



# MARCH NEWSLETTER 2018

March 2018

WELCOME SPRING

## Message from the Principal

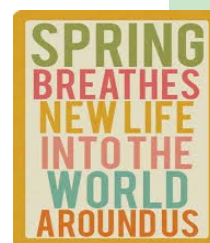
I would like to start by extending a great big THANK YOU to Mrs. Claus for organizing our fantastic Gr. 4-8 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) conference that took place on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. We had almost 10 businesses leading sessions and many special guests, as well. All Gr. 4-8 students chose 3 different 1 hour electives to participate in throughout this day. This was a huge undertaking by Mrs. Claus (and other staff who volunteered to teach a session). It was like a full-day professional conference for students! Please have a look at the pictures highlighting this day in our newsletter.

Parfait Day was a great hit last month. I would like to thank School Council and all the parent volunteers for making this happen again. Speaking of food, our Salad Days are running smoothly and they are a big hit! We generally serve between 60-70 every 2 weeks. We would like to increase our orders and encourage other students to benefit from this nutritious lunch.

Morning drop-off at Kiss and Ride remains a congested area. Please be reminded that this is a "moving line". We are also noticing that many students are arriving a little later and are entering through the front doors. We ask that students arrive to school between 8:10-8:20 so they are ready to morning transitions.

March Break is coming up. **School will be closed March 12-16 and will resume Monday, March 19.** 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 coupons can be purchased for \$15.00,  $\frac{1}{2}$  a sheet, ten coupons for \$7.50.

## March Break



March 12th to  
March 16th, 2018  
inclusive.

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## STEAM Conference

On Tuesday, February 6th, Mrs. Claus and Mr. Lanning received an Applause Award from the York Region District School Board. This award was to further recognize the work that both teachers put into creating Regency's Makerspace, and the BRAINPOWER@REGENCY STEAM Conference created and run by Mrs. Claus for the grade 4-8 students to promote resiliency and critical thinking skills.



### Daylight Savings



**REMINDER:**  
March 11th, 2018 at 2:00 A.M., please remember to change your clock to one (1) hour ahead.



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.



# STEAM Conference



York Region District School Board is revisioning its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

### Save the Date!

TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES	LOCATIONS
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 9 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill



## Relocation/Replacement of Dr. G. W. Williams SS

# THE NEW SCHOOL

We are pleased to announce that the Ministry of Education and the York Region District School Board have identified a path forward for the relocation/replacement of Dr. G.W. Williams SS to a new secondary school site located in the northeast quadrant of Bayview Avenue and Borealis Avenue.

The planning, design and construction of a new secondary school is an exciting but lengthy process. It is estimated that the relocated/replaced Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School will not open earlier than September 2023. Once an opening date has been finalized it will be shared with the community. Until that time, the current Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School will continue to operate as normal.

It has also been determined that the existing Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School facility will be retained by the Board and utilized for administration purposes.

### Dressing for Cold/ Wet 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.

### Summer Institute

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 11 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the Summer Institute page on [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

Registration opens March 7. Families can now register online, as well as in person or by mail.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome to March!!!! Although the weather the past couple of weeks has felt fairly spring like, we are not there quite yet. And that is a good thing!! We still have plenty to do this year. Did you know that in the 2016/2017 school year, you were responsible for contributing just over \$31 000 in additional funds to help support the School Improvement Plan? Every year School Council, in conjunction with the Principal and school staff, put together a plan to raise funds to help support many of the initiatives that go on at Regency. Things like Chromebooks, document cameras, Makerspace gear sets, snap circuit sets, STEAM sets, library books, replacement music scores and many more items. To do this we have multiple events/initiatives through each year. We realise that the repeated requests for funds to support this or support that which come what seems like each and every week, can be quite tiresome. But they are necessary for us to be able to raise these funds and provide these supports to each and every student in our school. We had an excellent meeting in January to bring forward some new ideas for fundraisers and to go over what is working and what isn't. So please bear with us over the next few months as you may see changes to the old standbys. One of the things which came up through those discussions, is the wish of some to just donate directly to the school, rather than perhaps purchasing something or things which are really not needed in an effort to see some of the proceeds go towards the fundraising initiative. This is always possible!! If this is an option which appeals to you, direct donations are absolutely always welcome and would be warmly received by Mrs. Hardisty or Mrs. Sandiford in the School Office. As always, we welcome and encourage your feedback. Please use the email address dedicated to School Council which is [Regency.Acres.PS@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:Regency.Acres.PS@sc.yrdsb.ca).

One of the other themes which has come up on Council in the past few months is the need for more volunteers to help out with the various fundraisers in school. Even if you only have a few hours a month, and would like to help out, please see Mrs. Sandiford or Mrs. Hardisty to let them know and they will get you set up with the documentation that is required. The more the merrier, and many hands truly do make for light work!!

Nest Council Meeting: March 21st, 2018

All the best from your School Council.

Regards,

Kathy Duncan, Chair



# REGENCY GRIFFINS

