

Dear Regency Families,

This newsletter will be our last for this school year. I would like to start off by thanking our wonderful staff (teachers, support staff, caretakers, student support services) who are incredibly committed to the students in the school. Regency is a tight little community with a big heart and the staff give 100% every day. I enjoy working with everyone and feel so fortunate to be part of the Regency community! Recently Mrs. Sargeant transferred to another school and I would like to mention her because it has been a huge loss for Regency. Mrs. Sargeant has served our community for so many years. She worked tirelessly - constantly supporting students during recess times (offering remedial support, counselling, organizing student clubs and committees). The students, staff and parents miss her and we wish her luck at her new school. I would also like to thank those who you see when you first enter our school - the wonderful, Judy Sandiford, who keeps everyone 'in the know' via her email and newsletter communications, and also Norma Hardisty for keeping us organized and focused. Our caretaking staff deserve a huge thank you for keeping our school clean and making important decisions on a daily basis that keep our school safe and well-functioning. This year, we've had student teachers and long-term occasional teachers whose terms are unfortunately ending. They are: Ms. Pignatelli and Mr. Fleischman. As well, our Tutor in the Classroom, Danielle Kangas has worked in a few of our classrooms during the past couple of months, thank you Danielle.

As for parent volunteers, I have never seen a more hard-working, respectful and passionate group of volunteers who focus on supporting the school needs and the student body, **as a collective**. Thank you for volunteering your time, and working collaboratively with me and the staff. To our "graduating parents", thank you for all the years of service. As well, I'd like to acknowledge our amazing School Council members for their dedication and hard work. There are so many things to celebrate about Council (school events, fundraising projects, lunch programs, Regency Gives Back fund, and our fundraising plan, which many schools in our board have adopted and now use). For this, I thank Carol McLeod, Treasurer, who keeps our records balanced and assists us with targets, projections and planning considerations. I would like to thank Kim Davies, Secretary, for taking exceptional minutes. A thank you goes to Leah Clark for leading our Fundraising and Jill Snider for managing and overseeing our Healthy Schools committees - both roles are huge undertakings. Finally, I would like to thank our long-standing volunteer and incredible School Council Chair, Joan Lash (who has served in this role, and as co-chair for a few years). Joan has been an exceptional leader and a strong advocate for our school. Her ability to take an idea and make it a reality by collaborating with parents, teachers, staff, and administration is outstanding. She has championed many projects that will continue to benefit students and the school for years to come and she has been instrumental in expanding our fundraising. She is highly regarded by the Regency community and as a "graduating parent", we will miss her.

On behalf of the staff, we want to extend our best wishes to our Gr. 8 Graduates. We will miss all of them and wish them all the best in high school. We hope they keep in touch and visit us.



We are excited to have new JK students. Please note that our **school hours will remain the same for next school year. The FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for the 2017-2018 school year is Tuesday, September 5, 2017. The school office will be closed during the summer holiday and will re-open during the week of August 28 from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Please note that our school's Meet the Teacher/Curriculum BBQ Night will be Thursday, October 5, 2017. More details will be provided in September.

It is an honour to serve this school and I look forward to another great school year together. We have many new plans in store. I wish you and your families a wonderful summer!

Lisa Leoni

Principal

Regency Acres June 2017

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Early Dismissal June 29



All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 29, 2017**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meeting during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for

school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success. As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 29, 2017 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:25 a.m.** Arrangements will be made to ensure

that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.



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 2017/2018

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.

Volunteers needed

Thanks to our wonderful parent VOLUNTEERS, Regency is able to provide exceptional activities, programming, and lunch options for students. The school is currently planning for the next school year and is looking for new volunteers - especially for our Healthy Schools sub-committees (which is our largest fund-raising revenue stream). The following volunteer opportunities are available:

- Salad Days (20 days total, usually on Tuesdays. Note: you do not have to sign up for all days)
- Snack Cart shopper (periodic)
- Parfait Day (1 time in February)
- Booster Juice (5 times in the year)
- Panzerotti Day (1 time in the year)
- Parent Co-Lead for Hot Lunch Wednesdays

If you are interested in volunteering please email the Principal, lisa.leoni@yrdsb.ca. Your support will ensure these programs continue!

A message from our Trustee

As we near the end of the school year, I want to thank you for all that you do to strengthen our schools and communities. This is a good time to celebrate your child's achievements over the past year.

One of our goals in the Trustees' Multi-Year Plan is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture and caring and learning." That includes a culture that emphasizes engagement and positive relationships among all the members of the school community - students, staff members, families and community members.

You, as parents/guardians, are our most important partners when it comes to education. The support you have provided to your child throughout this past school year will help to strengthen our schools and make a difference to your child's learning.

I encourage you to continue engaging your child in learning throughout the summer, and to help them to see the connections between what they are learning in school and the world around them. There are so many opportunities to do this over the summer, whether that's planning a budget with your child, enjoying the natural beauty in York Region, reading a book or visiting local sites. Whatever your plans are this summer, I wish you all a successful end to the school year, and a safe and enjoyable summer.

Follow us on:



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 re-natal 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 newsstand 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. and

our school ID is: ID **3725249**

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



From the Kindergarten classes

What are "loose parts"?

The theory of loose parts was developed in the 1970s by architect Simon Nicholson. Loose parts naturally provide children with the chance to interact with variables that can be adapted or manipulated, and allow for children of all ages to be creative and innovative in any environment. Loose parts create an engaging and dynamic play with open-ended opportunities through imagination, creativity, and discovery.

As part our outdoor education program, our kindergartens have been

busy beavers collecting and exploring the outdoors for an assortment of natural loose parts. We are asking the school community to help us collect materials over the summer months for our "loose parts" play (school wide). We are looking for materials such as cedar blocks, tree stumps, PVC pipes, milk crates, fabric, shells, chalk, funnels, wagons, and more!

Visit Evergreen Outdoor Play and Learning: Loose Parts with this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDI5T51zhh0>



In May we paused and remember Mrs. Zsebik, a teacher who taught and was loved by many students and staff during her years at Regency Acres.

Regency remembers Ms. Zsebik

We remember the good times, the fun times, the chick hatchings, the butterfly hatchings, the Kindergarten Concerts, the Halloween Costumes and class parties, Santa's Workshop, and her love for nature through the Gardening club or fondly named the "Snail Club" by Mrs. Zsebik.

Whatever your memory, cherish it and know that Mrs. Zsebik would want all those that crossed paths with her to continue on your lifelong journey.



Student Council

It's almost the end of the year, and grade 8 graduation is just around the corner! Our Student Council is made up of grade 7 and 8 students. Each week, our Council met to plan and plot out new events to have fun, to keep school spirit strong, to help our community, the environment, and special causes.

Some Highlights In the cold days of January, we raised awareness for Autism by placing information posters all over the school, making class presentations and selling blue beaded bracelets to raise funds for Autism support. In February, we warmed up the school with a Fundraiser Dance in order to bring in unique 'Play Zones' to each classroom for future indoor recesses. We also had the opportunity to have a full day of dancing in the large gym. What a nice way to end off the week! The Environment came into focus in April, with a full week of Earth Week activities such as helping out in the front gardens, cleaning and pick up of litter around the school yard, and we moved some classes outside to enjoy the spring days. This year, Student Council brought more focus to culture and diversity by celebrating new holidays, such as Diwali and Chinese New Year. We had very enthusiastic responses from many students, teachers and visitors alike. Being on the Council gives our senior students some great opportunities to show leadership and bring forth new ideas for our school to try. We encourage many more students to participate next year. Many Grade 8 Council members enjoyed their time and say they hope to join the School Council in high school.

Regency Acres Spring Concert



Around Regency Acres



Congratulations to all the BOKS athletes who rise early every Wednesday morning to workout! A special thank you to Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Moffitt for leading this excellent program!

AirBand 2017





School Council

Our School Council meeting was held on May 24, 2017 and we were honored to have Becky Green - Superintendent, attend the meeting. Here are some highlights:

Becky thanked school council for their hard work, collaboration, and professionalism. She spoke about the success of Regency's school council and how many events, lunch programs, and initiatives are offered to the students. Becky was amazed to hear how much Regency raises in fundraising. We have continued to grow our fundraising revenue from approx. \$25,000 in 2012-2013 to approx. \$46,000 this year. This has been no easy task in light of declining enrollment, but thanks to parent volunteers/leads who respected their commitments and managed them so well, and the strong support from teachers and administration, it is achievable.

Here is where your fundraising dollars were spent this year: Literacy & library resources, arts programming, healthy schools nutrition and fitness, student events/clubs, math & science programming (Makerspace), musical instruments, field trips, manipulatives, Phys Ed programming, student support, student presentations, Regency Gives Back fund, technology, field trips, Gr 8 grad etc.

Ron Weese from Activate Aurora announced that Regency is officially an Activate Aurora school and with this designation comes many exciting and stimulating programs for the students. Ron thanked the teaching staff at Regency for being strong advocates and leaders when it comes to physical literacy.

Mrs. Clause announced a wonderful event for students that will occur next year... STEAM event (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math). It will be similar to the Pause-to-play event but focused on the STEAM areas. More details will follow in the fall.

Freezie Days will be run by Student Council and are coming soon! An additional hot dog day will offered in June. Coming up: Hot lunch Wed May 31, Jun 7, 14, Pasta Day Jun 6, Booster Juice June 13, Hot dog day June 15, 22, Salad Day Jun 19, Kids Kitchen spirit day Jun 23.

This is my final year at Regency and I wanted to say that it has been an absolute pleasure to be Chair of School Council and work alongside amazing parent volunteers and community partners who have supported our school. I would like to thank the members of this years School Council for all of their hard work: Carol, Diana, Heather, Jill, Judy, Kathy, Kim, Leah, Maryam, Pat, Rodney, Sandy, Sophia & Ms. Leoni.

To parent volunteers, I would like to thank you for giving your time and always putting the best interests of the students, ahead of your own. Your ability to work collaboratively, respect school polices, bring positive energy to events/fundraisers, is not only appreciated by those on School Council, but by the school community at large. *You have set a wonderful example for your children!*

To the teachers and staff, thank you for your incredible support of school council. We are so appreciative that you embrace our initiatives and help make them successful.

To Mrs. Hardisty and Mrs. Sandiford: I have had the opportunity to be in the school and see what you do on a daily basis. I can't thank you enough for always being available to support school council and help us achieve our goals. We could not do it without you!

Last but not least, I would like to thank Principal Lisa Leoni. Your leadership and support of School Council is incredible. One of the things that I will take away from working with Principal Leoni is that for every initiative that School Council brought forward, Lisa always asked "how do we involve the students?" This has had a positive impact on students and they have benefitted from being involved and engaged in their school in a variety of initiatives. Thank you Lisa for always reminding us that we are here for the students.

My family and I will always treasure our time Regency and the incredible friendships we have made. Thank you.

I wish you and your families a wonderful summer!

Joan Lash

Chair, School Council