

Regency Acres P.S.

From the Office of Ms. Leoni

Dear Regency Families,

The safety of students is everyone's business at any school so please take the time to review the following to help ensure a safe and smooth morning transition to school.

KISS AND RIDE: If you are dropping your child(ren) off to school by car in the morning, please use the Kiss and Ride. Kiss and Ride is a drop-off area for all students (including Kindergarten students). Our staff on morning duty do a great job trying to manage the Kiss and Ride area. We also have trained students escorting Kindergarten students to their corral. When exiting the Kiss and Ride area, please drive onto the road in a safe manner and do not make any U-Turns.

PARKING LOT: Please avoid using the parking lot unless you are parking to enter the school for a meeting. There are limited parking spots for staff and board personnel.

FIRE AND BUS ROUTES: The fire route and bus route area in our parking lot needs to remain clear at all times. Do not park or remain sitting in your car along these routes.

ICE AND SNOW: Please avoid walking on any area that is icy. We have placed pylons to block off unsafe areas of our school grounds. Please use the sidewalks or walkways toward entrances that are salted or sanded by our caretakers. Our January newsletter communicates the YRDSB policy that referenced the protocol of caretaking staff as it pertains to snow removal.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact me if there are any questions of concerns.

Friday, **January 29th** was a **free MOVIE NIGHT** at Regency and it was a hit! Thanks to our Co-chairs Ms. Clark and Mrs. Clegg for organizing this wonderful event.

The proceeds from this event were \$377 and all proceeds were donated to *Inn from the Cold* (emergency shelter in Newmarket).

Thank you to everyone for supporting our clothing/Tim Horton's card drive for the users of this shelter. We are collecting gently used items for men and donating them weekly to *Inn from the Cold*. Thank you to Mrs. Al-Kas for arranging the pick-up and drop-off. There are a few teachers who are interested in bringing their classes to the shelter for student presentations. These experiences are always an eye-opener for our students.

February is an exciting month. We have planned the following:

Tuesday, **February 2nd** is a free PASTA day for every student (and staff) at the school.

Student Council campaigning and elections will be held this month. **Grade 7 and 8 students** will have a chance to run for Student Council (specific details will be communicated to Gr. 7 and 8 students).

Feb. 12th is a Valentine's Day event (with a special focus on healthy friendships and building positive and inclusive classrooms). Every student in the entire school will be receiving a special gift from a friend (courtesy of School Council). It is also a free Par-fait day for all students.

Feb. 19th Term One Report Cards go home.

Please note that **Monday, February 1st** is a P.A. Day for students.

Hope you have a terrific month. Stay warm!

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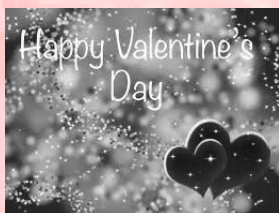
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

Although winter still feels far from over some days, we are now halfway through the school year. With report cards coming home, this is a good time to review progress and celebrate what your children have learned both inside and outside of the classroom. This is also a good time to set goals for the months ahead.

One of our goals set out in the Board of Trustees' [Multi-Year Plan](#) is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture of caring and learning." Developing this supportive culture includes engaging parents/guardians and other members of the school community in public education and working together to create safe and supportive school environments that enable students to thrive.

As parents/guardians, there are many ways you can get engaged in your children's education and support their learning, including talking with them about school, communicating with teachers, attending school events or school council meetings, and volunteering in the school. However you get involved, know that you are making a difference.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish you all the best for an enjoyable and successful second term.

ECO TIP AND HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Paper towels have long ruled as the choice of habit, even when high-speed hand dryers or dish cloths are present. Yet they are one of the most wasteful things we spend our money on and dispose of every day without regret. It was hard to imagine that something as minute as paper towel usage could cause such a devastating environmental impact. Let's take a look at the statistics:

- To make one ton of paper towels, 17 trees are used and 20 000 gallons of water are polluted.
- Globally, discarded paper towels result in 254 million tons of trash every year.
- As many as 51 000 trees per day are required to replace the number of paper towels that are discarded every day.

How do we use less paper towel? Simple. Instead of grabbing for a clump of paper towels, simply shake your hands off a bit over the sink first, then use a single, folded sheet to dab off the remaining moisture -- voila! If everyone decided to dry off their hands with just one sheet, that would use 571 million less pounds of paper every year. That's roughly equivalent to 5 million trees.



Valentine Parfait Day! Free Valentine Yogurt Parfaits (made with love) will be given to all Regency's staff and students to eat and enjoy! Parfaits will be made with fresh yogurt, nut free granola and fresh and frozen fruit. If parents are available to help, please email Mrs. Al Kas at genwa@rogers.com
Remember.....Your greatest wealth is your health and we are working hard at Regency to ensure our students are healthy!!

LUNCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are in need of responsible adults who can assist us during our lunch hour (12:15-1:15) to supervise our students.

This is a paid position.

If you love being with children and are interested please contact our office at 905 727-9811.



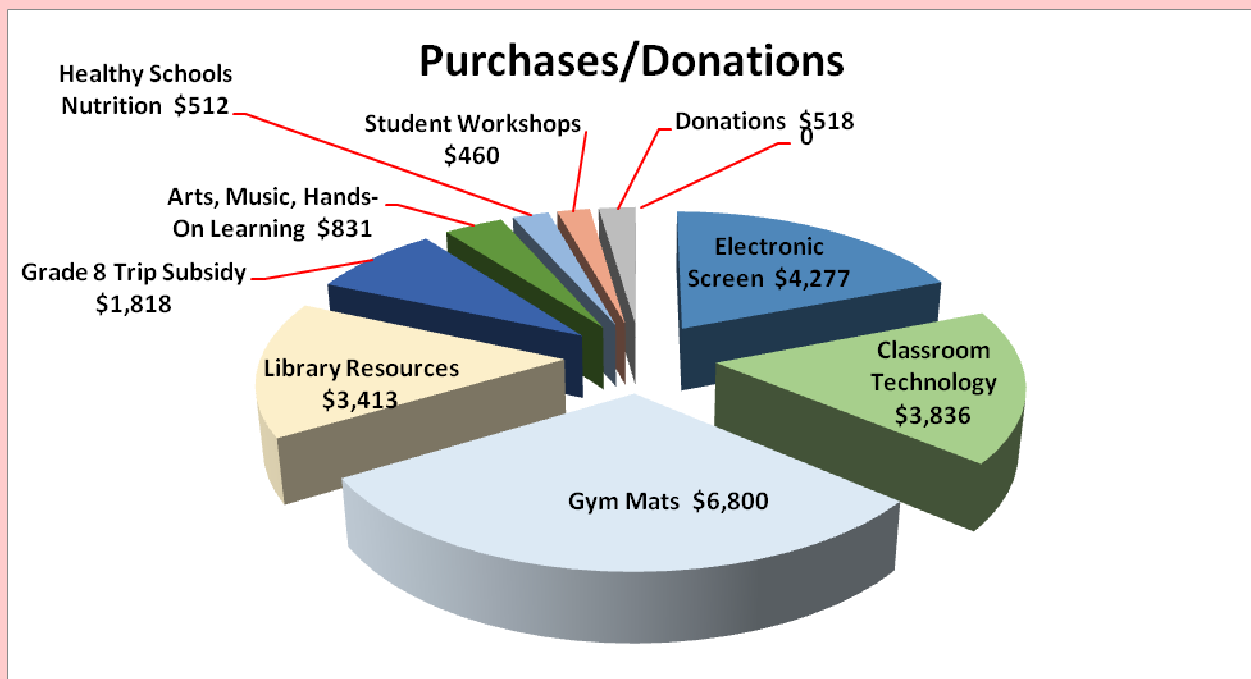
SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The New Year has started off great with School Council hosting a free family movie night, where we were able to debut the new electronic drop-down screen in the large gym! This screen was purchased thanks to your generous support of our fundraisers. Thank you to everyone who came out.

School Council has planned more exciting things for February including Pasta Day (2nd), our first family ski night (5th), Parfait Day (12th) and our Pawsitive Pals initiative with a top secret surprise for ALL students (on the 12th) for Valentine's Day!

Also coming... second family ski night (Mar. 4), Dance-A-Thon (Apr. 1), Bag2School (Apr. 25- start gathering up your donations now - clothing, linens, shoes, accessories, coats, etc.), school wide spring event, Grad pop-up shop, just to name a few.

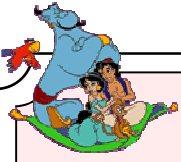
Now let's look back, here is what your fundraising dollars have purchased this year to date... over \$22 000 has been invested back into the school (or community) as follows:



Of the Donations to date, \$200 was a direct donation to the Lion's Club of Aurora from School Council funds, the Hallowe'en Shack raised \$186 for Yellow Brick House, and our annual Terry Fox Run raised another \$136 directly for that charity.

As always, minutes from the council meetings are available on the school website. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 17th, all are welcome to attend.

Joan Lash and Lynn Pearson
Co-chairs
Regency School Council



ALADDIN JR.

REGENCY ACRES P.S. /S.T.A.R. PRODUCTIONS proudly present Aladdin

*"Imagine if you had three wishes, three hopes,
three dreams, and they all could come true."*

If you join us for ALADDIN JR. at the Newmarket Theatre on Tuesday, February 23 or Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., perhaps one of your wishes will come true.

The Regency Acres Public School student cast and Director Sheryl Thomas (S.T.A.R. Productions) through the courtesy of MTI Productions, is proud to present this enchanting and spirited musical.

Aladdin, Abu, Princess Jasmine, the evil Jafar, Iago, the Genie and so many others, will take to the stage to entertain and delight you. Tickets are only \$20.00 and are available through the Newmarket Theatre Box office (online) at newmarkettheatre.ca or by calling 905-953-5122.

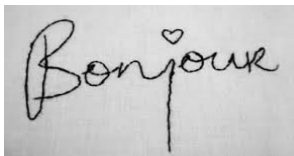
Our 2 morning school shows are completely SOLD OUT! So exciting for our cast and crew!

Remember, it's a "Whole New World, a bright fantastic point of view", and we hope to see you in February at the Newmarket Theatre for ALADDIN JR.!

Brenda Hillaby (Production & Rehearsal Coordinator)



French as a second language



In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2016, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The 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 Devins Drive to register between January 15 and February 12, 2016. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

IN OUR CLASSROOM



Reports card

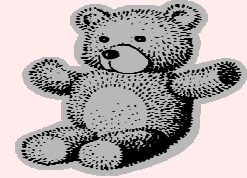
First Term Report cards will be sent home on February 19th. There are no scheduled interviews at this time as they were held recently following the Progress Reports in late November. However, parents or teachers may request an interview.





COATS FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

- Located at 1271 Gorham Street Unit 8, Newmarket (at the corner of Gorham and Harry Walker Parkway)
- Coats, snowsuits, boots, hats, mitts, scarves are available -infant to adult sizes
- No registration, no charge
- Store will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., until the middle of March
- For more information: call North Newmarket Lions at 905-895-1441 or email northnewmarketlions@yahoo.ca



FAMILY SKI NIGHTS

On Friday, February 5 Regency will have their first of two Family Ski Nights. The other ski night will be on March 4th.

The **Ski Committee** has planned the two Family Ski Nights at Snow Valley. Regency Acres is happy to bring this opportunity to you. However, please be advised that this is not a field trip or other school activity and therefore staff will not be supervising. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the hill and are expected to supervise family and guests.

Wanted... a volunteer to take over Regency's Ski Nights in 2017!!!

If anyone is interested, please contact the office. It only requires a parent who will be present at each ski night (3) in order to pick up the lift tickets and distribute them. It's a wonderful school activity and very much enjoyed by students and parents alike.

HOT LUNCH WEDNESDAYS

We find ourselves almost half way through the school year and it also means the first session of this year's Hot Lunch Program is quickly coming to an end. Session One will officially end on Wednesday, February 17th and Session Two will begin promptly the following week on Wednesday, February 24th. Order forms were sent home to all students early in the week of January 11th and the **deadline** to return your completed order forms and payment was **Wednesday, January 28, 2016.**

Thank you for your continued support of this volunteer-led school fundraising program and the Hot Lunch 'Crew' looks forward to continuing to give our Regency Parents a well-deserved break from lunch-making responsibilities.



REGENCY MIX VOLLEYBALL TEAM



Congratulations to our Jr. Mixed Volleyball team! They competed in the area tournament at Wellington P.S. against 13 other schools. In round robin play, they won all their six games and placed first in their division. In the semi finals against Lester B. Pearson, they won both their games and earned a spot in the finals against Wellington P.S. They were a dominating force in the finals and won both their games with powerful serves, set, bumps and spikes! In total, they beat every team they faced and won all 10 games during the day. Our Regency team was crowned area champions and brought home another winning championship banner to our competitive and amazing school! All team members and student coaches contributed to our winning season and will represent Regency at the regional tournament, next Thursday. A big high five goes out to: Melanie, Erica, Sienna, Rachel, Marley, Kendrah, Anastasia, Jordan, Bradley, Nathan, Sam, Jackson, Zachary, Parker, Aly and Marcus!

P J DAY AND MOVIE NIGHT

