

Regency Acres Public School

From Regency Acres' Office

We are delighted to share our final newsletter publication. A special thank you to Mrs. Sandiford who does a great job with our school newsletters. There have been so many wonderful moments at Regency and we have accomplished so much this year.

Recently there have been a few special announcements. Ms. Lori Jennings has decided to retire after many years of being at Regency Acres. She has been a wonderful teacher and we wish her the best of luck. Also, Ms. Jennifer Case will be leaving our school and school board as she has been promoted to Vice-Principal with the Simcoe County District School Board and will be assigned to work in a school in Barrie. Jennifer is a great leader and will be amazing in her new role. We will miss them both very much.

We hope that this summer will be filled with lots of fun and we look forward to seeing you in September. Just a reminder that **school resumes Tues., Sept. 8, 2015**. Our school office opens the week of August 31-Sept. 4, 2015 (from 8:00-4:00).

Our school board has informed Principals that *each student will receive an individual mark summary, which will be printed centrally and placed in an envelope over the summer.*

Therefore, you can come to the office during the week of August 31st for your child(ren)'s envelope.

Lisa Leoni
Principal



Good-bye from Ms. Case

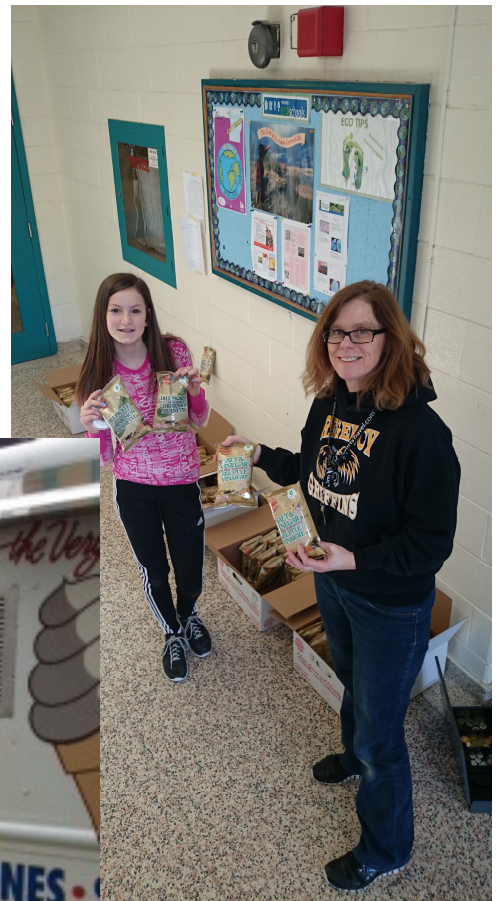
Over the past 8 years here at Regency I have had amazing opportunities to work with so many wonderful students, staff and community members. I have been afforded the luxury of supporting or teaching almost every grade and I have watched as the students who were in kindergarten when I arrived have grown up into our graduating class of next year. The kindness and support that the community here at Regency has shown me has been invaluable. As I move into a new role as Vice

Principal with Simcoe County District School Board, I will cherish the fond memories I have of Regency and hold them close in the coming years.

Thank you, Jennifer Case



Around our School





SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The last School Council meeting was held on Wednesday, June 10. We celebrated a great year! 2014/2015 Council members: *Becky Knowles, Lisa Leoni, Chris VanderPloeg, Dina Paraskevopoulos, Elena Siriopoulos, Gayle Palmer, Gwen Al-Kas, Joan Lash, Kathy Duncan, Kim Davies, Kristy Damtsis, Laura Parkin, Leah Clark, Lynn Pearson, Pat Morton, Sandy Kennedy, Sheena Murphy, Susan Roy.*

We reviewed the Code of Ethics. School Council members are expected to work in the best interests of all of the students. Our goal is to represent the diverse voices of parents and students in a professional, and positive manner. A warm thank you to all parents for supporting the fundraising activities that took place this year. Whether it be the QSP magazine drive, Spring Fitness-a-thon, Kid's Kitchen, or buying a freezie... the money raised goes towards items/initiatives that enhance the students experience at Regency.

Here is what your fundraising dollars supported this year:

Aussie Dance, Artist in Residence, Tile project: mosaics, High School Musical support, Gr. 8 Graduation awards, Healthy Schools initiative, Donation to the Lions Club, Water filling stations (one is installed, 2nd will be installed in the fall), New sports team uniforms (just arrived), Front entrance upgrade, Netbooks, Mini iPads, Library books, Levelled books, Science resources, Light table (K), Fishing kits (K), New gym mats, Folding tables, Kinder-Yard upgrade, Growing Place garden.

Fundraisers this year:

QSP, Festive Shop, Spring Fitness-a-thon, Kid's Kitchen, Hot lunch program, Pita Pit, Freezie sales, Cupcake sale.

Other Council initiatives:

Welcome Tea for new parents, Pot luck dinner for teachers, Family Ski nights at Snow Valley, Bag 2 School clothing drive.

Regency received 2 Pro-grants, which funded:

Dynamex Anti Bullying presentation (students)

Alyson Schafer presentation (parents)

Thank you to Sandy Kennedy for securing these grants for Regency!

Regency received 2 Healthy Schools grants, which funded:

Parfait Day, Soup Day, & Pasta Day. Booster Juice was also introduced, and well received by the students!

A BIG thank you to *Gwen Al-Kas* for bringing these healthy events to life! Students loved each and every one.

The first School Council meeting for 2015/2016 will be Wednesday, September 23, 7:00pm. Elections will take place and nomination forms and instructions will be included in the September School packages that are sent home. There are some significant changes to the function of council as implemented by YRDSB this year. Council no longer defines a list of needs/wants for the students or school, or votes on expenditures. The Principal creates an annual plan of items/initiatives for the students/school, in consultation with teachers, and council's role is to create & execute the fundraisers that will fund these items/initiatives.

I wish to thank fellow council members for an immensely rewarding and productive year! This is truly a team effort of collaborative and engaged parents. I am honored to have worked side by side with so many positive and well intentioned parents. I am proud of what we have accomplished and I hope that the students continue to benefit from the good work that has been done. Thank you to the students for the awesome feedback! Thank you to the teachers for your willingness to always help out, it is very much appreciated! Thank you again to the parents for supporting our Initiatives and fundraisers and for the tremendous volunteer support that you provide to help make our fundraisers a success!

A special thank you goes to *Norma Hardisty* and *Judy Sandiford* for the terrific administrative support that keeps council functioning, and last but not least, a BIG thank you to Principal *Lisa Leoni*, who is our strongest collaborator & supporter! We could not have achieved as much as we did this year without your guidance, enthusiasm, and unlimited energy.

To all of the Regency families, I wish you a safe and happy summer!

Joan Lash

Chair, School Council



Ms. Jennings is Retiring



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2014 - 2015

Teacher: L. Jennings Grade: 4

When I started teaching at Regency Acres in Sept. 1986, I was a fresh-faced farm girl raring to go. In that first year not only did I have my lunch eaten by 1st recess, but I often got in trouble from my Principal for skipping in the halls. I have slowed down to a walk over the years, but the joy of teaching has remained constant. Regency has been my home away from home for almost 30 years. I have never taught at any other school. As I say good-bye, I would like to thank the administrators who have guided me through the years, my ever-gifted and dedicated colleagues, the supportive and involved school community and, most importantly, the students of Regency Acres who have given me a lifetime of memories. I will miss you.

Sincerely,
Lori Jennings

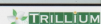


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Sports Day at Regency.



Mrs. Moffitt carrying the TORCH!

