you know has a child who is expected to start Junior Kindergarten at our school this September 2018, 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.**

Please note that the school will be closed on Friday, March 30 and Monday, April 2 due to Easter holidays.

Happy Spring!

Lisa Leoni
Principal

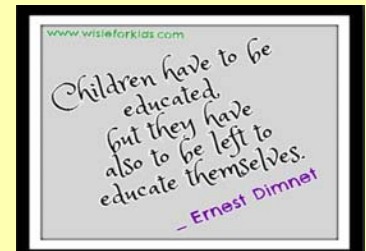
Volunteers

We are looking for parents/guardians to volunteer at our school during events.

We have Hot Dog days; Pizza Days; Fundraising Events and other events that may come up during the school year.

Please contact our office for more information.

Thank you.



Parking

A reminder to parents that the south parking lot (by St. Joseph's) is for staff and bus parking only. Parents who are dropping off or picking up their children are asked to please use the north lot.



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



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

GEORGE ORWELL

"EVERY ACCOMPLISHMENT STARTS WITH THE DECISION TO TRY"



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



From the Library

February and March were a busy time in the library, from the Brainpower@Regency STEAM Conference, to the Scholastic Book Fair, to all new shelving in our Non-fiction section, to a library and Makerspace update and reorganization.

The Regency staff would like to send out a HUGE Thank You! to the following businesses / community members who supported our STEAM Conference: Hatch Coding, STEM Minds, Staples Aurora, EverFi, Activate Aurora, Healthy Kids Community Challenge, Mark Kolb (Brain Games), Jumping Clay Club, YRDSB Consultants and teachers, MDA (creators of the CanadaArm) and Leona Alleslev MP and her office for their amazing support.

April looks to be a quieter month in the library. There are many new fiction, non-fiction and picture books for students to sign out. Students are reminded to return their books each week so they can participate in their regular book exchange. Missing or damaged books will need to be replaced. There is a fee for replacing these books, which varies, depending on the cost of the book. Grade 8 students will need to ensure all books are returned before the end of June. Students will need to access their high school library in grade 9, and will not be able to sign out books until their elementary library accounts are cleared.



RAPS Student Council News

Regency's Student Council is now up and running. We have many exciting things planned for the remainder of this school year! Some of these include various School Spirit Days! On March 29th we will have JERSEY DAY and April 18th will be CRAZY HAIR DAY! For these Spirit days, our council members will be going around to all the classrooms to give house colour points. *Go Red! Go Blue! Go Green! Go Yellow!* We look forward to serving our school community this year. For April, we have planned the following activities:

Light It Up Blue!

April 2nd is Autism Awareness Day and our school will be recognizing this day on April 3rd. We ask that all students and staff wear blue on this day to show their support! We will also be making beaded bracelets and we encourage everyone to bring \$1.00 towards Autism research .

Earth Day Clean Up.

Earth Day is on Sunday, April 22nd this year. Our school will be recognizing this day on April 20th by hosting a school yard clean up.



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.



Congratulations to all BOKs participants on another successful session! We salute you for waking up early to **WORKOUT** every Tuesday and Thursday morning! Our school was lucky to be chosen for a BOKs professional photoshoot last month. Students who volunteered to participate received **FREE** Reeboks workout clothing and shoes, and even had their hair and make-up done (they looked great)! The photos and video footage will be used to promote BOKs programs in other schools. A very heartfelt thank you to Ms. Thomas and Mrs. Moffitt for running this incredible program. We are so thankful and so appreciative to have teachers like you at our school!



See ya later, Alligator
 In a while, Crocodile
 Bye Bye, Butterfly
 Be Sweet, Parakeet
 Giz a Hug, Ladybug
 See ya soon, Raccoon
 Out the door, Dinosaur
 Take care, Polar Bear
 So Long, King Kong
 Here's a Kiss, Goldfish
 Toodle-loo, Kangaroo

The Regency Run

DAY 4, PERIOD 1, 8:30 AM. Starting APRIL 5. 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 yearlong 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 2018,

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!"



★ 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 Aftercare Registration; available at all locations **Weekly Sessions July 3, 2018 to August 10, 2018**

For registration information 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 28 -June 9 as the period in which our students are to complete the EQAO assessment. Grade 3 and Grade 6s are May 28 to May 30, 2018.

Safety in Our School



REMINDER: A reminder to visitors to please sign in and take a sticker at the office.

We ask the Parents/ Guardians please wait in the office when picking up students. We also ask that you use the front doors of the school when leaving at all times of the day.

Thank you.

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



Volunteer Tea- in May

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, later in MAY to thank our volunteers. Invitations will be sent home by early May. Please be sure to RSVP. If you volunteered this year and do not receive an invitation, please contact

Mrs. Sandiford at the school so that we can make sure that your hard work and dedication can be acknowledged.



In and Around Regency Acres



News from School Council

Happy Spring!!!!

It seems hard to believe that there are really only a few months left in the school year, but here we are at the beginning of April already. Our last School Council meeting was held on March 21. We are excited about the Dance-a-thon Fundraiser on April 27. So keep your eyes on your email as we will be needing volunteers!

We are working as well on a new idea to be held in conjunction with the Spring Concert and Bake Sale coming up on May 31. You will likely be seeing some requests for art related supplies, either through your child's classroom teacher or a general request through our wonderful front office staff. This is an exciting new idea headed up by one of our School Council members, Sera Weiss. We can't quite let you in on it just yet though.....

Bag -to- School will also be back, so please set aside any items that you are considering letting go of during your spring cleaning. We will be collecting items from April 23 and the pick up date is April 26.

Again we turn our thoughts to the year to come. We have a number of key volunteers on School Council who will be moving on as their children move on from Regency. We are so fortunate to have so many parents who give of themselves, but we need to ensure we are able to move forward each year. Please consider volunteering as a member of School Council. Our next meeting is Wednesday April 18, 2018. All meetings start at 7:00 p.m.. If you would like more information about what is involved, either drop in and see what happens at the next meeting or feel free to email your enquiry to Regency.Acres.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca.

Regards,

Kathy Duncan, Chair

