



Hello
JUNE

Dear Regency Families,

Regency Acres June 2019

I would like to start off by thanking our wonderful staff (teachers, support staff, caretakers, student support services) who go over and beyond for our students. Mrs. Norma Hardisty has decided to retire after 31 years of service with YRDSB, of which she served 18 years at Regency Acres PS. Norma will be greatly missed

by our students, staff and community members. We wish her all the best. I would like to thank Mrs. Vasilopoulos who worked all year as a Long-Term Occasional Teacher (LTO) with our Grade 2 class and made a wonderful connection with the students. As well, Ms. Isse will be greatly missed by students and staff. She did a wonderful job teaching Gr. 3/4 Math and History and Geography to our Intermediates. We hope to work with our LTO teachers again. Regency welcomes Ms. Rumball who was recently hired to teach our new Community Class. I would also like to thank our Educational Assistants who serve such an important role in the daily lives of students. We are expecting new staff in September so I will announce their names in the fall.

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 Rodney Mooy who served as Treasurer. He has managed our financial records and has assisted us with targets, projections and planning considerations. I would like to thank Sera Weiss who has led many fundraiser initiatives this year and, for helping with huge Fundraiser/Community events such as Festive Shop, Dance-a-Thon and Art Fair. Sera also volunteered lots of her time in our library and classrooms. Thank you to Rodney Mooy and Brendt Wonch for coordinating our Family Ski Nights. Thank you Susan Patton for leading our Healthy Schools programs. Susan organized Hot Dog days and has also volunteered lots of her time in our school co-leading many evenings. Thank you to Leah Clark for serving on council for so many years and for her support with Festive Shop and Halloween Boo-Tique. Our school has benefited from many donations as a result of Leah. Thank you to our other council members, Diana Moniz (for running the Frozen Yogurt days) and Sandy Kennedy (who takes the lead on organizing our PRO Grants, running our school-wide Bake Sales, and coordinating with KidsKitchen to organize special lunches). Finally, I would like to thank our School Council Chairs, Kathy Duncan and Kim Davies for their leadership and strong advocacy for our school. Kathy and Leah will be moving on as their children are going to high school. They will be greatly missed!

To our parent volunteers...you do so much for our school so thank you for volunteering your time and working collaboratively with the staff and me. I want to thank Adrienne Watt for organizing our Wednesday Hot Lunch Program and for Claudia Velocci for volunteering her time on Wednesdays (and on various other initiatives, such as Festive Shop and Art Fair). 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. Adrienne has done a fantastic job organizing but the program 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.**

Regency's Farm to School 3-Year grant has ended this month. Therefore, we will no longer be offering Salad Days. I want to thank our coordinator, Gwen Al-Kas for her service during the last 3 years. We ran a very successful program which has captured provincial attention. We met all the requirements for running a healthy program. I know that students enjoyed every single salad day. Our most popular salads were Nacho-it-up, Chicken Caesar and Pasta Salad.

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 2019-2020 school year is Tuesday, September 3, 2019. The school office will be closed during the summer holiday and will re-open during the week of August 26 from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Please note that our school's Meet the Teacher/Curriculum BBQ Night will be Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 5:30-7:00pm. 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.

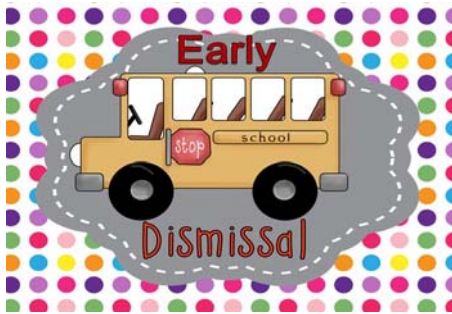
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**HAPPY
SUMMER**



Early Dismissal June 27



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 27, 2019 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.

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 27, 2019**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in



Stay Active 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 2019/2020 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.



New Lunch Program

Regency will be starting a new lunchtime program in September. This program will be every Mondays and Tuesdays.

The Lunch Lady Program will be taking over from KidsKitchen.

Thank You to KidsKitchen for their amazing service over the years.

More information will be sent out at the end of August.



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Lunch
Lady

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 fundraising revenue stream). The following volunteer opportunities are available:

- Snack Cart shopper (periodic)
- Parfait Day (1 time in February)
- 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!



Around the School



Students enjoyed their Nacho it Up Salad.

The Regency Acres Griffins took first place in the Cricket Tournament hosted at Wellington PS. Thank you CBI Cricket Program.



This is a photo of Tashanna Jordan-Cyrus—Grade 8 student, her father Bernard Cyrus and her teacher Ms. Isse at the AEBS (Alliance of Educators for Black Students) Annual Student Awards Ceremony. On May 2, Tashanna was awarded with a medallion to recognize her academic achievements in language and geography this school year. She was nominated by her teachers Ms. Moffitt and Ms. Isse.



Regency Acres Spring Concert and Art Fair



More Information

Message From Our Trustee

As we near the end of the school year, this is a good time to celebrate all your child has learned and achieved. I hope that you have seen evidence of their growth and learning throughout the year.

Supporting the well-being and achievement of our students is a partnership with families and communities, and I want to thank you for all that you do to help strengthen our schools and support your child's learning. We know that when you ask your child about their learning, help them make connections or participate in school events, our students and our schools benefit.

I look forward to continuing to build relationships with families over the summer months and in the 2019-2020 school year. As we go into the summer, there are many opportunities to continue supporting your child's learning - whether helping to plan a family trip, visiting a local museum, reading a book or participating in one of the many exciting [summer learning programs](#) offered through the Board. I hope that whatever you have planned, you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

I would also like to offer a special congratulations to the graduating class of 2019. We wish you all the very best as you move on to this next phase of your life. We look forward to welcoming back all of our new and returning families in the fall.

A [message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees](#) is also available on the Board website at www.yrdsb.ca.

Mr. Bob McRoberts
Trustee



Help us improve our websites

We are refreshing the www.yrdsb.ca website and [our school websites](#), and invite you to share your feedback through a brief survey. The information from the surveys will help us ensure that the content, navigation and layout meet the needs of students, families and community members.

Our websites provide important information about our school and Board, resources to help your child succeed, school programs and more.

The two-part survey is anonymous, confidential and voluntary, and should take about 10-15 minutes to complete. If you have any questions please contact communications@yrdsb.ca.

The survey will be available until June 12 at bit.ly/YRDSBwebsurvey.