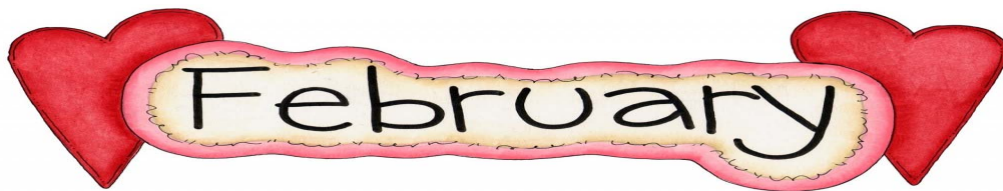


February 2020

Hello February



Regency Acres P.S.

Dear Regency Families,

I wanted to start off by wishing our caretaker Guy Gervais the best of luck at his new work location. Guy has worked at Regency Acres for almost 16 years and has been a special member of our staff. Matthew Aleksich will be joining our caretaking team. We also have welcome Kaitlyn Stephenson who is new to our caretaking team.

Regency Acres Public School

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Kindergarten registration began January 17. We encourage any families with children starting Kindergarten September 2020 to please register. Feel free to visit our school office between 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m. to register. Please pass along this message if you are aware of any friends, family or neighbours who have children starting school September 2020.

Friday, February 14th is Parfait Day so every student and staff in the school will be getting a healthy yogurt Parfait (with berries, bananas, granola as toppings). Please have lunch for your child(ren) as the Parfait will be a morning snack. Thank you to School Council for funding this each year!

A reminder that **Monday, February 17th is a school holiday** and I hope that everyone enjoys some extra special time together for Family Day!

Regarding Term One Report Cards

As part of its work-to-rule job sanctions, the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has directed teachers not to create comments or complete the electronic entry of grades. As such, at this time, we will be unable to provide students and families with Term One report cards. A letter to families regarding elementary school Term One Report Cards was sent via the board's electronic broadcasting system.

Please note:

In-classroom teacher assessment and evaluation is an important part of teaching learning and will continue.

We know that it's important for you to get feedback regarding your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher directly.

We appreciate that this is disappointing, but the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) is in a legal strike position and has directed teachers not to write report card comments or participate in the inputting and verification process of marks. Without teacher participation in this process, it is not feasible for me to provide you with marks.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding.

Lisa Leoni
Principal

Parfait Day - FREE—February 14

We are excited about our upcoming **FREE Parfait Day - FRIDAY Feb. 14th**. Every student and staff will be building their Parfait (yogurt, fruit toppings and nut-free granola).

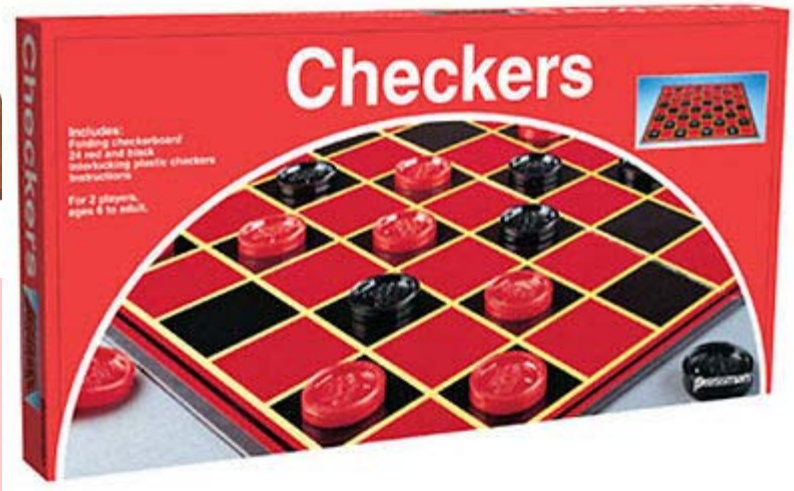
Please note that this will be a healthy snack - it will not replace lunch so please pack a lunch for your child on this day.



LOOKING FOR CHESS OR CHECKERS BOARDS



Looking for Chess boards and Checker boards for our classrooms.
If you have any collecting dust we would be happy to dust it off and give it some loving care.



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.

The bus loop is NOT a drop off area. Please do not use it to drop your child/ren off on mornings.



FEBRUARY 2020- ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL NEWS- LETTER

We have some tips for how to get outside and still have fun in the cold, including while you're walking or wheeling to school or the bus stop. Being dressed for the weather is the first step to enjoying the outdoors. Here are a few suggestions on how to stay warm:

Wear a base layer

Wear an insulating layer (wool socks, shirt and pants but not jeans or cotton)

Wear an outer shell (windproof jacket with a hood and snow pants with elastic or velcro fastening at the cuff)

Wear insulated waterproof snow boots

Have a hat that covers the ears (and a spare!)

Add a neck warmer

Finish with waterproof mittens

Keep moving!

Eat high-fat snacks to keep your body going.

Drink water! Even though it's cold, the air is dry and your body can become dehydrated.

February 5th, 2020 is Winter Walk Day!

Winter Walk Day is celebrated by schools across Canada on the first Wednesday of February each year. Walking and wheeling to and from school is fun every day, so we encourage you to journey outside throughout the entire month of February!



REGENCY BREAKFAST PROGRAM



Thanks to Metro for supporting our Breakfast and Snack Cart! Regency received the Metro Green Apple grant which we are using to supplement our cart with unique fresh produce!

A Big Thank You to our parents and staff and students who volunteer in putting together our daily snack containers. We are also accepting any donations of fresh fruit for the snack cart.

Meet the new student at Regency "Griffin"

Thanks to the Grade 7s and the Kinders for creating Griffin and to Joe G. and Sam G. for naming him.





HOT LUNCH

Please keep checking for the next Hot Lunch Pizza session. It should be available on school cash in early February and also we will have paper copy order forms.

The next session will be starting right after the March break week.

March 25 will be the next session start date.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



VOLUNTEERS

To all our families who volunteer to keep Regency the amazing school our students love.

SKATING RINK

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).



FROM THE LIBRARY



Students generally visit the library once each week to sign out books. Please assure 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.



Unfortunately, our February Scholastic Book Fair has been postponed. Once a new date has been confirmed, it will be shared with our community.

We Raised \$565 from our November Chapters Fundraiser. We are still waiting for the gift card to arrive, but look forward to adding many new non-fiction, picture books and novels into our collection! Mrs. Claus has been cleaning our library collection, seeing what books need to be replaced, and what books need to be removed due to aging books, and content that is no longer relevant. These new books will help fill the needs in our collection!

Our Library Learning Commons and Makerspace are always looking for donations. If you have items that you think would be appropriate, please send them to the school addressed to Mrs. Claus, or email robin.morrison-claus@yrdsb.ca to confirm.

OUR STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS AT WORK AND PLAY AT REGENCY

