

November 2016

Regency Acres P.S.



Principal's Message

As you are aware, **Regency is officially a FARM TO SCHOOL site.** We are one of 20 schools in Ontario that are committed to getting healthy and local foods on the minds and in the plates of all students. We are thrilled to be partnering with local farmers. Our Program Coordinator is *Gwen Al-Kas*, a former RAPS parent who is hired to network, shop and prep our Salad Days food items. Take a look inside this newsletter for pictures from our official launch - the Harvest Salad Day! Our future goal is to build a RAPS community garden. Stay tuned for our next Salad Day (*Chicken Caesar Plus*) which will be offered as a pre-ordered lunch option (via School Cash On-Line) on **Dec. 6.** We hope you choose this healthy option for your child(ren).

Our **Fall Fundraising Campaign** has come to an end. A great big thank you goes out to every student and family who supported this event. A special thank you goes to Leah Clark, our Fundraising Chair and to our Parent Lead, *Diana Moniz* for working all the extra hours to coordinate this event and organize all the order forms during this time.

Our Healthy School Snack Cart continues to be a great place for students to visit when they feel they need a healthy snack. The cart has offered items like yogurt, cheese/crackers, apples, carrots/cucumbers, waffles, pancakes, English Muffin/egg, granola bars, etc. I would like to say **thank you to Mrs. Garcia** who has offered to shop for the food items we need. This has been a tremendous help. We appreciate your time to stock our Healthy Schools fridge!

Outside of school, **Mr. Moore** has been very busy producing music which has captured international attention so I thought I would take this moment to congratulate Mr. Moore on his great success. Being raised in a military town (Petawawa, Ontario), songs about Canada's sacrifices and contributions have been his main focus for the last couple of years. In his latest song, "**Vimy Ridge**", Mr. Moore tried to capture the achievements and the impact on our nation (which was only in its 50th year), while still respecting the sacrifice of those who were killed or wounded. You can listen to "Vimy Ridge" by clicking this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vv8cL4HYid4>. As a History teacher, Mr. Moore also enjoys sharing his interest in Canada's contributions to the war efforts with his students.

As well, you can visit his website, at <http://michaeljmooresongwriter.com/>

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather and the spectacular views with the changing colours and fallen leaves.

Lisa Leoni

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Interviews

**STARTING NOVEMBER
14TH AT 9:30 A.M.**

Please contact our school office (905) 727 9811 and speak to our secretaries to book your appointment with your child's teacher. Interviews are available on Thursday, November 24 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, November 25 from 8:30-11:25 a.m. If you need an alternate date, please contact the teacher directly.

Upcoming Events at Regency

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| November 3 | - | Vision Screening |
| November 8 | - | Pasta Day |
| November 15 | - | Girls' Vball (Area)/Frozen Yogurt |
| November 16 | - | Boys' Vball (Area) |
| November 18 | - | KidsKitchen Spirit Day |
| November 22 | - | Interim Report Cards Home |
| November 23 | - | Field Trip Ms. Thomas Class |
| November 24 | - | Hot Dog Day |
| November 24/25 | - | Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| November 25 | - | PA DAY NO SCHOOL |
| November 29 | - | Panzerotti Day |
| November 30 | - | Girls' Volleyball (Regional) |
| December 1 | - | Boys' Volleyball (Regional) |





Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is fast approaching. This is our opportunity, as a community, to share a part of our country's history with our children. As well, we will be having an assembly at the school on **Friday, November 11, at 10:30 a.m.** **Members of the community are welcome to join us in the large gym for this event.** If your family has any memorabilia that you would be willing to have on display for students to see during this time, please

contact Mr. Fuller or Mrs. Kalish at the school. If any parent is a police officer (RCMP, YRP, OPP, etc.) and would be able to join our assembly to lead the procession and lay a wreath, please contact Mr. Fuller or Mrs. Kalish.

As well, any student who is a member of Cadets is asked to wear his/her dress uniform for the assembly.

On Friday, November 11, poppies will be made available to all students.



We ask that students bring a monetary donation for their poppy, as all money raised supports the Canadian Legion and their veterans. Primary students will be given a poppy sticker, older students will receive a traditional poppy pin.



Weather Watch and Information

Although it doesn't seem so, it is time to prepare for the oncoming cold weather. A reminder that during inclement weather the following radio stations will be notified of any bus cancellations:

CJCL 590 AM; CKDX 88.5 FM; 640 AM; JACK 92.5 FM; NEWS 680 AM; CHAY 93.1 FM;

CJBC 860 AM; CJEZ 97.3 FM; CFRB 1010 AM; CHFI 98.1 FM; CHUM 1050 AM; CHUM 104.5 FM; CKFM 99.9 FM; CHIN 1540 AM; CJBC 860 AM; CBC 99.1 FM.

The above information is listed on the small York Region 2015/2016 School Year Calendar that was sent home in September. **Brrrrrrrrrr - As the cold**

weather descends upon us, it is important that your child comes to school prepared to go outside for recesses. We will go outside each day through the winter in order to take a break and get some fresh air. During periods of extreme cold, our students will remain inside and engaged in quiet classroom activities.



Lunch Order Pick-ups

If your child is absent from school on a day that a lunch or treat was purchased, **a refund will NOT be provide.** However if you wish to pick-up the food item on the same day, please call the office by 9 a.m. to make arrangements. After the distribution to classes all remaining food/treat items will be donated to the school's Snack Cart.

Thank you

Festive Shop

FESTIVE SHOP will be returning to Regency Acres on December 7th and 8th. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to get in the holiday spirit & shop for each of their family members. As always, our parent volunteers will be providing gift wrapping services for the students.

We are asking for YOUR

help. Please take this opportunity to re gift or clear out unwanted, new or gently used items you think other moms, dads and siblings of all ages would appreciate. The more variety the better!

Drop off dates for festive shop donations will be Nov 30 - Dec 5.

We will be pleased to open the Festive Shop to parents and staff after school on December 8th once all children have had the opportunity to choose their gifts.

*Any parents wishing to volunteer in this fun event may contact Leah Clark at clrkhl@yahoo.ca



Kiss and Ride & After School Pick Up

Kiss and Ride is being used by many parents each morning. We appreciate the parents who are not making U-turns in front of the school because our students' safety is our first concern. The safety patrollers really enjoy walking the kindergarten students through the school into their corral. Students from grades 1 to 8 walk to the back of the school after they are helped out of their

car to wait with their friends for the morning bell to ring.

When coming to pick up your children after school, parents should park in the back parking lot beside the seniors' home. Please **DO NOT** park along the fire route along the chain linked fence and in front of the school. When leaving the parking lot, please advance onto the road with caution.

We encourage all of our older students to walk to and from school, if possible.

We receive many phone calls from parents and community members who express concern about our parking lot, traffic violations that they witness and concerns for student safety. Please support our efforts in making student safety before and after school a priority.

We appreciate your support.



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Supervision

A reminder that there is not supervision until 8:10 a.m. in the morning. We have noticed a number of students arriving at 8:00 a.m. This is not safe as students are not supervised.

Please do not have your child arrive to school before 8:10 a.m.

Night at High Schools

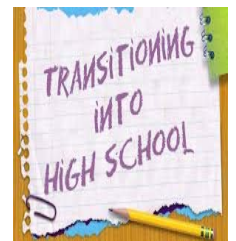
The Grade 8 Parent Information Night at **Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School**, is scheduled for Thursday, November 17. The event will run from 6:30- 8:30 p.m. with an information session about high school life and graduation requirements. Parents will then have the opportunity to meet Subject Heads to learn about the Grade 9 Curriculum.

Unionville High School INFORMATION SESSIONS AT FLATO MARKHAM THEATRE

Tuesday, Nov. 1st from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (parents, guardians, & students)

Please call the Markham Theatre directly, after October 1st, to reserve seating at 905-305-7469.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday December 2nd, 2016 **AUDITIONS:** January 26 – February 1, 2017.



School Council News



Our last School Council meeting was Wednesday, Oct. 19. It was great to see some new parents come out and participate!

News... QSP has surpassed the target!! Not only did Parent Lead, Diana Moniz increase the target (from \$6500 last year to \$8000 this year), she ran a smooth, organized, & well communicated campaign and the response from students and parents has been terrific. THANK YOU Diana for all of your hard work!

Hallowe'en BOO-tique has been a great success this year. I would like to thank two Student Leads who managed the shop every day with the guidance of Parent Lead, Leah Clark: Sarah C. (Gr. 6) & Laura N. (Gr 7). Thank you both for doing such a great job!

The Farm to School grant is well underway and this wonderful program will bring salad days, featuring the most nutritious and tasty ingredients, to Regency students for years to come! Parent alumni, Gwen Al-Kas, is the project coordinator for Farm to School and we are so fortunate to have Gwen's help and experience in getting this program off and running! Watch for more themed salad days coming all year!

The school has had a tremendous response to the upcoming workshop: "Motivating Kids & Teens" with guest speaker Dr. Karyn Gordon, which will be held at the school **Thursday, Nov. 10, 7:30pm**. Space is VERY limited. Please contact Sandy Kennedy sandraknnd25@gmail.com for more information.

I would like to thank all School Council members for volunteering their time and making such a positive contribution to the school and students. Parents... please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the members with feedback, suggestions, ideas, etc. We appreciate it very much!

Joan Lash

Chair, School Council

Lunch Assistants Needed

We are in need of responsible adults who can assist us during our lunch hour (12:15-1:15) to supervise our students. This is a paid position.

If you love being with children and are interested please contact Judy at 905 727-9811.



Message from the Fundraising Chair



Fundraising

Every year we depend on successful fundraisers to provide funds necessary to continue offering the best educational opportunities for each and every student. Library books and resources, physical activity equipment, new musical instruments, innovative school programs, classroom supplies as well as Healthy and Eco-Friendly initiatives are just some of the items that are supported by fundraising.

Fall is the start of our fundraising campaign! For 2016, the following events were/are scheduled:

First, QSP magazines and cookie sales. Our main Fall event provides students with the chance to win prizes based on sales of the above mentioned items. A very popular yearly fundraiser.

Second, The Hallowe'en Boo-tique. This mini in-school fundraiser, run by students, provides an opportunity to purchase deluxe quality Halloween/dress up items for scary low prices while giving students the experience of running a business. One of the children's favourite fundraisers.

Lastly for 2016, The Festive Shop. This event allows students to purchase gently loved or new items donated by you! Additional details to follow. Volunteers are needed to help sort donations, work the cashbox, wrap gifts and help the children find the perfect gift. A great opportunity to get in the holiday spirit and see the children's excitement as they purchase gifts for their loved ones.

Our Spring/Summer 2017 Fundraisers include a Valentine's event (details soon) and our 2nd annual Dance-a-thon in April. A huge success last year! Other events are still being determined with some new ideas up for consideration. Future details will be corresponded to you once approved by School Council.

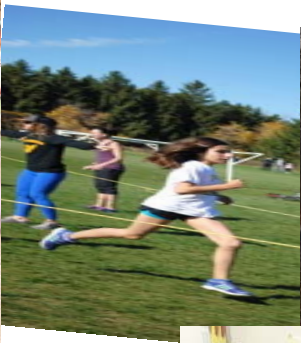
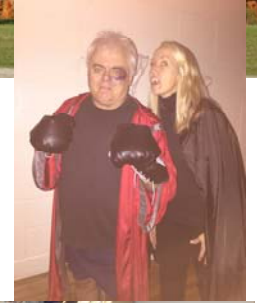
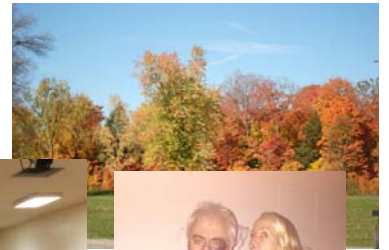
All of Regency's fundraisers are successful because of 2 reasons: your financial support and the hard work of the volunteers who help run the events. Volunteering is a great way to meet other parents and be involved in your child's education.

Please feel free to contact me about signing up as a volunteer. Your time and support is appreciated and welcomed.

Sincerely,

Leah Clark
Fundraising Chair
Regency Acres PS

Regency Students and Staff



Force of course



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Farm2School

This fall, Farm to Cafeteria Canada and Whole Kids Foundation are providing up to \$10,000 to around 50 Ontario and BC schools that have been selected through a competitive grant process to bring the harvest to their school.

This investment of \$500,000 in Farm to School Salad Bar Programs is intended to get more healthy local foods on the minds, on the plates, and in the mouths of students by engaging students and communities in gardening, cooking, preserving, purchasing and serving healthy local foods at their schools.

Regency applied for and received this fantastic grant! We just held our school-wide Salad Bar Program launch on October 25, 2016 and it was a massive success. We look forward to the continued success of this healthy initiative.

For the first year of implementation we will be offering 8 Salad Bar lunches at a small cost to students. After, we will be offering our Salad Bar lunch program twice a month in the 2017 and 2018 school years.

Connecting schools to farms and children to their food is a simple idea that has inspired the spread of Farm to School activity across Canada and we look forward to being part of this amazing initiative.

The Healthy Schools Team

