



MARCH NEWSLETTER 2019

WELCOME SPRING

Message from the Principal

Dear Regency Families,

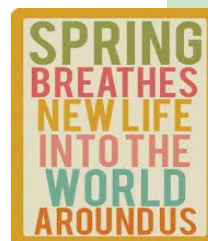
I would like to start with saying THANK YOU to Mrs. Claus for organizing our fantastic Gr. 4-8 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) conference that took place on Feb. 27th. We had individuals and businesses from a variety of different fields who facilitated workshops. All Gr. 4-8 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.

As usual, 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. School Council also provided funding toward the Special Valentine's Day event that our Student Council organized. Each student received a special note and water bottle filled with sweets from a classmate.

Coming up soon: April 4th is our school-wide Dance-a-Thon so look out for details soon. We are looking for prizes to be donated so it would be a great help if parents can help out by accessing items to raffle off. If you have business contacts/connections that can provide gift cards, vouchers, coupons for discounts...anything, really, please drop them off in the school office. Last year we had many different prizes (new books, art supplies, gift cards) that were donated by families.

March Break is coming up. **School will be closed March 11-15 and will resume Monday, March 18.** 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 11th to
March 15th,
2019 inclusive.

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From Our School Trustee

Luck
is
what happens
when
preparation
meets
opportunity.

-Seneca

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Message From Our School Trustee

I hope everyone has had a great start to the second half of the school year. Over the past few months, I have had an opportunity to connect with families, students, staff members and with our broader community. I have seen a lot of exciting opportunities for students to explore their interests,

celebrate their identities, and develop skills and knowledge that will benefit them in the future.

Many students are participating in [skills competitions](#) or other events where they problem-solve, innovate, collaborate and further develop their technical skills. Students compete in robotics, construction, hairdressing, transportation, 3D animation and much more. These events are among the many options available to help students explore different careers and [pathways](#), and gain valuable experience. We are grateful for the support of community partners in helping to provide these great learning opportunities to our students.



I also want to express my appreciation to our broader school community. One of the priorities in our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) is to build collaborative relationships. The relationships that our schools have with families is so important. There are many different ways you can be involved - talking to your child's teacher, asking your child about homework, or volunteering on a field trip or the school council. Your contributions make a difference to your child's success and to the success of our schools.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable March Break.

Bob McRoberts
Trustee

THERE IS NO
ELEVATOR
TO SUCCESS.
YOU HAVE TO
TAKE THE
STAIRS



Hello March,
I have big plans for you :)

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STEAM Conference

From the Library Learning Commons



Although Mother Nature tried her best to interfere with our BRAINPOWER@REGENCY STEAM Conference on February 27th, the day was a great success. We did have to consolidate a few of the sessions due to several of our presenters not being able to attend, but students were wonderful about the switches. To start our day, students in grades 4-8 listened to our guest speaker Dave Doucette, a STEAM Consultant for Fast Motion Studios in Toronto. In his message, he talked about how STEAM is an important, integrated part of the entertainment industry from the actual story line, to stunt action shots to filming and editing. He also talked about the soft skills (communication, creativity, initiative, positive growth mind set, etc.) that are needed in today's job markets. Students then participated in 3 one hour session activities throughout the rest of the day in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM). Students enjoyed robotics, sewing, baking, knitting, chromatography, Cyber Crime and Data Retrieval, Finger Print Retrieval, TV/Movie Stunt Action Design, Creating Limbs and Joints, Woodworking, Careers in STEM computer activities, Brainy Games and much more.

Regency would like to send out a huge thank you to the following community supporters. Without them, our day would not have been possible!

Engineering For Kids, York Region; Brainy Games (Aurora); STEM Minds Aurora; Staples Aurora; Taste Budds Cooking School; Needles and Knits Aurora; EverFi/ Future Goals Toronto; York Regional Police; staff and students from Barbara Reid Public School; staff and students from Stonehaven ES; staff from Aldergrove PS; YRDSB Consultants; Regency Acres staff and parents; and Dave Doucette from Fast Motion Studios in Toronto.



Be sure to follow us on Twitter @Regency_Acres . We are posting updates, events and photos regularly!

Daylight Savings



REMINDER:

March 10th, 2019 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 pay-

ment. 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.

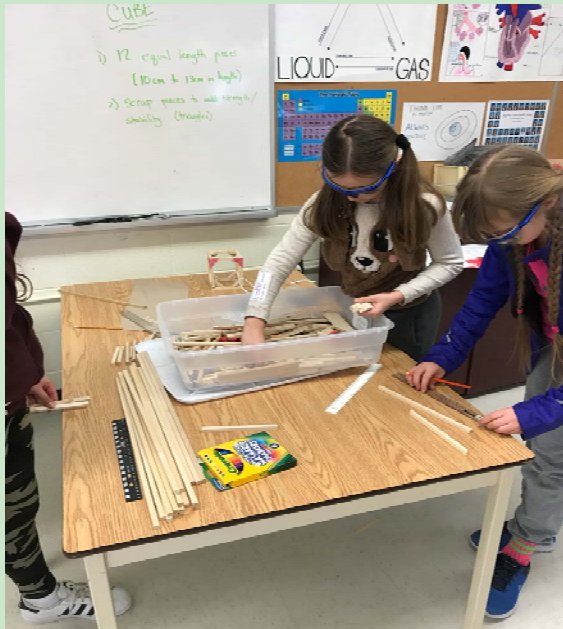
Good Food Box

For any Families who are interested in ordering, please click on the link.

<http://yrfn.ca/programs/good-food-box/>



BrainPower! @Regency



Makerspace

Our Makerspace is always looking for materials. If you have art supplies, building materials (Lego, blocks, etc.) or craft supplies that you no longer want at home, please consider donating them to Regency. You can drop them off in the front hall with Makerspace or Mrs. Claus on the package. If you are unsure, please feel free to email Mrs. Claus to check, robin.morrison-claus@yrdsb.ca or call the school.

Our Scholastic Book Fair in February raised \$800 for the library. This amount is less than we often make with our book fairs. This is in part due to the changes from Scholastic in the delivery dates of the fair. Our fair is now 4 days long not 5 as it was before. We also had a bus cancellation day during our fair, leading to less time with our fair. With the money raised, we will be able to purchase more books and materials for our Library Learning Commons and our Makerspace.

Our last fair of the year will be coming at the end of May. This will be a Buy One, Get One (of equal or lesser value) Free Book Fair.

Robin Morrison-Claus

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.

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





Regency Kids at Play!

