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Happy New Year from Ms. Leoni

Happy New Year! Hope you all had a relaxing school break and enjoyed time with your friends and family.

We are excited about sharing new initiatives with this year. To start, our Student Council is officially formed – a Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Speaker of the House and 6 Ministers (Finance, Multiculturalism, Justice, Environment, Education and Health). These students are going to be working hard to make sure student voice is captured in our school planning.

Regency Acres would like to extend a thank you to Heather Greenman-Brouwers for donating 30 rolls of wrapping paper on

behalf of Hallmark, and to Staples, Aurora for donating a wonderful Crayola gift pack to our Festive Shop event. Check out the news coverage in The Auroran - <http://www.newspapers-online.com/auroran/?p=161355>

Junior Kindergarten registration will begin on January 20th in our school office. If your child is starting Kindergarten in Sept. 2017, please come to register as soon as possible. Please share this information with friends and neighbours in our school community. You will need to bring: proof of residency (2 documents with the home address) and child's birth verification document.

Please note that Friday, **January 20th is a P.A. Day** for students but the office will remain open.

Term One Report Cards will go home on Fri. Feb. 17th.

The weather is getting colder so we ask that all students come to school dressed in warm clothing. It is time to bring your warm jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, and wear socks.

Feel free to call the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Lisa Leoni
Principal



GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

This year, Kindergarten Registration will commence on January 20, 2017. Registration forms are available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca.

Kindergarten Registration starts January 20

Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, live within the school boundary and whose parents are Public School Tax Supporters are eligible to register for kindergarten.

A Kindergarten Information session for parents is being planned for this Spring.

For more information please visit the Board's website or contact your child's school.



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.



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.

Dressing for Cold/Wet Weather

Students need to come to school dressed to play outside during recesses (hats, scarves, gloves/ mittens, boots, etc.) It is advisable for children to bring extra pants and socks, in case they get wet. Please ensure that your children have indoor shoes at school that they can change into when they come inside. Being physically active during winter is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle. The school administration keeps a close eye on weather conditions including wind chill. When conditions necessitate, students will remain inside for recess. When conditions allow,

reduced outdoor recesses may take place.

If a student is well enough to attend school, then he/she will be expected to go outside for recess.



NO Snowball Throwing



NO SNOWBALLS
 There is absolutely no snowball throwing on school grounds.

During the winter season, students look forward to the joys of playing in the snow. Building forts, snowmen and sliding are all fun activities. Unfortunately, students sometimes get carried away and push others down, destroy snowmen and snow forts

created by others or throw snowballs. These activities upset and often hurt students and are therefore not permitted. All students know to play safely, respect the rights of others and obey the directions given by supervisors. Students who play in ways that damage the work of others, put others at risk or disobey supervisors will receive consequences.

Skating Rink

A reminder that when the skating rink is open students may only use the rink on Regency assigned days at the lunch recess. All students must wear appropriate skating helmets which should be CSA approved. Students will not be allowed on the rink without proper skating equipment.



FESTIVE SHOP— After completing our Festive Shop Baskets raffle, I am happy to announce that our school **raised \$2,534.45!** Any leftover items from the Festive Shop were donated to Belinda's Place. In the New Year, I will communicate specific information about which charities/not-for profit organizations we will direct a portion of these funds to and where funds will be directed to within the school. A special thank you is extended to our Fundraising Chair, Leah Clark for leading this event.



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all different in our own
beautiful way
- UNKNOWN -

*I'll never
outgrow the
excitement
of looking out
my window
and seeing
falling snow*



In and Around Regency Acres



Ms. Barbuzzi wrapped up her teaching placement in Ms. Choy's grade 3 class!



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Library News!

Thank you to all those students, parents and community members who supported Regency Acres Library's fundraising efforts this fall. Through your wonderful support we have raised \$323 with our Chapter's Night, and another \$370 through the Indigo Adopt-A-School program. These funds are being used to buy new picture books, novels and non-fiction books to support our library, student interests and teacher programming.



Arts at Baythorn

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an **Elementary Integrated Arts Program** at **Baythorn Public School**. If you are currently in grades **four or five** you may apply for the **arts@baythorn program**, where you will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music in a **cooperative learning environment**.

To learn more about the **arts@baythorn** program, you and your family are invited to attend an information evening at Baythorn Public School on:

Thursday, January 19, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Applications will be available at

bit.ly/arts_application2017

online after the January 19th, 2016 info night.

If you require further information, please call us at Baythorn Public School (905) 889-7992.

A Message From School Council

On behalf of Regency Acres School Council, I would like to extend a Happy New Year to all Regency families!

We have now put a very successful fall & holiday fundraising program behind us, including: QSP, Hallowe'en Boutique, Festive Shop, Hot Lunch program, Hot dog day, just to name a few. Now we look forward to an exciting winter & spring program which will not only include all of your favorite lunch programs but also a FREE Parfait Day as part of the Valentine's event. Also families can look forward to Regency ski nights, the Dance-A-thon, Pause to Play, Bag2School, and more!

Along with all of the dedicated parent leads & volunteers who contribute so much of their time, I would like to thank Jillian Snider, Chair Healthy Schools and Leah Clark, Chair Fundraising, for an outstanding job coordinating so many events to date. You are both incredible!

Our next school council meeting is **Wednesday January 18, 2017 at 7:00pm**. Hope you can join us.

Joan Lash
Chair, School Council

