

**Regency Acres P.S.
June 2015**



From the desk of Ms. Leoni

It's hard to believe we are almost at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. It has been a busy year filled with many positive and enriching experiences for both students and staff; all of which could not be possible without the help of a dedicated parent group and committed staff. To this end, we would like to extend our thanks to you, the Regency parents, community and staff for your continued support.

There are a group of parents who are "graduating" since their children are moving on to high school. We thank you for your support and time over the years. You will be missed.

A sincere thanks to our School Council members. We truly value the time you've taken to discuss the many important issues related to our school improvement initiatives. To our School Council Chair, Joan Lash, your leadership this year has been invaluable and for this, we extend a heartfelt thanks.

As we wrap up the next few weeks, we want to take this opportunity to thank our long-term occasional staff for their commitment to our students and our school. Thanks to Mr. Fleischman and Ms. McPhaden, your contributions to our school are greatly appreciated and you will be missed. We also had the pleasure of working with Danielle Kangas, who was hired to our school board as a 'Tutor in the Classroom'. Danielle offered a lot of support to various classrooms for instructional support. She also made great connections to students and offered great social skills programming. We hope to work with Danielle during the next school year.

There are three teachers this year who were deemed surplus at our school and have recently accepted positions at other schools in our board. Although they will be a loss to our school, we know that their new school will be lucky to have them. We want to thank and wish the best of luck to the following teachers: Mr. Keshavjee, Mrs. Bakas, and Mrs. Mesquita-Bissada.

We are pleased to report that our Breakfast Program and Healthy Schools program (including the Healthy Cart) had a successful year. We are grateful to all of our parent and staff volunteers who committed their time each day. We will be looking for more volunteers in September. We cannot stress enough the importance of these programs.

We would like to wish our Grade 8 graduates well as they transition to high school. Congratulations! We look forward to celebrating with them at the Grade 8 graduation which will take place on June 22nd.

Our school hours will remain the same for next year. Please note that the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for the upcoming academic year is Tuesday, September 8th. The school office will be closed during the summer holiday and will re-open during the week of August 31st, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As a way to celebrate the school year, we'd like to invite every student and their family to a **school community event on Thursday June 11th at 6:00pm**. This is the same evening as the **Spring Concert** (which will begin at 7:00pm). So, please come out! We will be having an official ribbon-cutting ceremony for our new front entrance. We will be serving coffee/tea, cookies, juice and there will be *freezie* for sale. Three newspapers have confirmed their attendance (The Banner, The Auroran and SNAP) to capture pictures and feature our amazing school. We hope to see everyone that evening.

On behalf of the Regency Acres P.S. staff, we wish each and every one of you a safe and enjoyable summer!

Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who have made my mid-year transition to Regency a smooth one. It is a pleasure to serve this school and I look forward to September. Regency has a wonderful and caring group of students.

Sincerely,

Lisa Leoni

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NO—Early Dismissal June 25



As a result of the current job action affecting elementary schools across the province and in York Region, the planned early release for students on June 25 is cancelled.

On Thursday, June 25, 2015, schools will be open and classroom instruction will continue for the entire normal school day. Friday, June 26, 2015 will remain a PA Day.

If your child is eligible for school transportation services, school buses and taxi services will continue according to the typical full day schedule. The school board has communicated this scheduling change to in school child care centers, including before and after care providers. Please check with your provider directly to confirm arrangements for this date.

We recognize that this may cause some inconvenience. Please be assured that we continue to have your child's achievement, well being and safety in mind.



Stay Active and Fit all summer long



Keeping children physically active improves their health, increases their confidence, gives them a chance to make friends and also keeps them from becoming bored. Encourage children to think about any potential risks before they start their activities. Together, create your own family

summer safety rules.

Safety questions for children to ask themselves: Is my bike fully tuned up?

Are my in-line skates or skateboard in good shape?

Is my helmet certified and specific to the sport in which I am participating?

Does my equipment (e.g., wrist guards, knee pads, lifejacket, etc.) fit me properly?

Do I understand the rules of the game and the skills needed for the activity?

Am I playing in a safe area (e.g., park versus the road, supervised pool or lake)?

For health-related information call York Region *Health Connection* at 1-800-361-5653,

TTY 1-866-252-9933 or visit www.york.ca



Are you moving?

If you are planning to be moving out of the Regency Acres'

area and will not be with us for the 2015/2016 school year, please contact our school office and let us know.

This information is important for our planning purposes and could impact our teacher allocation.





Our Next School Musical is Aladdin Jr.



Newmarket Theatre Show dates - February 23 & 24, 2016! Interested students in Grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 are asked to pick up their audition forms and material from Mrs. Hillaby as soon as possible so that they can begin preparing to audition on **FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015** for *ALADDIN Jr.* Music links can be found on YouTube by searching 'Aladdin Instrumental'. We need many boys and girls for lead, supporting, ensemble and roles in the choir for this very exciting production. Students should begin signing up in groups of 4 for their audition time outside of Mrs. Hillaby's room #22. If you love to sing, dance and act, then this is for you! Help preparing for auditions will be available from some of our stage experienced Intermediate students over the next two weeks - and students may also sign up for two or three rehearsals with these students outside of Rm. 22. Auditions are done by Sheryl Thomas (S.T.A.R. Productions and our Director) and Mrs. Hillaby. Casting is done by Ms. Thomas. Break a leg



QSP MAGAZINE

Our QSP Family Reading Magazine Fundraiser is returning this fall.

Please save your magazine orders (new and renewals) and order them through our school program.

If you renew with the publishers directly, the school does NOT receive any profits.

Save any publisher discount renewal coupons you receive, as

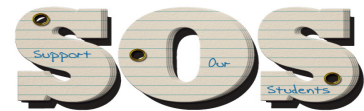
QSP will honour all price discount coupons! Our school earns a profit while you save money.

You'll get great magazines at great prices. You can save up to 85% off news stand prices. A single magazine can cost as little as \$2.00 per issue. Magazines encourage children to read and there are subscriptions that suit everyone in your family.

If you can't wait until the fall, you can order early and support our

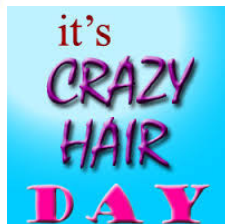
school by shopping online! It's easy...just visit www.QSP.ca.

If you ever have a question about your order, please call QSP Customer Service at 1-800-667-2536.



Student Council

Our next Spirit Day is June 12th. We ask that student put on their "craziest" hat/hair ever to come to school.



Summer Math Program Grade 5-9

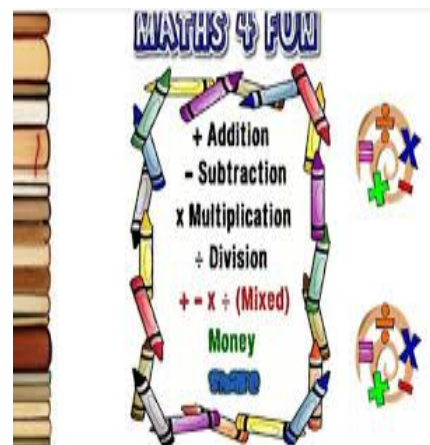
Summer is a great time for students to catch up on their math skills or get a head start on the next grade level. This summer, LDAYR and Evoke Learning are bringing back the highly successful Math Transitions program for students entering Grades 5-9.

Contact LDAYR to register today!

Phone: 905-884-7933 x 23

Email: info@ldayr.org

Website: www.ldayr.org



Mrs. Moffitt Pan Am Games Torch



On June 25, 2015, Mrs. Moffitt will be representing our school and community as a torch bearer for the 2015 Pan Am Games Torch Relay. Her essay on the importance of healthy active living in schools and her own personal life earned her the opportunity to carry the torch through our community. On Thursday, June 25, 2015, the torch will pass through Aurora. It will be traveling north on Yonge Street. Mrs. Moffitt will carry the torch from Brookland Avenue north past the Tim Horton's at Golf Links Drive at approximately 12:30 pm.



Congratulations Mrs. Moffitt! We are so proud of you!



Student Council Fundraiser—Haddan Eby Foundation

As part of our global community, the Regency Acres Student Council is hosting a fundraising event to raise money for the Haddan Eby Foundation and Camp Oochigeas. Haddan Eby, a friend to some of our students, lost her 6 year battle against cancer. Haddan had loved going to "Camp Ooch", a camp in Muskoka for kids with cancer. Camp Ooch provides nurses and doctors, and an opportunity to have fun with other kids going through cancer treatments. The Haddan Eby Foundation takes all proceeds from donations and uses them to support Camp Ooch. You can help us support this worthy charity by purchasing freezies for \$1.

Freezies will be sold on: Thursday, June 18th to Primary students during their Play Day

Friday, June 19th during morning recess to Junior and Intermediate students

Thank you for supporting the Student Council Fundraiser to support Camp Oochigeas. For further information about this camp, please go to <http://www.ooch.org/camp>





Eco Corner and Healthy Foods

The sun is shining and the temperatures are soaring. This is a great time of year to start to walk or ride to school and we love seeing how many of you have started making the daily trek. Just a reminder that when you arrive on



school property, we would ask that you walk your bike to the racks at the side of the building. This helps us keep everyone safe at busy drop off and pick up times.

It was so successful that we are doing it again! The Healthy Schools Committee is having another Booster Juice Day. Be sure to send back your forms on time so your child isn't disappointed.

The Healthy Schools Committee is also hosting a healthy (and **FREE**) Pasta Lunch on June 4th. Much like our Soup Day from last year, we will be providing a **FREE 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!

ECO Tip (<http://greenlivingideas.com/2015/05/15/pollinator-friendly-plants/>)

The extensive use of pesticides pose a threat to natural pollinators, causing colony collapse disorder in bee populations. Growing pollinator-friendly plants in your garden, especially native species without the use of pesticides, helps support pollinator populations and can increase the pollination and harvest of fruits and seeds in your garden.

Choosing to grow native species attracts more native pollinators and harnesses the strengthened partnership between pollinator and flower that has built up through natural selection and evolution.

1. Butterflies

Butterflies are beautiful and mysterious creatures whose habitats have been lost to extensive building development and road construction. Alfalfa, clovers, herbs, carrots, nettle, and trees such as elm, willow, green ash, aspen, cottonwood, and poplar provide delicious eats for growing caterpillars.

2. Bees

Bees have a long proboscis (tongue) that allows them to take up nectar from flowers. Sweat bees are the most common type of bee in the Northern Hemisphere, and are often mistaken for wasps or flies. The most well-known bee is the European honey bee, which, along with a few other types of bees, produces honey. Most bees are fuzzy and carry an electrostatic charge, which enhances the ability for pollen to stick to their bodies.

Most flowering plants are good sources of nectar for bees. Lupines, legumes like peas, milkweed, hyssop, goldenrod, coneflower, and butterfly weed are all great choices for a pollinator-friendly garden.

3. Hummingbirds

Like bees, hummingbirds also have a long tongue that allows them to drink nectar from deep-throated flowers. Great native plants that provide nectar for hummingbirds include honeysuckle, bee balm, wild bergamot, cardinal flower, and trumpet creeper. They will also love bottlebrush, aloe vera, Chinese bell flower, desert willow, fuchsia, tobacco, and sage.

