



# Regency Acres P.S.

York Region District School Board



## From the Office of Regency Acres

Dear Regency Families,

I can't believe it is already December! The weather is getting colder and we expect that Kiss N Ride will be busier. If you are using Kiss N Ride, please follow the traffic rules (i.e., NO U-Turns, no parking on the road). The safety of our students is paramount! The winter break is fast approaching and **Friday, December 22 will be the last day of school**. The school break begins Monday, December 25 and ends Friday, January 5. **School resumes Monday, January 8, 2018.**

This month, we are excited about Festive Shop. Many families and community members donated items and we thank them for their generosity. Festive Shop dates are December 7 and 8. Festive Shop is open to staff and parents after school on December 8<sup>th</sup>. **The Holiday Concert will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.** On this evening there will be a bake sale that will support Regency's Healthy School initiatives.

This month, we hope to form our Student Council Committee. Every student in Grade 4-8 will have an opportunity to vote for a student Prime Minister, Deputy PM, Speaker of the House and Ministers. Student Council is a great leadership opportunity for our elected students. Each Gr. 4-8 class will also have elected class reps and other students will be able to get involved with student-led committees and initiatives. Our student voice matters!

On behalf of our entire staff at Regency, we would like to extend our wishes to all families who are celebrating, vacationing, or taking time to enjoy the break. We will see you all next year!

Sincerely, Lisa Leoni, Principal

## Message from our Trustee

In November, about 1,000 students, staff members and community partners came together from across the Board to form a [Ring of Peace](#) and stand together against hate, discrimination and intolerance. The student speakers at the event shared meaningful messages about the importance of feeling welcome, valued and respected.

At York Region District School Board, we are committed to listening to the voices of our students and communities. We will continue working with our school communities to ensure our schools provide safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for everyone.

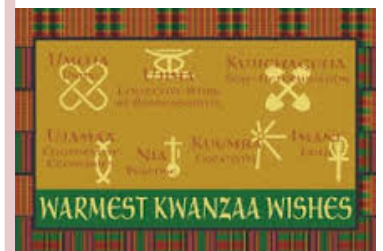
Last month, our annual [Quest conference](#) brought together educators from across Ontario, Canada and around the world to share, learn and discuss how to foster well-being in schools. Some of the themes covered included equity and inclusivity, and safe and caring environments.

It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about some of the positive things happening in our own schools and other districts. In recent months, we have had several international visitors come to our system and schools to learn more about the work in our system to support student achievement and well-being, including Qatar, the Netherlands, Texas and the United Kingdom.

We are pleased to have these opportunities to continue highlighting and sharing the great things happening in our schools thanks to our outstanding students, staff members, families and community partners. Your engagement makes a difference in our schools and I encourage you to continue getting involved in the life of your child's school.

As we enter the holiday season, I am once again impressed by the generosity of our school communities and our students' commitment to helping others.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2018.



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## From the Library at Regency Acres

Thank you to all the staff, families, friends and neighbours of Regency Acres P.S. who came out to Chapters in Newmarket on Wednesday, November 15th, and got a start on your holiday shopping! While completing some shopping, you helped put many new books into the hands of our students. Your on going support of our library and Makerspace is truly appreciated.

As you clean over the holidays and come across items that may support our Makerspace, please put them aside and drop them off in December or January. We are always looking for building toys (such as Lego, Duplo, K'Nex, etc.), craft materials, boxes, tubes, and much more. If you are not sure if an item would be suitable, please feel free to call or email Mrs.

Claus at the school to check.

Our Forest of Reading Book Club is now underway. If you have a child in grades 5-8 who would like to join but hasn't, it's not too late. Have them drop in to see Mrs. Claus for a sign up form. Children in younger grades are reading the books as part of their library or literacy programs.

### **BrainPower! STEAM Conference**

Regency Acres is excited to host its first ever BrainPower! STEAM Conference for students in grades 4-8. On February 22, 2018 students will listen to a guest speaker and then participate in three different 1-hour break out sessions, related to a variety of topics in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts or Math. We have already confirmed several guest presenters including YRDSB Educational Consultants, and a variety of school and community members in these fields. If you own or work for a company that would be interested in hosting at least one 1 hour hands-on session for our students, and would like more information, please contact Mrs. Claus. More details for our students about the sessions and signing up will be coming out in the new year

## YRDSB Teachers Receive Canada 150 Citizenship Award

*Aurora, ON* - On November 13, 2017, Member of Parliament for Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill, Leona Alleslev, awarded Canada 150 Citizenship awards to Teacher-Librarian, Robin Morrison-Claus and Teacher, Stephen Lanning of Regency Acres P.S.

The Canada 150 Citizenship Award is an initiative carried out by Members of Parliament across Canada to recognize individuals who have worked hard to better their community, their country, and have made important contributions that are bigger than themselves.

Morrison-Claus and Lanning were recognized for their commitment to Thought Leadership through their creation and implementation of the Regency Acres P.S. classroom sized Makerspace which allows whole classes to explore STEM concepts. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) learning opportunities allow students to explore their critical thinking skills and introduces them to real world problem solving scenarios.

"Robin and Stephen have inspired a huge pedagogical shift that has inspired new learning for our students," said Lisa Leoni, Principal of Regency Acres P.S. "The students are so fortunate to have teachers that go above and beyond."

Morrison-Claus is currently organizing a full day BrainPower! STEAM Conference set for February, where students can further explore STEAM subject areas as they relate to their everyday world and future career possibilities.

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## Holiday Concert

Thursday, December 14  
7– 9 p.m.

Families and Friends of Regency Acres are invited to enjoy an evening celebration of the Arts.



Come out and listen to the sound of music as the Primary Choir sings for your enjoyment.

The Grade 7 and 8 Bands will be performing a selection of songs.

Art pieces created by students will be on display.

All are welcome

## Bakers Needed for Regency Bake Sale

Call out to Moms, Dads, Kids, Family members... WE NEED BAKERS!!!

Regency will be having a bake sale in the small gym, the evening of the **Winter Concert on Thursday, December 14th from 6:00 - 6:45 pm** and following the concert.

We are looking for bakers to donate delicious cupcakes, cookies, cakes, squares, and nut free treats. The proceeds from this bake sale will go towards healthy school student initiatives (e.g. fitness events, student workshops, school clubs, stu-

dent council support etc.).

Baked goods can be delivered anytime during the day on December 14 or sent with your child to school. Please deliver by 5:30 pm at the latest so we have time to set up.

Please contact Sandy Kennedy if you are able to help out with this tasty fundraiser!

[sandraknnd25@gmail.com](mailto:sandraknnd25@gmail.com)

Thank you for your support!



## QSP

Go SHOPPING at [www.QSP.ca](http://www.QSP.ca) and you'll be supporting our school at the same time. Our school group number is 3725249 and the internet site is open to take your order 24 hours a day. No line-ups, no gift wrapping and free delivery anywhere in Canada. QSP also offers a free e-card service. A gift of a magazine subscription is like giving a gift every month for an entire year!

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.*

## FOOD DRIVE

We will be running a Food And Toiletries Drive beginning this Friday December 1. It will run for 1 week. Students may bring their donated items down and place them under the tree in the front hall.

All non-perishable items will be accepted, but there has been a special request for allergen-free foods.

Thank you!







## Festive Shop at Regency

We are pleased to announce the return of Festive Shop on **December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to get in the holiday spirit and shop for each of their family members.

We are asking for YOUR help. Please take this opportunity to re-gift or clear out unwanted, new or gently used items you think other moms, dads and siblings of all ages would appreciate, the more variety the better!

The Festive Shop will be held in the small gym on December 7th and 8th. Each class will be invited to the shop to choose and purchase their gifts while volunteers will assist and gift wrap them and there so the students can bring their holiday gifts home to their family.

**Once again** we will be pleased to open the Festive Shop to parents and staff after school on December 9<sup>th</sup> once all children have had the opportunity to choose their gifts.



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION EARLY 2018



**Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 19, 2018**

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 19, 2018 for the 2018-19 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Children who turn four or five years old

during 2018, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.

## Inclement Weather

The imminent arrival of winter reminds us of the possibility of snow days. The School Board cancels bus transportation should they believe that it is unsafe to send them out on the roads and if a long wait in the cold could put students at risk. On these days the schools remain open in order for our students to have a safe place to stay during the day.

Our teachers who are able to get to school provide programs for our students, although modified. We do not support students phoning their parents in order to go home once they have arrived.

Please be reminded that the schools remain open and we will care for your child/ren.

Beginning in December all bus cancellation, inclement weather and school closure information will be available on our school website and Board website.

If you make arrangements to bring your child/ren to school please remember to make arrangements for them to be picked up also.

A reminder that during inclement weather the following radio stations will be notified of any bus cancellations:

A bus cancellation message will also be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.

## Hot Lunch Snow Days

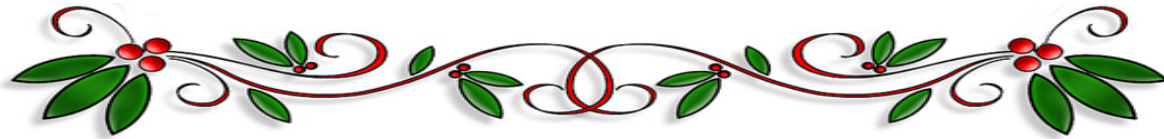
In the event of a SNOW Day (either bus or school cancellation), the Wednesday Hot Lunch program will be postponed. It will be delivered to students on the next fully operational school day. Please note that no pizza or sub lunches will be served on Snow Days. If you send your child to school on a Snow Day, you **must** send a lunch with them.

CJCL 590 AM; CKDX 88.5 FM; 640 AM; JACK 92.5 FM; NEWS 680 AM; CHAY 93.1 FM; CJBC 860 AM; CJEZ 97.3 FM; CFRB 1010 AM; CHFI 98.1 FM; CHUM 1050 AM; CHUM 104.5 FM; CKFM 99.9 FM; CHIN 1540 AM; CJBC 860 AM; CBC 99.1 FM.

### TELEVISION

CITY TV, CTV Barrie, CTV Toronto CP24, GLOBAL NEWS.





## Helping Hands Food Drive

We will be running a Food And Toiletries Drive beginning this Wednesday, November 30. It will run for 1 week. Students may bring their donated items down and place them under the tree in the front hall.

All non-perishable items will be accepted, but there has been a special request for allergen-free foods.



## School Board Policy Regarding the Clearing of Snow and Ice



### What are the main snow/ice clearance responsibilities that are to be undertaken by Caretaking staff?

The main responsibility of Caretakers is to maintain sidewalks, stairs, ramps, and entrance ways that are not serviced by contractors, as well as any defined paths or patches to accommodate students with mobility issues and/or general safety.

Maintenance by Caretakers includes snow blowing and/or shoveling, as well as the distribution of an "ice melt" product or sand.

Caretakers can use "ice melt" and/or pickled sand to address *small* ice covered areas in the parking lot or other paved areas that may pose a risk to staff or students. Caretakers must not use "ice melt" and/or pickled sand on any grassed areas.

### Can Caretaking staff be asked to clear the entire paved playground area?

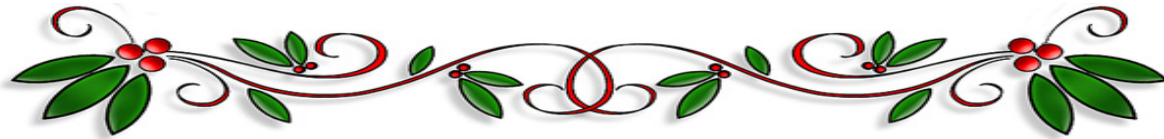
No. Such an undertaking puts both the Caretaking staff and equipment at risk. Snow blowing a few access paths to the field area and/or using salt/sand to create paths are more viable practices. Also, "ice melt" and/or pickled sand may be used to address small ice-covered areas.

### Can Caretaking staff be asked to salt or sand an entire paved playground area?

No. Salting of this magnitude creates a number of environmental concerns. Sand, when tracked into the building, acts as an abrasive on floors and can do significant damage

Please also note that if a path is cleared from The Town of Aurora Park land that leads to our school the school does not maintain the upkeep of it. If you are using this path to get to school please use with care.





## QSP Fundraising

It's time to announce the winners of our QSP fundraiser! Thanks to all of the parents, friends, and students who supported this year's QSP fundraiser, we exceeded our goal of \$10,000! Your support is what made this year's fundraiser a success!

Mrs. Tessier and Mrs. Cameron's classes won a pizza party for the highest number of sales and the highest participation rate, respectively. Students will enjoy their victory lunch on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

In our primary level, James in Mrs. Birt's class won a Cineplex movie gift card and Sebastian in Mrs. Gray's class won Lego Space Building Cards. In the junior level, Genna in Mrs. Tessier's class won a JoyRide 150 day pass and Allen in Mrs. Thomas' class won a Lego Star Wars set. In the Intermediate level, Kira in Mrs. Moffitt's class won a VR Zone gift card and Jonah in Mr. Moore's class won a Labyrinth Escape Room gift card.

As part of a draw, Skyzone passes were awarded to Chloe in Mrs. Moffitt's class, Matthew in Mrs. Digrigoli's class, August in Mrs. Carretta's class, Soleil in Mr. Lanning's class, and Aidan in Mrs. Tessier's class. Free coupons for frozen yogurt days were awarded to Sierra Wallace in Mr. Moore's class and Kathleena Kareklas in Mrs. Tessier's class. Free coupons for popcorn days were awarded to Jacob Leiher in Mr. Fuller's class and Ava in Mrs. Digrigoli's class. A tower building set, along with a RAPS stainless steel water bottle, were awarded to Sloan in Mrs. Birt's class, Megan in Mr. Moore's class, and Sabrina in Mrs. Thomas' class. Ava in Mrs. Digrigoli's class and Tenzin in Mrs. Choy's class both won a paint kit, along with a full set of coop collectibles.

All parents and sponsors were entered into a draw to win five family passes for four to the Hockey Hall of Fame. Our winners are Frank Pereira, supporting Kathleen in Mrs. Tessier's class, Debby Wojtka, supporting Landon in Mrs. Modelli's class, Eugenia Raguimov, supporting Veronica in Mrs. Carretta's class, Jackie Wonch, supporting Abigail in Mrs. Choy's class, and Carol Brunton, supporting Charles in Mrs. Cameron's class.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

A special thank you to the businesses who made all of these prizes possible:

Labyrinth Mystery Rooms in Aurora; JoyRide 150 Indoor Bike Park in Markham; VR Zone in Markham; Skyzone Indoor Trampoline Park in Vaughan; Mastermind Toys in Aurora; Honda Canada in Markham







# In and Around Regency

