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Hello Regency Families,

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 17 in our school office. If your child is starting Kindergarten in Sept. 2020. Please come to register as soon as possible. There will be an option to register on-line (further details about online registration will come). 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.



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 \$2238.45**. 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 our School Council members and parent volunteers who worked so hard this year at making this event a big hit! This year, a donation of \$200 from the Festive Shop funds will be offered to the Aurora Food Pantry.

We also have an exciting amount to share. Our first ever **Chocolate Fundraiser raised \$8,353.00!** This means, we doubled our goal!

Please note that Friday, **January 17th and 31st are P.A. Days** for students but the office will remain open until 4:00pm.

Mrs. Claus organized another great Food and Toiletry Drive (that was sent to the Aurora Food Pantry - <http://www.aurorafoodpantry.ca/>) and toiletries that were donated to Belinda's Place and Inn from the Cold. We collected over 200 items this year.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Leoni
Principal



Kindergarten Registration starts January 17

This year, Kindergarten Registration will commence on January 17, 2020. Registration forms are available on the Board'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 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 salt or sand an 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 Dressing for Cold/Wet Weather



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 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.

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

Happy new year

Wishing you
12 Months of success, 52 weeks
of laughter,
365 days of fun, 8760 hours of joy,
525600 minutes of good luck
and 31536000
seconds of happiness.



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

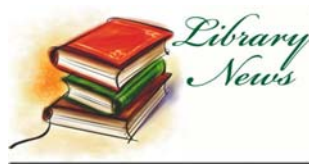
pair of socks and pants in case they get wet.

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



Our Library Learning Commons and Makerspace are 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 are looking to re-home, 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.

We are looking forward to having our second Scholastic Book Fair in February. More details will be coming soon.

Thank you to all those who supported our Chapters Fundraising night.

We earned \$565.92 which will allow us to purchase many new books for our library!

Make New Year's goals.
The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals.
Warren McLaren VeryBestQuotes.com

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 DO NOT MAKE "U TURNS" in front of the school.

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.



One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day



- 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.*

School Council News



Happy New Year, we hope that each family had a wonderful break that was filled with memories, light, laughter and huge helping of coziness. We're all back to our routines now and we're picking up on our plans for the rest of the school year and looking forward to some fantastic school events!

We would like to extend our grateful appreciation to our school community, your continued and sustained support allow our school to thrive. Through fundraising efforts we have purchased many musical instruments, books, maker space supplies, iPads, Chromebook, laptops, gym equipment, art supplies, outdoor education backpacks and so much more!

This school year has seen a few fantastic events and initiatives; the Festive Shop, the Halloween Pumpkin Patch night, the Chapters fundraising night and our chocolate sales. These fundraising events have been supported by our parent volunteers and the whole school community with incredible positivity - THANK YOU!

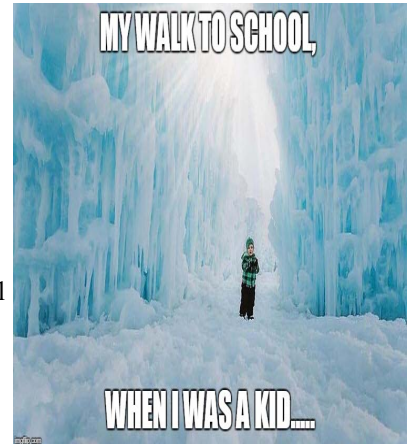
We're all looking forward to our Spring Events, mark your calendars for our incredible student musical performance of Mary Poppins in April. We're also holding our 3rd annual Art Fair at the same time and another fun bake sale - we look forward to seeing you here!

We're also planning a number of other initiatives and events through winter, spring and summer which will be fun and exciting!

If you need to reach us, or want to share ideas please email us at Regency.Acres.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

Kind Regards,

Kim Davies
Sera Weiss



Smoking/Vaping on School Property

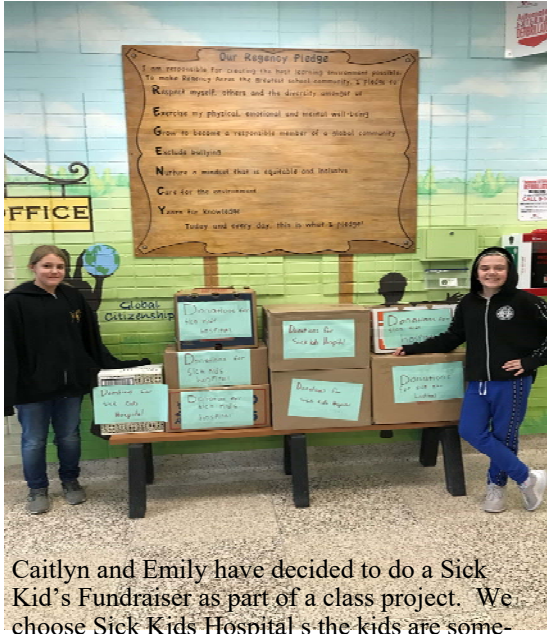
We want to remind students that the use of electronic products such as vaping, electronic cigarettes and cigars as well as cartridges of nicotine solutions and related products are not permitted on or within 20 metres of school property. This means 20 metres *beyond* the school boundaries as opposed to simply off of school property. [Health Canada](#) reports health risks associated with vaping particularly for young people.

This is in compliance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which is enforced locally by York Region Community and Health Services and the [Tobacco and Smoke-Free Environment Policy and Procedure](#). A progressive form of discipline, including potential suspension from school and [fines](#) (up to \$5,000), is in place for students who break the law.

For more information visit Health Canada or the Board website. [Partnership for Drug Free Kids](#) also provides a resource on how to talk to your kids about vaping.



In and Around Regency Acres



Caitlyn and Emily have decided to do a Sick Kid's Fundraiser as part of a class project. We choose Sick Kids Hospital - the kids are sometimes very lonely in the hospital so we decided to do the fundraiser a little earlier for Christmas. We know that being bored can be cured with books, toys, puzzles and games. We got things for the kids library, teenager/tweens and infants. Sometimes, their parents don't have time with visiting them in the hospital and we don't think that's ok for them Christmas. This year, 2020 we will be doing a fundraiser for Sick Kids. Our goal is that we are hoping to raise \$500 for the hospital.

