

Regency Acres P.S.

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Final Words and Reflection from the Last Seven and Half Years from Mrs. Martino

Every morning on the announcements we start with... at Regency Acres we believe and then we make a character statement. I would like to say that in my years here I have tried to live by this character statement. At Regency Acres we believe in developing the whole child. Regency has strived to build character by developing the whole child, focusing on the board mandates of ensuring strong academics and a focus on student well being.

club; a vibrant arts program through our bands and plays; and a victorious athletics program, we have strived to achieve this. We have been ECO certified for 5 years and have received awards and media recognition for our Healthy Schools initiatives. Although our achievements are many and varied, what underlies all the work we do with students is the building of good character and leadership skills, that I believe our students exemplifies.

tirelessly to make this school such a wonderful one.

I will recall my time at Regency with very fond memories. I will truly miss the school I have called home for so long. Parents, I thank you for letting us borrow your children. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow and I have many memories of them over the years. It has also been a pleasure getting to know you, as well.



Every day I have watched students take advantage of all the extras that Regency has had to offer. Our incredible teachers provide excellent instruction in our academic areas as well as giving up extraordinary amounts of their free time to provide a robust offering of extracurricular activities. It has been both inside the classroom and outside, through extra-curricular, that we have developed the whole child. For example, in academics, opportunities have been provided in Gauss and other math contest preparations, through peer tutors, study hall and homework

Our staff works hard to create socially aware citizens for the 21st century. Whether it's by discussing Bullying Prevention, learning how to behave appropriately using the current technologies, teachers are available to guide and advise. Our Healthy Schools Team and ECO Club have been instrumental in bringing a focus to what we can do to create a healthier world and a healthier self. Our hope is that the learning that happens at Regency Acres transcends the walls of this school to move into our community and beyond. I would like to thank the teachers who worked



ECO TIP AND HEALTHY SCHOOLS



Meatless on Mondays

"Having pasta or a vegetarian soup on Mondays might not seem like a big deal, but adding one meat-free meal per week (for a family of four) has the same impact as driving a hybrid car. Raising live-

stock produces a large amount of greenhouse gases, so cutting back, even one night per week, makes a big difference."

<http://www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/green-living/green-home/meatless-mondays>

Valentine Parfait Day! Free Valentine Yogurt Parfaits (made with love) will be given to all Regency's staff and students to eat and enjoy! Parfaits will be made with fresh yogurt, nut free granola and fresh and frozen fruit. If parents are available to help, please email Mrs. Al Kas at genwa@rogers.com Remember.....Your greatest wealth is your health and we are working hard at Regency to ensure our students are healthy!!

HEALTHY SCHOOLS

During the week of Valentine's Day, on Wednesday, February 11th, our Healthy School's Committee members and parent volunteers, will be hosting RAPS 1st



FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Devins Drive P.S. on January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 16, 2015. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2015, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to Devins Drive to register between January 16 and February

13, 2015. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register. YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. This will allow flexibility in addressing

community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.





SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Our last council meeting was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015.

We chose a committee to review and update the school council constitution in order to ensure that it is consistent with the direction of the school.

We spoke about Council spending a significant amount of surplus funds on an item (or items) for the school, after thorough budget reviews. A list of items are being reviewed and voted on. We are excited about what this will bring to the students at Regency and how our fundraising dollars will directly affect them.

The upcoming dates for family ski nights were given: Jan. 23, Feb. 6 & Feb. 20.

We were reminded about the upcoming Alyson Schafer presentation at Lester B. Pearson P.S. on Feb. 10. We hope to see many parents there!

Council allotted funds to help with the upcoming production of High School Musical. A special thank you goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson for providing a truck to move sets & props for the show!

A new lunch time activity program was approved... Rockgarden Party. This company will provide fun drama classes for students JK - Gr. 3 during lunch. Sign-up info will be sent home soon.

A new healthy schools initiative was presented. It's a REAL TREAT for February! Details coming soon.

QSP hit a record profit this year... over \$8400! These funds will go towards... programs, equipment, technology, etc. A big thank you to Jo Greig for running this very successful QSP fundraiser!

We are thrilled to announce that the Festive Shop raised almost \$1500 for the school! Congratulations goes to Sheena Murphy for bringing this new event to the school and for executing it. With the help of many volunteers this event was truly a success and enjoyed by the students & teachers. Rumour has it that we should expect an even bigger festive shop in 2015... so hold on to your re-gifts!

Kid's Kitchen Spirit Lunches are a hit! Please sign up and support the school by purchasing Kid's Kitchen lunches on the spirit days. Go to www.kidskitchen.ca. Thank you, Sandy Kennedy, for managing this lunch program for the school.

Plans are underway for the Spring Fundraiser and we are thrilled that a new parent, Anne Ross, has taken the lead this year, and will be working with Fundraising chair Pat Morton to make it happen. They will be seeking donations for prizes. If anyone has something available for prizes, or knows of a corporate donor, please contact Pat at pat_morton@sympatico.ca.

The next council meeting is Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 pm. Please come out and join us!

Joan Lash
Chair, School Council

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR.

REGENCY ACRES P.S. /S.T.A.R. PRODUCTIONS proudly presents...

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR.



Troy Bolton and Gabriella Montez come from two different worlds: Troy is the Wildcat's basketball star and Gabriella is a smart science geek. When they meet on New Year's Eve they click instantly. When they bump into each other again at East High School, they both audition for their high school's musical. Their social cliques don't approve of this new friendship and try to separate them. At the same time, drama queen Sharpay Evans and her brother Ryan, co-captains of the Drama Department, try in every way to prevent Troy and Gabriella from winning the leads in the school musical... Will Coach Bolton lead his team to victory with Troy as the captain or will Ms. Darbus, Drama teacher, convince Troy to leave the team and be the lead in the musical alongside Gabriella, ousting Sharpay and Ryan?

Come and join the kids of East Side High to see how this *Regency Acres P.S./S.T.A.R. Productions* Musical Junior version will turn out. Over 50 grades 4-8 amazing students are ready to sing, dance and act their hearts out for you on **Tuesday, Feb. 24 and Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7 p.m.** in *HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR.* appearing at **THE NEWMARKET THEATRE**. Two special school shows are being presented on these days at 10:00 am, for Regency students from SK - Gr.8 attending. Notes of permission will be sent home shortly. We would love to see you at our evening shows, so please contact newmarkettheatre.ca or call the theatre box office to reserve your seats at [905-953-5122](tel:905-953-5122) to book your seats asap.

Mrs. B. Hillaby, Ms. S. Thomas and the Cast and Crew would like to thank the Regency Acres School Council for providing funding for High School Musical Jr.. Special thanks also go to Campbell and her Dad, John Wilson of Wilson-Niblett Chevrolet Buick GMC for the generous donation of a moving truck for the 3 day load-in and load-out to and from the theatre for all our set pieces, props and costumes for our musical. Thanks to everyone for your support, it is greatly appreciated!

Remember, "WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!"

ARTS AT BAYTHORN



Would
your
child
enjoy
learning
the cur-

riculum through the Arts?
If so, the York Region District School Board offers an Elementary integrated Arts program at Baythorn Public School. Students currently in grades four and five may apply for the art@baythorn program, where they will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music while meeting the expectations of the Ontario Cur-

riculum for grades five, six, seven, and eight.

To learn more about the arts@baythorn program, interested students and their families are invited to attend an information evening at **Baythorn Public School on Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.**

Applications will be available on Tuesday, February 12 in the Baythorn P.S. main office and on the school website.

www.baythorn.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

REPORTS CARD

First Term Report cards will be sent home on February 19th.

There are no scheduled interviews at this time as they were held recently following the Progress Reports in late November. However, parents or teachers may request an interview.





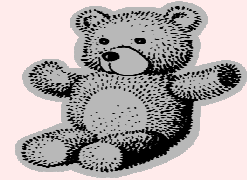
COATS FOR KIDS

Located at 1271 Gorham Street Unit 8, Newmarket (at the corner of Gorham and Harry Walker Parkway)

Coats, snowsuits, boots, hats, mitts, scarves are available -infant to adult sizes
No registration, no charge

Store will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. until the middle of March

For more information: call North Newmarket Lions at 905-895-1441 or email northnewmarketlions@yahoo.ca



FAMILY SKI NIGHTS

On Friday, January 23rd Regency had their first of three Family Ski Nights. The other two ski nights will be on February 6th and 20th.

The **Sunshine Committee** has planned the three Family Ski Nights at Snow Valley. Regency Acres is happy to bring this opportunity to you. However, please be advised that this is not a field trip or other school activity and therefore staff will not be supervising. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the hill and are expected to supervise family and guests.

Wanted... a volunteer to take over Regency's Ski Nights in 2016!!!

Deb Corrick, who has taken on the task for many years, is moving on. A big thank you to Deb for making the ski nights such a big success!

If anyone is interested, please contact the office. It only requires a parent who will be present at each ski night (3) in order to pick up the lift tickets & distribute. It's a wonderful school activity and very much enjoyed by students and parents alike.

HOT LUNCH WEDNESDAYS

We find ourselves almost half way through the school year and it also means the first session of this year's Hot Lunch Program is quickly coming to an end. Session One will officially end on Wednesday, February 18th and Session Two will begin promptly the following week on Wednesday, February 25th. Order forms were sent home to all students early in the week of January 12th and the **deadline** to return your completed order forms and payment was **Wednesday, January 28, 2015.**

Thank you for your continued support of this volunteer-led school fundraising program and the Hot Lunch 'Crew' looks forward to continuing to give our Regency Parents a well-deserved break from lunch-making responsibilities.

