



# MARCH NEWSLETTER 2016

Regency Griffins

March 2016

## WELCOME SPRING



### Message from the Principal

Dear Regency Families

There is a lot of talent at Regency, that's for sure! On Tuesday, February 23, 2016, the Cast and Crew of Aladdin Jr. performed 2 outstanding shows at the Newmarket Theatre. Unfortunately, we needed to cancel the Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> show due to the YRDSB's Inclement Weather Policy. However, the good news is that we secured another date – for **Tues., May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The classes that were scheduled to attend on Feb. 24 will attend the 10:00am show on this day. If you have already purchased seats, they will be considered complimentary tickets. **However, you will need to contact the theatre at least one day before the date of the performance, (Tuesday, May 3, 2016) and choose your seats again.** Please notify the theatre that you will **not** be using your seats so that they may be released for sale. Once this is done, your refund cheque will be processed by the school. We ask that cancelled seats be done as soon as possible. We appreciate your cooperation. I want to extend a very special thank you to all the cast members, the Newmarket Theater staff, Sheryl Thomas, Mrs. Knowles, and Mrs. Hillaby for making Aladdin Jr. possible.

Here's something else to celebrate: Our Intermediate Girls' Basketball Team won the area tournament and are moving on to represent our school at the Regional tournament on March 8<sup>th</sup> (held at Bill Crothers S.S.). We wish the team lots of success. Thank you to the coaches: Mrs. Walsh, Ms. Choy, Ms. Ng, Mr. Hoben and Mr. Lanning for supporting the players.

March Break is around the corner. Whatever your plans, we wish you all a fantastic break. Hope you get to spend some quality family time with each other. March break begins on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and ends Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the school will be closed during this time. School resumes Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Happy break everyone!

Lisa Leoni  
Principal

### MILK PROGRAM



Milk tickets will continue to be sold in the office.

Each ticket is \$.75 or a sheet of twenty can be purchased for \$15.00, 1/2 for \$7.50.

### POPCORN DAYS



For the Month of March, Regency Popcorn will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to send your child with \$1 if they wish to get a Popcorn treat.

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## ECO TIPS and HEALTHY SCHOOLS



### IGNITE TECHNOLOGY GRANT

For students with SEA Technology

The Ignite Technology Grant is designed to create **leadership opportunities**, hone **communication skills**, and increase **self-esteem** for students with SEA equipment within their school community. The goal is to bring **awareness** to the effective and successful use of technology for modern learning.

**Ignite your school and community now!**

Go to [www.yrdsb.ca/ignite](http://www.yrdsb.ca/ignite) now to learn how!

March is Turn Off Your

Computer/Monitor Month. When you are not working at your computer, please make sure you have turned it off to save power. At home, you can even go a step further and unplug your devices that are not in use to reduce your **Phantom Load**.

### Reducing Your Phantom Load

When you turn off your television, it's not using any power, right? Wrong. In fact, some TVs — and many other plugged-in electric devices — use power even when they're turned off. **About five to 10 per cent of a home's electricity consumption** is used for this

“phantom load” according to Natural Resources Canada. To reduce this waste, plug multiple devices into a power bar, and use the bar's master switch to cut and restore power. This works particularly well for chargers for cell phones and electronic devices, which are common phantom load draws. For entertainment systems, use a “smart strip” that shuts off power to some devices while leaving others, such as a personal video recorder, powered on. And when you're looking to buy appliances and electronics, look for EnergyStar products, which use less electricity in standby mode.



### Daylight Savings

#### REMINDER:

March 13th, 2016 at 2:00 A.M., please remember to change your clock to one (1) hour ahead.



### School Cash Online

Online Payments coming SOON.

Our school will be accepting online payments through School Cash Online. School related expenses such as hot lunch-

es, field trips and fundraisers will be online soon for you to make payment.

Watch for more information coming soon.



Dropping off an item? Volunteering? Attending a meeting? Picking up your child? Please be aware that due to sensitivities and allergic reactions of students and staff, all visitors to the school are asked to please refrain

### Scent Free School

from wearing scented products in the school. Scents remain in the air for long periods, and can affect the physical well being of others. We appreciate your support in making our school a safe

place for all students and staff.



### Team Sports at Regency Acres P.S.

Regency Intermediate Girls' and Boys' Teams.

The Girls' team qualified for the Regionals on March 8th at Bill Crothers High School in Unionville.

Thank you to all our coaches, especially Mr. Hoben.



## REGENCY STUDENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Your Student Council Committee:

Back Row: Colin L.; Yasmeen A.; Michael P.; Sydney G.; Maddy R.

Front Row: Karsen R.; Christina P.; Bryn C.; Cassie H.



### Dressing for Cold Weather



Students need to come to school dressed to play outside during recesses (hats, scarves, gloves/ mittens, boots, etc.) It is advisable for children to bring extra pants and socks, in case they get wet. Please ensure that your children have indoor shoes at school that they can

change into when they come inside. Being physically active during winter is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle. The school administration keeps a close eye on weather conditions including wind chill. When conditions necessitate, students will remain inside for recess. When conditions allow, reduced outdoor recesses may take place. **If a student is well enough to attend school, then he/she will be expected to go outside for recess.**

### Homework Help

Homework Help is a **FREE** online math help resource for students in Grades 7-10. Homework Help provides **FREE**, live one-on-one tutoring from Ontario teachers.

Homework Help is funded by the Ontario government and administered by TVO.

**Students can ask their math questions during our chat room hours, Sunday-Thursday 5:30pm-9:30pm ET.**

<https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>

# SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

We had a great turnout for the first Family Ski & Tubing night on February 5. It was nice to see so many new families take part. The next one is Friday, March 4. Take advantage of our low school rates to ski, board, tube, or take lessons. Bring your friends... the more the merrier!

## Upcoming Special Events in April:



### Dance-A-Thon FUNdraiser

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Professor Jamz and the Spin Machine will be taking over the gym with music and lights. Each grade, including kindergarten, will participate. The goal is to keep *moving* for the entire time (minimum of 30 minutes) and be active.

A kick off assembly will be held on March 21 and hosted by Professor Jamz himself. Details will be sent home then.

All funds raised will be used to purchase an ELECTRONIC SCOREBOARD for the large gym! This is a highly requested item from students, teachers, and parents and we are excited to have the opportunity to raise funds for a new scoreboard and support our Phys-ed programs, school sports teams, and fitness initiatives at Regency!

**Pledge a student today!**

**PROFESSORJAMZ.COM**

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### **BAG 2 SCHOOL Clothing Drive (Stay tuned for more details)**

Let us help you with spring cleaning! Our third annual clothing drive collection is coming in April. Please donate gently used children's/women's/men's clothing, shoes, hats, belts, purses, ties, boots, snow-suits, coats, drapery, sheet sets, and stuffed animals. Formal wear too (dresses, suits, ties)... **but please put formal wear in a separate bag.**

The amount of money that we receive is based on the weight of the collection. Last year, your donations weighed as much as 2 full grown polar bears (that's over 1 tonne!) In April, students will be coming home with a special blue donation bag, however, any type of bag is accepted. Additional blue bags will be available in the office. Clothing does not break down in landfills. Help reduce the amount of garbage that is created and donate to this worthwhile cause.

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### **Family Movie Night**

Our last family movie night was so popular that we are having another one on Friday, April 22 (EARTH DAY)! Come and enjoy this free evening and connect with other families while the kids enjoy a movie. We will show 2 movies (one in each gym) and popcorn, juice & water will be sold. More details soon.

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The next School Council meeting is Wednesday, March 23, 7:00pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

*Joan Lash & Lynn Pearson*  
Co-Chairs, School Council

# REGENCY GRIFFINS



What a blast we all had playing hockey with The Aurora Tigers and learning about Healthy Living and aspiring to be the best in all you do!!! Their owner, Jim Thompson was a former NHL player and one of the Aurora Tigers, Kyle Locke went to Regency until Grade 7!



Grade 5 Winter Fun



Regency Acres \$400 donation to INN FROM THE COLD.



Kindergarten Snow Art with Reading Buddies



Kindergarten Classes with Positive Pals



Mr. Hoben, coaching boys from a very young age.