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Happy New Year from Mrs. Martino

We hope that everyone had a safe and restful holiday and are now ready for new challenges and learning. For those who have made a new resolution, we hope you will strive to do your best to meet your new goal. Check out the article at <http://www.parents.com/holiday/new-years/resolution/8-ways-to-help-kids-make-new-years-resolutions/> which outlines these 8 great tips for helping your children keep their resolutions including: 1. Be a Resolution Role Model, 2. Keep a Positive approach to resolutions, 3. Suggest – Don't dictate resolutions, 4. Narrow down the resolution list, 5.

Take turtle steps toward big resolutions, 6. Follow up but don't nag, 7. Make family resolutions and 8. Make resolutions a ritual. If you and your kids are stuck, The American Pediatrics Society offers a list of Healthy Resolutions for Kids at <http://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/news-features-and-safety-tips/Pages/Healthy-New-Year-Resolutions-for-Kids.aspx>.

We would like to thank all who contributed to the Food Drive and Mitten Tree. Many homes were filled this year because of your generosity. I think it is always important that we think about all the good things in

our lives and realize that there is always someone who is worse off than we are.



Kindergarten Registration starts January 16

This year, Kindergarten Registration will commence on January 16, 2015. Registration forms are available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2015, 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.





What good is the warmth of *summer*, without the cold of *winter* to give it sweetness.

- John Steinbeck

LET US LOVE WINTER,
FOR IT IS THE
SPRING OF GENIUS.

PIETRO ARNETTO

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 Ms. Jennings Gr. 4

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.

Student Council

Our Candy Cane sale was a huge success. Thanks to everyone for purchasing our yummy candy canes.

Now we are looking forward to our second pyjama day on January 23.

Don't forget to wear your pjs, bring a pillow, blankie and stuffie to school with you.

Our Student Council members will be collecting house colour points for anyone wearing pjs.

On Friday, December 12 grades 2 to 6 had a presentation on train safety. We learned important information about safety around trains and where to stand if a train is coming. We were told that we should be at least about fifteen people shoulder to shoulder away from the train at all times. It was a great presentation, and all the classes learned new things. By: A.P.

On Dec. 18, our class had a workshop on rocks and minerals. The students learned a lot of very important information and what metamorphic, sedimentary, and igneous rocks are. We went to five different stations. The most fun thing was mining a cookie using toothpicks. Rocks rock! By: L.Z.

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 creat-

ed 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.



HOLIDAY CONCERT

Our holiday concert was a wonderful evening of fun.. Our students performed beautifully and a good time was had by the capacity crowd.

A big "THANK YOU" to the parents who changed their plans on short notice as the

snowstorm pushed the concert from Dec. 11 to Dec .12.

As well, we would like to thank the parents who organized and contributed to the successful bake sale.

Mr. Moore



FESTIVE SHOP

"Regency Acres Students, Staff and Parent Volunteers really got into the holiday spirit at our first ever Festive Shop on December 9th and 10th raising over \$1500 for our school! Thank you to all for your donations, participation and time volunteered by many parents.

It was an absolute pleasure to see the children thoughtfully choosing special gifts for their loved ones. Spending loonies and toonies is not always as easy as you would think! Our Volunteer Elves had their work cut out for them with an estimated 1000 gifts being wrapped in little more than 8 hours over the two days. A special thank you to Heather Greenman-Brouwers and Hallmark for the generous donation of the gift wrap and Mastermind Toys for the ribbons! Additionally, we would like to thank the Millionaires Daughter (Aurora) and Staples for their gift donations and Mrs. Murphy for organizing the event.

Could this be the beginning of a Festive Regency Acres Tradition of re-gifting, reusing and recycling?"



Host a student visiting from abroad

Can you offer ...

- a caring and secure environment
- an English speaking home
- a private room
- three meals (and snacks) daily
- a home within reasonable distance to a YRSDB school

Families are compensated \$900/month to cover the cost of hosting (effective July 1, 2013).

A Police Vulnerable Sector Check (PVSC) is required for every member of the household over age 18.

School year and summer placements are available.



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ECO Corner

Whether you take small steps or huge leaps towards green living – remember, every action counts towards helping the environment!"(<http://www.greenlivingtips.com/>)

There are many reasons to make your own cleaning products and each month we will list some simple recipes so you can get rid of chemical cleaners and make your own from affordable household ingredients.

Natural Drain Cleaner: For slow moving or slightly clogged drains (sinks or tubs), dump about 1/2 cup baking soda into the drain. Add an equal amount of vinegar and let the foamy magic happen. Let stand for

15 minutes then rinse with hot water to flush the drain.



Healthy Schools and Breakfast Club have joined forces

Healthy Living



to create a new and improved Healthy Snack Cart. With the support of our school and The Metro Green Apple Grant, we will be offering healthy snacks daily to our students. Donations of healthy fresh snacks are welcome. Examples of healthy snacks are fresh fruit and vegetables, yogurt, applesauce, dried fruit, whole grain crackers, cheese, mini plastic bags and food gift cards.

We are looking forward to our new and improved Healthy Snack Cart which will be starting up in January.

