

Dear Regency Families,

Regency Acres June 2018

I would like to start off by thanking our wonderful staff (teachers, support staff, caretakers, student support services) who have a deep care for our students. Their ongoing commitment and support our school is so appreciated. Recently Mrs. Carolyn Seetner-Kalish retired so I would like to wish you the best. I would also like to extend best wishes to Mrs. Digrigoli, Ms. Shamis, Ms. Choy who are moving to new schools in September. During this month we will receive board communication on the placement of Educational Assistants who serve such an important role in the daily lives of students. Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Carlson-Oriotis have been wonderful EAs and will be moving to other schools so we wish them luck for next year. We are expecting new staff in September so I will announce their names in the fall. Norma Hardisty and Judy Sandiford are so foundational in the daily operations of our school. They go over and beyond each day! Our caretaking staff, Walter Balbosa, Matthew Aleksich and Guy Gervais also 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 staff whose terms are unfortunately ending. They are: Mrs. Jorgensen, Ms. Brett, Ms. Rummenie, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Dennys, Mrs. O'Reilly, Ms. Kastanis, Ms. Dippo, Mrs. Beech-Thomas, and Mr. Fleischman. As well, our Tutor in the Classroom, Alyssa Fuller has worked in a few of our classrooms during the past couple of months.

Regency's School Council is a fantastic group of hard-working parents who have dedicated their time to ensure the successful delivery of lunch programs and other fundraising events. Our school's Fundraising Plan allows for our school to purchase new resources for classroom learning, hands-on-materials and technology for our Makerspace, library texts and so much more. I would like to thank Carol McLeod who served as Treasurer. She has managed our financial records and has assisted us with targets, projections and planning considerations. I would like to thank Leah Clark and Sera Weiss who have led many fundraiser initiatives this year and Sera, for helping with Healthy Schools projects and our school-wide Art Fair. Sera volunteered her time to teach art in some of our classrooms and led the vision of the Art Fair. Thank you to Rodney Mooy for being a wonderful Community Representative and for coordinating our Family Ski Nights. Rodney always sharing great ideas and possibilities. Thank you to our other council members, Susan Patton-Guy (who volunteers in various capacities, including leading the Hot Dog Lunch program), Kim Davies (who acts as council secretary when needed), Brendt Wonch (who has co-lead our Family Ski Nights), Diana Moniz (for leading the QSP fundraiser this year and for running the Frozen Yogurt days) and Sandy Kennedy (who takes the lead on organizing our PRO Grants, running our school-wide Bake Sales, serving on Salad days, ordering popcorn inventory, coordinating with KidsKitchen to organize special lunches). Finally, I would like to thank our School Council Chair, Kathy Duncan for her leadership and strong advocacy for our school.

As for parent volunteers have always done so much for our school. It is with their efforts 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. to acknowledge our amazing School Council members for their dedication and hard work. I want to thank Mark and Caroline Wiley, Adrienne Watt, Cara Tuch, Susan Spampinato (grandparent at our school). As well, the student leaders in all grades for delivering pizzas to classes. Thinking ahead to next year, we are in desperate need of volunteer support (in general) but in particular, with our Wednesday Hot Lunch Program. This program raises over \$10,000 which is a significant amount of money that goes directly toward student learning and achievement. Mark and Caroline Wiley have done a fantastic job organizing and co-leading (including the hours they have spent on the administrative tasks behind the scenes). Since the Wileys are moving on to be high school parents, Adrienne Watt has offered her time to volunteer as Parent Lead of this program. However, it cannot be sustained with just 1 person. **Therefore, we are kindly asking for your help. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office for details.**

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 are excited about receiving our new JK students in September and hope there are not too many tears on the first day of school.

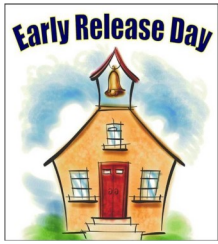
Please note that our school hours will remain the same for next school year. **The FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for the 2018-2019 school year is Tuesday, September 4, 2018. The school office will be closed during the summer holiday and will re-open during the week of August 27 from 8:00am-4:00pm.** Please note that our school's Meet the Teacher/Curriculum BBQ Night will be Thursday, October 4, 2018 from 5:30-7:30pm. More details will be provided in September.

It is an honour to serve the staff, students and parent community of Regency Acres PS. I wish you and your families a wonderful summer and I look forward to another great school year together.

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Early Dismissal June 28



All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 28, 2018**, 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 28, 2018 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 arrange-

ments 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 2018/2019

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

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 fundraising 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!



Thanks to our wonderful parent VOLUNTEERS, Regency is able to provide exceptional activities, programming,

From the Kindergarten classes

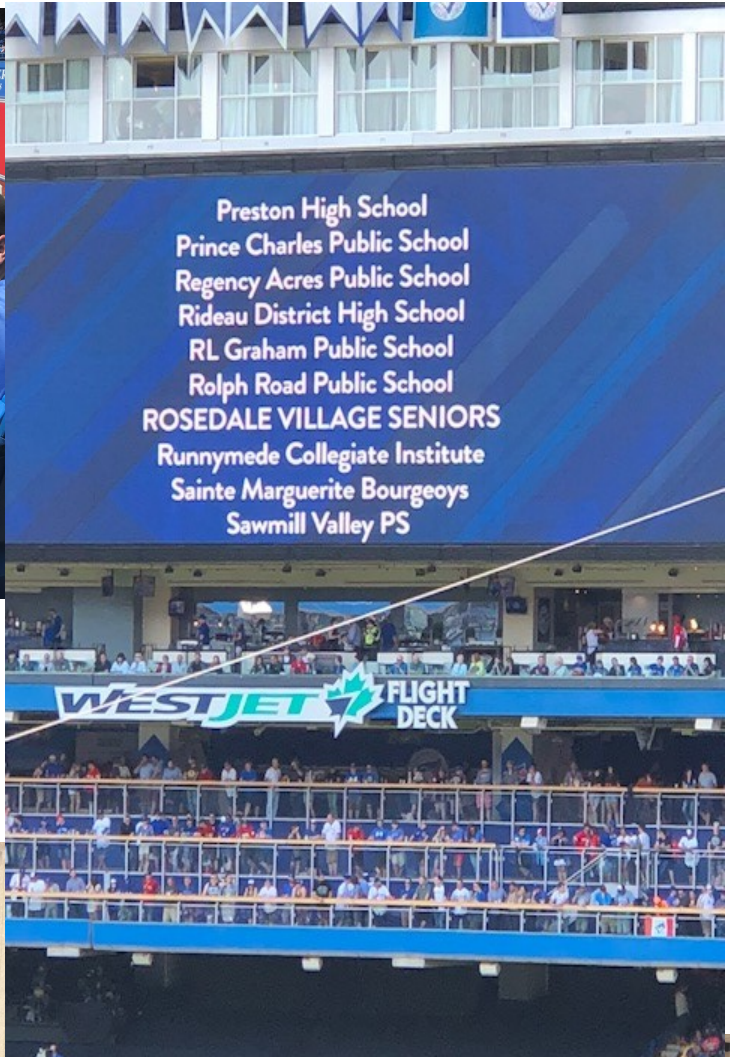
Our class choose to create Land Art using some of the natural loose parts frequently used within the FDK program. The small groups were engaged in problem solving, cooperation, decision making, complex vocabulary, creativity and imaginative thinking.



Regency Acres Spring Concert and Art Fair



Around Regency Acres



Mrs. Moffitt's students presented their dog park idea to Aurora's Town Council tonight. The students were amazing! This is student voice in action! Way to go!



Ms. Gray and Ms. Shamis Class

