

# REGENCY GRIFFINS



*Principal's Message—Ms. Leoni*

May 2016

Dear Regency Families,

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, our school ran a "Pause to Play" event - a physical literacy day where every student in the school had a chance to select 2 electives (out of over 20!). In addition, students also received delicious apples and orange slices. This event was featured in Snap'd Aurora! Here is the news link: <https://aurora.snapd.com/event/935449#/>. You can find more pictures at the end of our newsletter. We hope to run this event again next year. We are grateful for all the staff and student leaders who volunteered their time to run some of the events. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Moffitt, Mrs. Deckert and Mrs. Knowles for organizing this day.

**Earth Day** was April 22 and it was a very busy day for our student leaders. Our student Minister of Environment and the Eco Team handed out tree seedlings to every student and staff. We hope they are all planted in your home. Our Student Council leaders also organize a school-wide field clean-up and collected lots of garbage! On top of that, we had another movie and popcorn night in the evening which was very fun!

**Parent Volunteers for Healthy Schools (nutrition/fitness) and lunch programming sub-committees are needed** for the 2016-2017 school year.

Check your email (subject-line: Call for Volunteers) in the near future for more details and the list of sub-committees.

Please note: Any parent of any grade can volunteer or lead any sub-committee (i.e., Hot Dog lunch, Parfait Day, Pasta Day, Booster Juice). All proceeds raised goes toward Regency's Fundraising Plan which funds a variety of school initiatives (field trips, Gr. 8 Grad, literacy, technology).

Please note that Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> is a PA day for students. The office will be open on this day and staff will be engaging in professional learning. Also, Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> is a public holiday (Victoria Day) and the school will be closed.

Lisa Leoni  
Principal

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### *Spring Fundraising*

The Dance-A-Thon was very successful with the students being engaged and having a good time. The music played was appropriate for school and was varied depending on the grades that were in the gym. Leah thanked everyone who donated prizes (both families and

businesses).

The Dance-A-Thon raised \$6820 after expenses. Having the prizes really encouraged students to get donations.



### *Student Dress Code*



Attending school is an important activity. Look

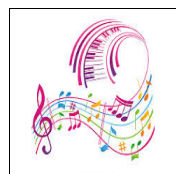
upon it as your job. You will have to accept dress standards at work and in many other situations. Your manner of dress affects the tone of your school and reflects how you think about yourself. Students are expected to dress in a manner that contributes to the learning atmosphere.

Students are expected to come to school appropriately attired for classroom learning and should reflect their increasing physical maturity. Muscle shirts, beach wear, mini skirts and mini dresses, halter tops, clothing that exposes undergarments, spaghetti straps tops, half of cut off T-Shirts, short shorts, bare midriff tops are considered inappropriate in school. Shorts and skirts need to be mid-thigh or longer in length. For all grades, any clothing with objectionable or

offensive words, signs, or logos on them are considered inappropriate as well. Students who are not appropriately dressed will be required to change offending clothing items or cover them with another piece of clothing. We have a number of clean clothing items that may be borrowed. Should a student refuse to comply with the above, parents will have to pick their child up so that he/she may go home to change.



### *Spring Concert*



The Regency Acres' Spring Concert will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the large gym for all our Regency families.

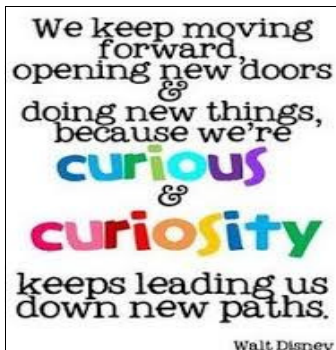
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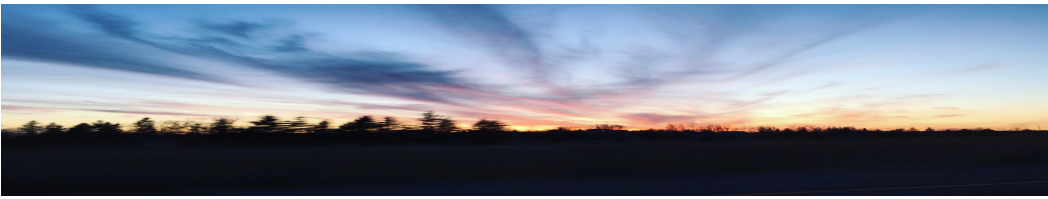
We just wanted to let you know that *Pause To Play* and *Word on the Street* Mother's Day Special, submitted to SNAP'D Aurora has been published! You can view and share the photos online here: <http://snapd.at/eewvccz>. Graduation is on

### *Grade 8 Graduation*

Wednesday, June 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

The Grad Committee meeting will be held May 10th at 7 p.m. in the library.





## Summer Institute



The York Region District School Board's Summer

Institute is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Weekly sessions are offered at 12 elementary schools throughout the region from **June 2, 2016 to August 7, 2015.**

### How to Register?

Registration will be accepted in person at the regional Summer Institute office located at Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning, 36 Regatta Drive, Richmond Hill.

## Snowman



Thought we should share the exciting news....Regency Acres students Alja and Ema won third prize in the Healthy Kids Snowman Competition!  
Movie night was April 22

## Air Band 2016

### A 16 YEAR TRADITION CONTINUES!!! REGENCY ACRES P.S. AIRBAND 2016 - June 2, 7:00 p.m.

An evening of entertainment not to be missed! Come and see some of your favourite bands from years gone by: The Backstreet Boys and even the Jackson 5! The Grades 6, 8 and 7 students are ready to entertain you with their amazing lip synching abilities and fantastic dance routines. Our panel of expert judges will be awarding 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for the very best of the best! Tickets (\$10 each) are on sale now.

## Movie Night

and once again it was A BIGGGGGG HIT. There was a choice of two movies as voted on by the students, *Back to the Future* and *Wall-E*.

Council sold popcorn and water bottles.

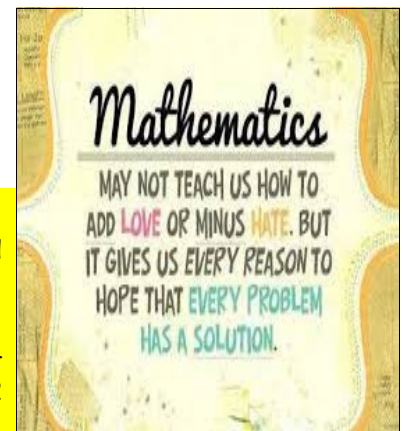
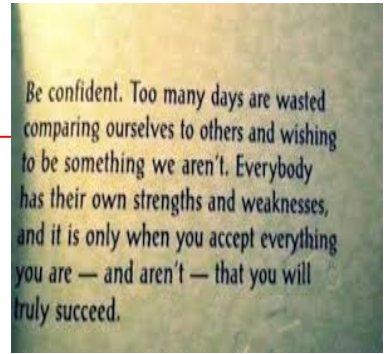
Over 140 parents and kids came out to the movies.

Please contact Mrs. Judy Sandiford at 727-9811 or in person at the office. Tickets are VERY LIMITED as performers are given first chance at tickets. If you wish to see the dress rehearsal held during the morning of Wed., May 6th from 9 a.m.-10:00/10:45-12:00 (Gr. 1-3 classes will attend) then you must purchase a ticket for \$5.00 from Mrs. Hillaby. Once again, these tickets are very limited (25 seats). Thank you for supporting Grade 8 graduation. B. Hillaby.



## VOTE

Regency is pleased to announce that it has entered a proposal for a \$100 000 grant with the CST Inspired Minds Learning Project. Voting started May 2 and continues until May 16. Please help Regency by copying the link and voting every day, and sharing with your family, friends and coworkers through email and social media. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Leoni or Mrs. Claus. [learningproject.cst.org/ideas/1225](http://learningproject.cst.org/ideas/1225)



may the  
**FLOWERS**  
be with you

### *Mrs. Kalish*

Our own Mrs. Carolyn Kalish was a winner in York Regions Health Challenge. Her recipe for Bran Muffins was one of the top five entries in the region! She won a new lunch bag! Hooray for Mrs. Kalish!



### *EQAO*

**Grade 3 and Grade 6** students will be taking part in the **provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics** created by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) soon. This assessment is administered to all Grade 3 and 6 students in Ontario's publicly funded school system. EQAO assessments are an important source of information about student strengths and areas needing improvement. We can use them as a school community, along with other information, to guide our school improvement planning goals for reading, writing and mathematics. The results are also used by our school board and the Ministry of Education to direct attention and resources where they are needed. **Grade 3 AND Grade 6** students will complete the assessment from **May 25-27**.

Thank you.

### *Bag 2 School*

Regency's third Bag 2 School Project was another huge success. A very big THANK YOU to Ms. Clark again for organizing this event. This year 1.5 tons (1500 kg) of items donated. We received **\$228**.

Money generated was donated to The Aurora Food Pantry.

Thanks to all who donated and the students who offered their help to move the bags.



### *Regency's Butterfly Garden*

We are very excited at Regency to create our very own Butterfly Garden in front of our school thanks to a grant received from Learning for a Sustainable Future (LSF). Butterflies aren't just beautiful creatures - they're an important part of every eco-system because, second only to bees, they pollinate

much of our harvests. Butterflies also serve as an indicator of the environment's health. Butterfly populations are suffering: land is being cleared and developed in North America at a staggering pace, and butterfly habitats are quickly dwindling. We would like to thank LSF, a Canadian non-profit dedicated to integrating sustainability education into Canada's education system. LSF's EcoLeague program provided funding to support this environmental/social action project.

May your dreams  
be larger than  
mountains and may  
you have the  
courage to scale  
their summits.

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## School Council

### Healthy Schools:

In order to support the continued growth of healthy schools at Regency, School Council has added a new position for next year: **Chair-Healthy Schools**. The Chair will be responsible for coordinating various healthy schools nutrition & fitness initiatives that take place over the year with the support of parent leads. If you would like more information on this role, or healthy schools parent opportunities, please contact Lisa Leoni: [lisa.leoni@yrdsb.ca](mailto:lisa.leoni@yrdsb.ca)

### Scoreboard:

As a result of the tremendous success of the Dance-A-Thon, the school has purchased and installed the NEW electronic scoreboard! Please stop by the large gym to take a look. Thank you for your support!

### Bag2School:

Thanks to your generous donations, the school collected over 1.3 tonnes of goods which in turn provided a cash donation that Regency will make to the Aurora Food Pantry!

### Family Movie Night:

Was a big success! We had a great turn-out and parents & kids enjoyed watching Wall-E or Back to the Future while snacking on popcorn. Great to see all of the families who came out!

### Spring Concert & Bake Sale:

Are you a baker? We are having a bake sale at the Spring Concert (Wednesday, May 11).

If you would like to contribute some baked treats, please contact **Leah Clark**: [leahclark357@gmail.com](mailto:leahclark357@gmail.com).

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. All parents are welcome!

Joan Lash            Lynn Pearson  
Co-Chair            Co-Chair

## Regency Jr. Girls' and Boys' Basketball Teams

Congratulations to our Jr. Girls' BB Team. They were victorious at the Area Championships on April 22, becoming the Jr. Girls' BB Area Champions for 2016. Capping off another winning season, winning the Kettle Lakes Invitational Tournament two weeks prior. Great accomplishment for Regency! They will represent Regency at the Regionals on May 5<sup>th</sup> competing with the best teams in York Region. A big HIGH-FIVE goes out to: our captain, Megan J., and Samantha G., Sienna, Rachel W., Rachel S., Emma N., Susannah, Brooke S., Marley, Anastasia, Tiffany, and Lily. A special thanks goes out to our dynamic student coaches: Yasmeen, Karsen and Sidney and our coach, Mrs. Moffitt.

The Regency Acres Jr. Boys' BB team has been an absolute joy with which to work! They are a group of young men who treat each other with care and respect and watching them play is always a demonstration of all out courage and determination. Winning for this team is an added bonus that they earn every time they walk onto the court. The Jr. Boys had played many exhibition games before the Areas and won all but one. They also won an exhibition tournament pennant for RAPS! At areas, they made it exciting, winning all their games and taking both the semi-final and final games into overtime, winning in the last minute of play. They never gave up and played with great character!

Now, onto Regionals!!

**DON'T WALK IN  
FRONT OF ME; I MAY  
NOT FOLLOW.  
DON'T WALK BEHIND  
ME; I MAY NOT LEAD.  
JUST WALK BESIDE  
ME AND BE MY  
FRIEND.**

- ALBERT CAMUS



# Regency Acres Public School

I wish to purchase a book for my child/children to give to his/her/their teacher in June. I understand that the book will be given to the teacher by my child/children at the end of the year and then the teacher will present the book to the library for everyone to enjoy. Mrs. Knowles will take the book to your child/children on the last day of school and have him/her/them sign a card to give with the book. Soft covered books are \$10 and hard covered books are \$20. You can place an order over the phone on Mrs. Knowles' voice mail (ext. 135) or you can fill this sheet in and return it to Mrs. Knowles in the library. Payment can be made at anytime.

Cash is accepted or you may make out a cheque to Regency Acres P.S.

Please have orders in to Mrs. Knowles by **June 6<sup>th</sup> 2016**:

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Hard  Soft

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Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Around Regency*



Hippie Day at Regency. Fun for both students and staff.

Jr. Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams. Both teams qualify for the next rounds of BALL!



Alexa S. Grade 7 Student, won an award of Excellence for her Perseverance, Dedication, Sportsmanship and Performance in the sport of Volleyball in her U12 division.

Autism Run cupcake treat for all students.



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Colin Lash—Minister of Environment, with a few Trees. A Tree was given to every student to celebrate Earth Day.

# Pause to Play













