



Regency Acres P.S.

York Region District School Board



From the Office of Regency Acres

Dear Regency Families,

It's December already! The weather is cold 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! We continue to have concerns with Kiss N Ride so we kindly ask for your support in following the procedures. The winter break is fast approaching and **Friday, December 20 will be the last day of school**. The school break begins Monday, December 23 and ends Friday, January 3. **School resumes Monday, January 6, 2020.**

This month, we are excited about the annual **Festive Shop**. Many families and community members donated items and we thank them for their generosity. We are still accepting more items that can be dropped off in our school's front foyer by the office. Festive Shop dates are December 10 and 11. Festive Shop is open to staff and parents after school on December 12th and 13th all day until 3:30 p.m.

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!

Recently, School Principals received a memo indicating that our school board have placed a moratorium on downhill skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing trips. This includes: single or multi-day ski, snowboarding and snow tubing trips, and downhill ski or snowboarding club events. Therefore, **our School Council planned Ski Days on upcoming PA Days in Jan. 17 & Jan. 31, 2020 have been cancelled**. While unfortunate, this moratorium will allow a fulsome review of current practices to increase student safety and improve experiential learning experiences.

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 REGISTRATION January 2020

Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 17, 2020

KINDERGARTEN



REGISTRATION IS COMING!

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 17 2020 for the 2020-21 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2020, 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.

Thank you to all those families that came out to Chapters in Newmarket to support our Read A Thon and Library Fundraising evening! We appreciate your support and look forward to adding new materials to our Library and Makerspace collections!

Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information Sessions (Dates are subject to change)

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, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2020 (<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, 2020. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2020, 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, 2020. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 8, 2020. 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 10th and 11th**. 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 10th and 11th. 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.



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.

If we do have another special lunch on the next day that will be moved to the next available school day.

Our office will send out communication as early as possible to inform families.



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

CJCL 590 AM; CKDX 88.5 FM;

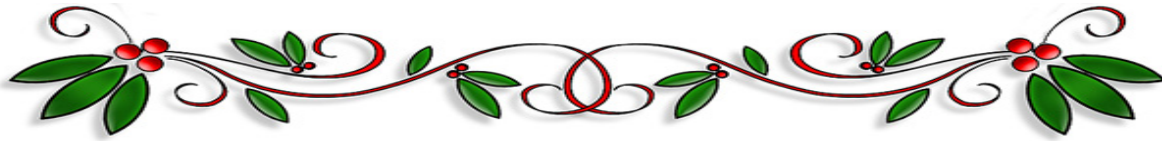
Inclement Weather

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 2nd. It will run for 2 weeks. Students may bring their donated items down and place them in the boxes 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.

