



Regency Acres P.S.

York Region District School Board



From the Office of Regency Acres

Dear Regency Families,

I wanted to start by acknowledging Mrs. Moffitt who recently celebrating 30 years of teaching at Regency Acres PS!

She started at our school as a teacher in 1988! A curious student who learned of this news did some math and came to the office to share that Mrs. Moffitt has taught over 700 students as a homeroom teacher! I would like to give a big applause to her and thank her for her service and dedication to our students and families over the years. The greatest thing is that she loves her job and always wears a smile!

It's December already! 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 21 will be the last day of school**. The school break begins Monday, December 24 and ends Friday, January 4. **School resumes Monday, January 7, 2019.**

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 12 and 13. Festive Shop is open to staff and parents after school on December 13th. **The Holiday Concert will be held on December 20 from 10:35-12:00.** **All Regency Families are welcome to attend.**

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



KINDERGARTEN

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



REGISTRATION IS COMING!

Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 18, 2019

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 18, 2019 for the 2019-20 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2019, 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.

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From the Library at Regency Acres



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.

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.

BrainPower! STEAM Conference

Regency Acres is excited to host its second BrainPower! STEAM Conference for students in grades 4-8. On February 27, 2019 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.

Regency Acres will be hosting a fundraising night at Chapters in Newmarket, January 22nd, from 6-8pm. This is the culminating activity of our Regency Read-A-Thon. We hope you will come out to Chapters for a story, some shopping and help support our Library!

Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information Sessions

Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 17, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2019 <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 18, 2019. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2019, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. This Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to

the designated FI program location to register, between January 18 and February 8, 2019. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 8, 2019. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Accommodation Plan

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.





Festive Shop at Regency

We are pleased to announce the return of Festive Shop on **December 12th and 13th**. 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 12th and 13th. 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 13th once all children have had the opportunity to choose their gifts.



Holiday Concert

**Thursday, December 20
10:35 a.m.**

Families and Friends of Regency Arts are invited to enjoy a morning celebration of the Arts.

All are welcome

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 Hot Dog 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.

SPIRIT DAY—Jersey

December 7th is Spirit Day. Wear your Jersey to school.



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.

Inclement Weather

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 and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.

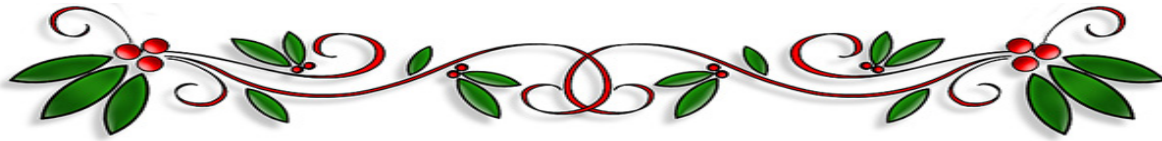
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640 AM; JACK 92.5 FM; NEWS 680 AM; CHAY 93.1 FM; CJBC 860 AM; CJEZ 97.3 FM; CFRB 1010 AM; CHFI 98.1 FM; CHUM 1050 AM; CHUM 104.5 FM; CKFM 99.9 FM; CHIN 1540 AM; CJBC 860 AM; CBC 99.1 FM.

TELEVISION

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





Helping Hands Food and Toiletries Drive

We will be running a Food And Toiletries Drive beginning this December 3rd. It will run for 2 weeks. 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.

Donations will be given to the Aurora Food Pantry, Belinda's Place and Inn From The Cold. Thank you!



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. Caretak-

ers 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?

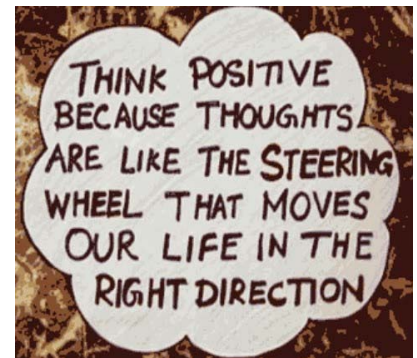
No. Such an undertaking puts both the Caretaking staff and equipment at risk. Snow blowing a few access paths to the field area and/or using salt/sand to create paths are more viable practices. Also, "ice melt" and/or pickled sand may be used to address small ice-covered areas.

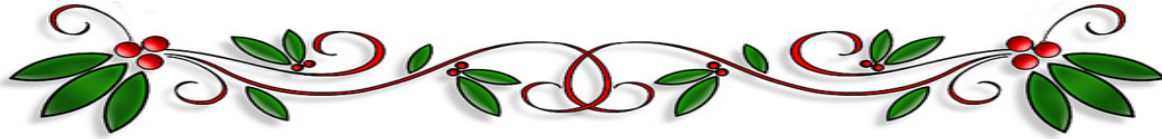
Can Caretaking staff be asked to salt or sand an entire paved playground area?

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.





School Council

Happy Holidays!!! As we roll towards the end of 2018 and the New Year, members of School Council would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.



Minutes
from our
meetings!

November was a busy month. We had our Parent Information night which came together on a wing and a prayer - thank you to Ms. Leoni, York Regional Police and Sandy Kennedy. Every year for the past number of years we have successfully applied to the Province for a "Parent Reaching Out (PRO)" grant. Unfortunately this year, the grants have been put on hold by the province, and as such we were not able to fund the speaker we had originally planned for. This led to some impressive scrambling on our part to still provide something to parents without incurring costs.

Ms. Leoni and Kathy Duncan attended the School Council Forum held by the Board. There we learned about the great level of feedback the board received from the community with respect to the Trustee's Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022. They received over 2,000 pieces of feedback through the 5 Town Hall meetings which were held across the Region as well as the online survey. The plan has identified four areas of priority based on the feedback received:

- Foster Well-being and Mental Health
- Build Collaborative Relationships
- Champion Equity and Inclusivity
- Empower Ethical Leadership

You can read more about the Multi-Year plan and the other Board plans [here](#).

There was also a visioning night held at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School on November 7. The board is planning for the construction of a new secondary school which will be located at Bayview Ave. and Borealis Avenue in the north west portion of town. The current school will remain part of the board's property, but the school population will be transitioned to the new building for September 2023. There is a significant domino effect which is why we are hearing things such as Aurora High being closed to transfers after this year. The visioning session also included an opportunity for community input in to the features of the new school. The most recent secondary school built by the York Region Board is Bill Hogarth S. S. in Markham which opened in 2017. The presentation included a virtual tour of this school, which shares many components anticipated for the new secondary school being constructed. To view the presentation slides and see the virtual tour (Link on slide 14 in the presentation) [click here](#).

Remember, we are actively recruiting donations to the Festive Shop! Please talk to your neighbours as well to see what they may have to contribute. Donations will be accepted until December 7 and the shop will be open December 12 and 13.

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library - come on out, everyone is welcome!!

If you need to reach School Council, please email us at Regency.Acres.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

Sincerely,

Kim Davies and Kathy Duncan
Co-chairs



In and Around Regency

