

February 2018



Regency Acres P.S.

From the Office of Ms. Leoni

On February 22nd our school will be hosting BRAIN POWER AT REGENCY - a full day STEAM conference (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) for all Gr. 4-8 students! Thank you to Mrs. Claus for leading the programming for the day and for organizing this event. We have teachers and external presenters. Students will be able to participate in 3 different 1 hour sessions of their choice. Sessions include a range of STEAM offerings, such as: robotics, beading, drones... We have companies such as Staples, NewMakeIt, and Future Goals joining us so far and we appreciate their support and collaboration.

Kindergarten registration began last month. We encourage any families with children starting Kindergarten September 2018 to please register. Feel free to visit our school office between 8:00am-4:00pm to register. Please pass along this message if you are aware of any friends, family or neighbours who have children starting school September 2018.

Please note that Term One report cards go home on Friday, February 16th. If there are any questions, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

A reminder that Friday, February 2nd is a PA Day for students. Monday, February 19th is Family Day and the school will be closed. Wishing you all special time with your family.

Lisa Leoni
Principal

Parfait Day - FREE

We are excited about our upcoming **FREE Parfait Day - Tues. Feb. 13th**. Every student and staff will be building their Parfait (yogurt, fruit toppings and nut-free granola).

Please note that this will be a healthy snack - it will not replace lunch so please pack a lunch for your child on this day.

A special thank you to our School Council

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

With report cards coming home, this is a good time of year to review your child's progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year.

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board [Multi-Year Plan](#). In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting [Board policies](#) and the [annual budget](#), and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the [role of trustees](#) with the next [municipal election](#) taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has [12 trustees](#), elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board, Advisory or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school.

I wish you all the best for a successful second term.

OUR SCHOOL TIMES

School Hours:
8:25 a.m. - 2:55 p.m.

Organization of the School Day
 8:10Outside Supervision starts
 8:20.....Entry Bell
 8:25.....Classes begin
8:25 - 10:05.....Instructional Time
 10:05 - 10:35.....Recess
10:35 - 12:15.....Instructional Time
 12:15 - 1:15.....Lunch
1:15 - 2:55.....Instructional Time
 2:55.....Dismissal



Our office hours are as follows:

We are open from:
8:00—4:00 p.m.

The voicemail is on before and after these hours for messages.

KISS N' RIDE

Parents, for the safety of our students please do NOT come out of your car to help your kids. Please allow the teacher on duty to take your child out of the car and our Safety Patrollers to help with the safety of all our students.

Kiss N' Ride starts between 8:10 and 8:15 and ends at 8:25 a.m.



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Hello and Welcome to February on behalf of School Council.

Spring is right around the corner. We had a great meeting in January to discuss fundraising ideas. One thing which has come up a number of times recently, is the need for more volunteers to help out with the functions that Council runs in the school to help raise funds. As is often the case, there is a core group of volunteers who are supporting the majority of these and they need your help!! Please consider offering some of your time if you are available during the day by emailing the School Council email address at Regency.Acres.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca. As well, if you were unable to make the meeting in January, but have some ideas you would like to pass on with respect to the fundraising events we currently run, or ideas for new ones, please send us an email with the info.

Thanks to Council members Rodney and Brendt for a wildly successful Ski day on January 19th - mark your calendars for the next one, coming up on February 2nd!!

*****Date Change**** - please note that the date of the next School Council meeting has been moved to Thursday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m.. Please feel free to join us and find out what is coming up for the remainder of the year!!***

Regards,
Kathy Duncan, Chair

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

As a grade 8 student from Regency Acres I have been elected as the Prime Minister, which is my most proud title I have ever had! I have never been known much around the school but with me being elected for prime minister, everyone knows my name! The elections were close and the entire day was nerve-wracking since I've been having a few struggles with public speaking the past few years. Ever since this position I feel so much more confident with myself.

As a prime minister I believe change is good but keeping some old memories flowing is great, I also believe that all voices should be heard so I wish to install a suggestion box in the office so any student could suggest their ideas. I will be open minded to your suggestions!

As a prime minister I am dedicated to making sure that the students are satisfied with me as prime minister.

Lisa S.
Prime Minister

Rachel W.
Deputy Prime Minister

WORLD CLASSROOM PROGRAM

Host a student who will live and learn with your child (Gr. 7&8) for 6 weeks this spring! For info on YRDSB's culturally rewarding experience email homestay@yrdsb.ca

Join the many YRDSB students and families who have participated in the World Classroom Program since it began in 2005. This is a one-way exchange where international students live and learn with a buddy matched closely to their age and grade.

Since it began local teachers, students and their families have had the opportunity to learn about another country and culture and make life-long friendships by hosting an international student in their schools and homes.

Host families receive \$250 per week to cover the cost of hosting a visiting student.

We are expecting a group from China this school year (grades 7 and 8) and are looking for:

- a 6-week commitment (April 7 to May 19, 2018)
- boys and girls in grades 6, 7 & 8

To find out more call 905 884 2046 ext.254 or email homestay@yrdsb.ca.



French as a second language



Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program started at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 18, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2018 <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>)

to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 19, 2018. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2018, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. This 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 the designated FI program location to register, between January 19 and February 9, 2018. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

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H O T L U N C H

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 14th and Session Two will begin promptly the following week on Wednesday, February 21st. 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 Thursday, January 25, 2018.

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.

F A M I L Y S K I N I G H T S



Our Family Ski days/nights was January 19 and February 2. There was an amazing turn out to enjoy perfect skiing days.

A huge THANK YOU to Regency's parent volunteers Rodney Mooy and Brendt Wonch for organizing this event.

S K A T I N G R I N K

Please note that the Skating Rink is OFF LIMITS at all times during the school day (unless there is a supervised Phys. Ed. Gym class).

F R O M T H E L I B R A R Y

Students generally visit the library once each week to sign out books. Please ensure your child returns their books on their assigned day each week so they can return or renew their books. Children are often disappointed when their classmates get to sign out a book, but they cannot. Lost or damaged books will need to be paid for so that replacement books can be purchased. Reminder notes are sent home when books are forgotten, with the cost of overdue books. Once the fine is paid, your child may sign out books again.



Love a good book? We will have our second SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR the week of Valentine's Day! (February 12-16!) The book fair will be open from 8 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

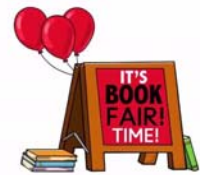
each day. Classes will have a scheduled time to come view the book fair and purchase books and other items!

Thank you to those families who supported our Library fundraising initiatives through Chapters/Indigo. With your support, we raised about \$400.

Many books have already been purchased to support student and staff requests. More will be purchased in the coming weeks!

We were very fortunate to have 2 author visits in January. Chad Solomon shared Indigenous stories with all Regency students, while Isaac Murdoch shared his Indigenous knowledge with students in grades 4-8.

Our BrainPower!@Regency Student Conference for grades 4-8 is quickly approaching. As soon as the presenters are firmed up, students will register for the activities they would like to participate in.



OUR STUDENTS AT WORK
AND PLAY AT REGENCY

