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March

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Regency Griffins

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WELCOME SPRING

Message from the Principal

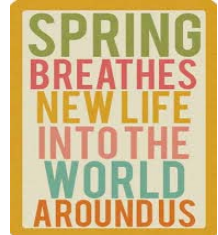
Dear Regency Families

On Feb. 27 and 28 our students demonstrated their outstanding talents on stage while performing Camp Rock at the Newmarket Theatre. I would like to thank all the students from Cast A and B for their tremendous efforts and perseverance. As well, to all the parents who offered their time and support (many helped out behind the scenes). I'd also thank Richmond Rose P.S. who purchased approximately 175 tickets and came out to attend our show! Camp Rock was our 9th annual production!

This year students, parents and staff will be asked to complete a board climate survey to collect feedback across the system. Our plan is to have our Gr. 5-8 students complete the survey during the week of April 3-7 (letters will be handed to parents). Questions on this survey will focus on math, modern learning, mental health and well-being, equity, and school safety. The survey is anonymous and confidential (therefore, the identities of respondents will not be revealed). The survey will take about 30 minutes to complete. More information about parent surveys will follow.

March Break is coming up. School will be closed March 13-17 and will resume Monday, March 20. We wish you a fabulous break and hope that you enjoy some extra family time together.

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, $\frac{1}{2}$ for \$7.50.

March Break



March 13th to March 17th, 2017 inclusive.

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Message from Our Trustee

With spring approaching and the hours of daylight increasing, now is a good time to enjoy the outdoors and our natural environment. Did you know that our Board has five [outdoor education centres](#), and students have opportunities to visit them and other outdoor learning spaces throughout their schooling? This is part of our commitment to giving students an opportunity to learn in and about the natural world. This learning supports students in gaining a deeper appreciation for nature and the importance of environmental sustainability.

“Modelling continuous environmental sustainability” is one of the goals outlined in our [Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#). We believe that we all have a role to play in reducing waste and protecting our environment. Our students, staff members and families continue to show leadership when it comes to supporting student learning and initiatives to reduce our ecological footprint.

Spending time outside as a family also provides a great opportunity to support and enhance your child's learning outside of school. Whether visiting a park or museum, reading with your child in your home language or asking questions about their day at school - know that there are many ways you can support their education and that you are making a difference.

I hope you all have a happy and safe March Break and enjoy the warmer weather ahead.



Daylight Savings

REMINDER:
March 12th, 2017 at 2:00 A.M., please remember to change your clock to one (1) hour ahead.

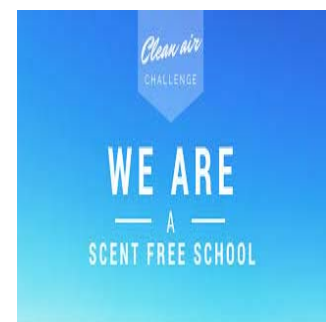


School Cash Online

Online Payments is here!

Our school is now accepting online payments through School Cash Online. School related expenses such as hot

lunches, field trips and fundraisers will be online for you to make payment. Please always check for a confirmation receipt to ensure that your order was completed.



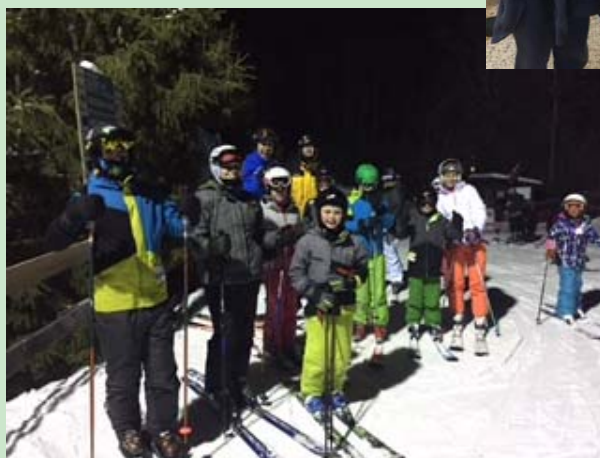
Scent Free School

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 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.

Students at Regency Acres P.S.



REGENCY STUDENT COUNCIL

FARM2SCHOOL SALAD DAYS



The Regency student council brings back yet another beloved Regency Tradition! Coming up this month, we have another healthy

salad day to help reinforce the importance of eating well.

Also coming up on March 7th we have Disney Day! Disney Day gives kids the chance to dress up as their favourite Disney characters! You can be a princess, prince, whatever you want! We hope everyone has fun on this new dress-up day!

Our Salad Days have been a great success so far! We love seeing everyone dig into the healthy food being offered here at Regency. As part of our Salad Bar program, the grade 3 and 6 classes participated in a sprouting workshop with the York Region Food Network. Our goal is to grow our own sprouts and use them on our own salads for the next salad day. We are so excited.



From the classroom of Ms. Birt

Dressing for Cold/Wet Weather



During our Measurement unit, students were using non-standard units (e.g., cubes, straws, paper-clips, toothpicks, etc.) to measure a variety of classroom objects. They were given a group challenge to try to create the tallest tower possible using only the materials that they were provided with. Students persevered and shared their creative ideas with one another on how to build a stable, yet

tall tower that they could then measure. The Grade Ones also made predictions and took daily measurements of five growing animal toys. These animal toys grew in length and width when submerged in water and the Grade Ones were eager to see them grow bigger each day!



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.



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The last School Council meeting was held on February 15, 2017. We have many great activities and events coming up. Here are some updates:

Valentine's Day was a sweet surprise for Regency students! Student council planned an event and every student received a special message from a classmate, and a gift.

We also had our **free Parfait Day**, which students (and teachers) loved! A big thank you goes to parent lead, Kendra Palazzi, who did a great job organizing Parfait Day this year. It is a lot of work to plan and execute this event but well worth it when you see how much the students (and parents) appreciate this healthy treat. Thank you Kendra!

Our next **Salad Day** is March 2, and the theme is "Take-it-up-a-Nacho Day". Our salad days are getting a lot of positive attention and other schools in York region have been coming out to see how Regency does it, in order to implement Salad Days at their schools.

Ski Nights continue to be very popular this year, and Rodney Mooy (Parent Lead) is looking at expanding the program next year. Our final ski night this year is March 3. Thank you to Brendt Wonch for helping Rodney with the ski nights this year.

The **Dance-A-Thon** is April 7, and the kick-off assembly will be **Tuesday, March 21**.

Pledge envelopes will be handed out to students during the assembly. Thank you to parents who have already donated prizes! Please contact our Fundraising Chair, [Leah Clark at clrkhl@yahoo.ca](mailto:Leah.Clark@clrkhl@yahoo.ca) if you can donate an item (lego sets, gift cards, sports jerseys, toys, art supplies, sport tickets, chocolates/candy/treats, books, games are great for prizes!).

Bag2School clothing drive will run at the end of April, beginning of May. This is a great opportunity for you to 'spring clean' and repurpose clothing items that you no longer need.

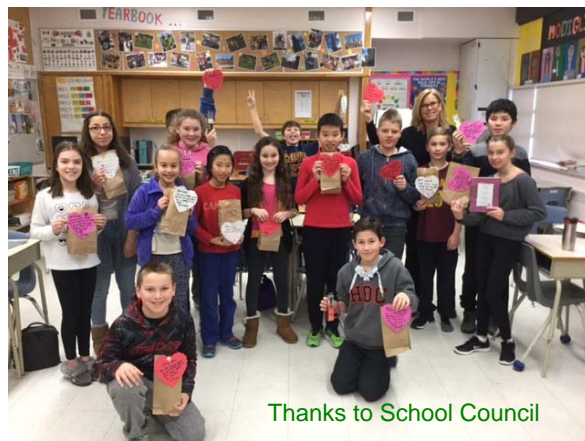
BOKS (Build Our Kids Success) is a new fitness program being introduced at Regency after March Break. It will run 2 mornings a week from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Details will be sent home soon.

Pause-to-Play will be back again this year. The date will be determined by the Town of Aurora. If you remember, this is a fun-filled day where student can choose various activities to participate in (some activities last year: cricket, karate, line dancing, soccer). Jill Snider, Healthy Schools Chair is the Lead, and Mrs. Moffitt is the teacher coordinator for this event. More details will be sent home once the date is confirmed.

Our next school council meeting is Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

I wish you and your families a wonderful March Break!

Joan Lash
Chair, School Council



Thanks to School Council



Camp Rock

