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Happy New Year from Ms. Leoni

Welcome back to school everyone! I hope you all enjoyed an exciting school break and spent quality time with your friends and family.

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. We remain committed to our **WALKING WEDNESDAYS** program so we encourage every student to walk to school every day but make a special effort on Wednesdays.

Junior Kindergarten registration will begin on

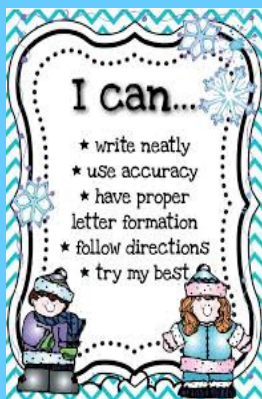
January 15th in our school office. If your child is starting Kindergarten in Sept. 2016, please come to register as soon as possible. Please share this information with friends and neighbours in our school community. You will need to bring: proof of residency (2 documents with the home address) and child's birth verification document.

There have been many Healthy Schools initiatives at our school this year so far and many more plans to come. Our "Healthy Cart" serves a variety of healthy food items every day and it is well accessed by students. We plan to have 3

special lunch/treat days - offered FREE to everyone at Regency. We look forward to sharing more details about a free Parfait Day, Pasta Day, and Salad Buffet. Our school received a grant for \$1000 and School Council generously allocated an additional \$1000 to Healthy Schools in order to make these treat days possible.

Please note that Friday, January 15th is a P.A. Day for students but the office will remain open.

Term One Report Cards will go home on Fri., Feb. 19th.



Kindergarten Registration starts January 15

This year, Kindergarten Registration will commence on January 15, 2016. Registration forms are available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old

during 2016, 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 MADD Presentation



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.

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.

High School Volunteers



On January 20th, our grade 7 and 8 students will receive a one hour presentation

entitled 24 HOURS from MADD on the dangers of impaired driving. This youth program is designed to inform, motivate and empower our students, helping to keep themselves and others safe today, tomorrow and in the future.

This program is offered free to our students due to the generosity of MADD and the LCBO.



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



A special THANK YOU to
Mrs. Murphy for coordinating
this event.



In and Around Regency Acres



Jingle Bell Walk

Ms. Morton Pound Exercise Class



Intermediate Volleyball Girls Team
Winners Area



Regency Spirit Wear

Healthy Living, Pasta Day and *ECO Focus: GOOS Bin It*

Students and staff from grades 4 - 8 thoroughly enjoyed participating in the two free fitness classes given by Ms. Pat Morton, last December. They were called POUND and were a full-body cardio jam session, combining easy-to-follow cardio moves with strength training and drumming. Both classes were offered at lunch and were another fun way Regency's Healthy School's committee have tried to encourage Regency's students to get fit and have fun! We welcome the opportunity to learn from any other volunteers who would like to teach us Karate, Kick boxing, Yoga, etc. Contact Regency if you have any time available or know of someone who would like to volunteer their time!



FEATURING PENNE PASTA WITH MOLISANA'S TOMATO ONLY SAUCE

The Healthy Schools Committee is hosting their second healthy (and **FREE**) penne pasta lunch on February 2. Much like our Pasta Day from last year, we will be providing a **FREE PENNE PASTA LUNCH** to every student in the school, all they need to do is: Bring their own **BOWL, SPOON AND FORK!** Look for reminders closer to the day! **WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.** Please contact Gwen Al-Kas at genwa@rogers.com.



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There are many creative ways to conserve paper and save trees, and having a GOOS (Good On One Side) bin in all classrooms, offices, and printer rooms is a great way to implement this practice at school. Each classroom at Regency has a GOOS bin which helps us cut down on our paper consumption. By reusing paper, we do our part for the environment. Here are some tips that you can use at home when it comes to re-using paper:

- Use both sides of paper when copying and writing
- Share magazines and newspapers with friends or donate your already read ones to hospitals, doctors offices, or community places. Use common sense and your imagination... all paper / junk mail, etc. can be used as note paper.



A Message From School Council

Happy New Year!

We have some exciting things happening over the next few months! Please plan to join us at the next Council Meeting on Wednesday, January 13th at 7p.m. in the Library.

These meetings are open to all parents/guardians (adults only please) and we encourage you to come and see how your council is moving forward with plans for 2016.

Hope to see you there.

Lynn Pearson & Joan Lash
Co-Chairs, RAPS School Council.

