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W d Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable school break and spent quality time with family and friends.

**Kindergarten registration will begin on January 19<sup>th</sup>** in our school office. If your child is starting Kindergarten in Sept. 2018, 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 19<sup>th</sup>** is a **P.A. Day** for students but the office will remain open.



There were many fabulous events that occurred at our school last month. To start, the **Festive Shop**, which was another great event. **We raised a total of \$1703.85!** Thank you to all the families who donated items. The students were so excited to have wrapped gifts to bring home for their family members. We would like to thank Heather Greenman-Brouwers for donating rolls of wrapping paper on behalf of Hallmark. Leah Clark, our Fundraising Chair, organized this event again this year. Thank you Leah and the other parent and student volunteers for making this event possible! A donation of \$200.00 from the Festive Shop funds has been provided to Belinda's Place - <http://belindas.nextmp.net/> on behalf of Regency Acres P.S. school community.

December 14<sup>th</sup> was our Holiday Concert. The staff did such a wonderful job preparing students for their performances. A special thanks goes to Mr. Moore and Mr. Fuller. The students sang and played instruments so well and this event really drew a crowd! Our gymnasium was packed! We also held an incredible bake sale at the concert and I have to say...we had the most baked goods we've ever had! This **bake sale raised \$721.00!** Thank you to Sandy Kennedy for organizing this and to all the bakers and volunteers for their time and effort.

Mrs. Claus organized another great Food Drive (that was sent to the Aurora Food Pantry - <http://www.aurorafoodpantry.ca/>) and toiletries that were donated to Belinda's Place. We collected close to 500 items this year.

Please note that **Term One Report Cards** will go home on **Fri., Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**. Feel free to call the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Leoni

## Kindergarten Registration starts January 19



This year, Kindergarten Registration will commence on January 19, 2018. Registration forms are available on the Board'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 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 Weather



### Reminder about Wednesday Hot Lunch Program

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. 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

### Dressing for Cold/Wet

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



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.

THIS IS THE YEAR  
i will be  
STRONGER  
BRAVER  
KINDER &  
UNSTOPPABLE.  
this year i will be  
FIERCE.

### Extreme Weather Conditions–WINTER



During the cold winter months it is important that students come to school dressed for the weather conditions. This includes: boots, hats, scarves, snow pants, warm coats and

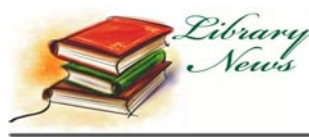
mittens or gloves. We also encourage packing an extra pair of socks and pants in case they get wet.

All students are expected to go out for every recess and lunch hour, weather permitting. We monitor the weather throughout the day, including temperature, wind chill, sun/cloud conditions and wind velocity. In extreme weather conditions, such as ice pellets or extremely high

wind chill factors, the principal may decide to shorten recess breaks or keep students indoors.

Students with illnesses serious enough to prevent them from participating in recess or other outdoor activities should stay at home until their condition improves. This will also prevent the spread of illness to others.

### From the Library



Regency is thrilled to have children's author and performer Chad Solomon (Rabbit and Bear Paws) coming January 24th. He will be performing for all grade levels throughout the day. There will be a \$2 cost per student. Please send a Toonie to school with your child before the 24th. Classroom teachers will collect the money to help cover

the cost of having a performance come to the school. Our Makerspace is always looking for donations. If you have building toys (Lego, K'Nex, blocks, etc.) that you no longer want, as well as reusable materials such as cleaned plastic containers (i.e.- yogurt cups or containers), egg cartons, wrapping paper or paper towel tubes, frozen juice lids, etc. please bag or box them up and drop them off to the front hall, with a label for Mrs. Claus. As well, if you have old

crayons, markers, coloured pencils, etc. that you would like to get rid of, those are always accepted as well. If you have other items that you think might be a good fit, please call Mrs. Claus at the school and check. 905 727 9811 ext. 135. February will be a busy month in the library. There will be a Scholastic Book Fair and a Brain-Power@Regency STEAM Conference. More details for both of those events will be shared in the February newsletter.



### Kiss N' Ride

Our Kiss and Ride area is a **MOVING LINE**. We ask that parents, please do not stop their cars and get out to help their kids.

Please allow our staff to take the kids out of the car, in order to keep the line moving and our students safe.

If you have any questions please contact our office.





## School Council News

Happy New Year to everyone from School Council. It's hard to believe it is already January!! School Council is looking forward to hitting the year running but we WANT YOUR HELP!!!! Please join us at 6:00 p.m. on the evening of Wednesday, January 17, 2018 in the school library to discuss fundraising ideas and plans. We realise that it often seems as though your child is bringing home some request to support one event or another constantly. The truth is, without your support on these initiatives, we would not be able to support the staff and students at Regency, as well as we do. Did you know that in the 2016/2017 school year we raised over \$31,000 and all of that money came back to the school for things like replacement music books, cost sharing for new iPads, laptops, Chromebooks, Stay and Play kits for each classroom, and much more.

A big shout out to the staff and students and some pretty dedicated volunteers for another hugely successful holiday concert. It was certainly standing room only, again this year. The bake sale was a HUGE success and raised just over \$700 - thank you to Sera and Sandy from School Council and some amazing students for helping with the cash and selling raffle tickets.

We look forward to the events coming up - you will see something in emails to come about the upcoming Ski days being organised. This year we are tackling whole days!! On upcoming PA days get out and get active for a great price with your children. Thank you to Rodney and Brendt for taking on the organisation of these.

All the best in the New Year! And remember, if you need to reach us, our new email address is [Regency.Acres.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:Regency.Acres.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca)

Sincerely,

Kathy Duncan, Chair



### THE *Ultimate* LIST

1. GET MORE SLEEP.
2. DRINK MORE WATER.
3. GET MORE EXERCISE.
4. READ MORE.
5. GET MORE ORGANIZED.
6. CLEAN MORE OFTEN.
7. EXPLORE MORE.
8. RELAX MORE.
9. HAVE MORE PATIENCE.
10. FORGET DOING 'MORE'.

*Just try your best.*

## We are Looking for Used Skates



If anyone has any ice skates (hockey or Figure) that they are willing to donate to the school that would be fantastic! We will have a bin at the front of the school for drop off. The students will be using these skates during their gym classes.

Thank you!

FESTIVE SHOP— Another successful year for Regency's Festive Shop.



*We are like a*  
**SNOWFLAKE**  
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

