



Regency News

Principal's Message

Welcome Back!

Dear Regency Students and Families,

I am so excited to start another fantastic school year at Regency Acres! Welcome back to school. I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer with friends and family members. A special welcome is extended to our brand new students - our Junior Kindergartens! We wish them happy days and hope for only a few tears this week as they say goodbye to their parents. We also have students who are new to the Aurora community and new to the country. We welcome those families and students as well.

Our staff have worked hard to prepare for this school year. Our teachers set up beautiful classrooms and many teachers were enrolled in summer courses to further their knowledge about curriculum and instruction. I'd like to extend a **huge thank you to our wonderful caretaking team (Walter, Trevor and Guy)** for cleaning/setting up our school. The school looks wonderful! Our office staff have worked long hours to ensure a smooth start of school. Hats off to everyone!

We welcome the following permanent staff members at our school: Jennifer Tessier (Gr. 4), Julie Leppington (Special Education), Michelle Macdonald (Child and Youth Worker). We also welcome the following long-term occasional prep teacher that will be with us for part of this school year: Jeannine Murphy (French in the afternoons).

Very important communication from the school will be sent home this month. In particular, please complete the ***School Start-up package***, an envelope filled with information and forms for parents/guardians to fill out and return to school as soon as possible. Also, please refer to our school pages inside the student agenda planners (a copy has also been emailed to parents) to learn more about our school programs, initiatives and other important information that will be useful to you. This newsletter highlights important information from the student agenda pages.

Please note that our Curriculum night is scheduled for Thursday, October 5th from 5:30 -7:30pm. This night will be an opportunity for parents/guardians to meet teachers, visit classrooms and other school spaces, understanding the Ministry curriculum. On top of that, it'll be a great social opportunity to connect with other families in our school community. Please feel free to call the office if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to a very successful school year together. We all share a role in each students' life. We look forward to your continued support and your involvement in our school is always appreciated. When we work together, we achieve success and we make a difference!

Sincerely,
Lisa Leoni (Principal)

Office Hours & School Timetable

Our office opens each day at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 4:00 p.m. We have telephone lines which take messages if the lines are in use.

Our office staff will be as diligent as possible when answering telephones, retrieving messages and helping you out. Your patience is greatly appreciated. In case of any emergency after hours, please call the area education office at 905-884-4477.

First Entry Bell	8:20 a.m.
Instructional Time	8:25 - 10:05 a.m.
RECESS	10:05 - 10:35 a.m.
Instructional Time	10:35 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
LUNCH	12:15-1:15 p.m.
Instructional Time	1:15-2:55 p.m.
Dismissal	2:55 p.m.

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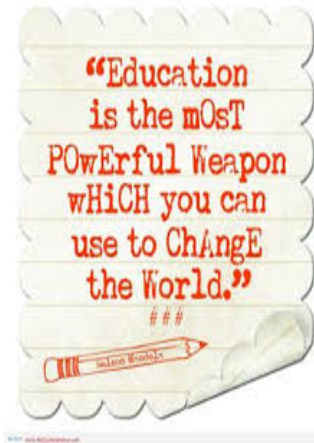
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IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

MON. SEPTEMBER 25 is a P.A. day and there will be NO school for students.



Happiness comes when you believe in what you are doing, know what you are doing, and love what you are doing.



Safe School/Keeping Our Students Safe

Each year, school administrators engage students and staff in various emergency procedures that align with board and Ministry policies so that they are prepared in the case of an emergency. Our staff also complete mandatory Health and Safety training each year (and throughout the year, when necessary). Our school also partners with the York Regional Police for school support and also collaborate with community service organizations (such as Epilepsy York Region). During the week of Sept. 26th, our school will be practicing a lock down drill and throughout the year we will have 6 fire drills.

In the case of a real emergency, communication will be shared with parents. If there are any questions about school emergency procedures and readiness, you can access the school board website or contact the school principal.

In the past, at lunch time, some parents have been waiting in their cars for their children to come and retrieve their lunches. We have had many close calls and this has put our students in jeopardy. We are asking all parents to please come into the school and place their labelled child's lunch on the

designated front hall table. We will be monitoring this area closely and will not be allowing students to meet their parents out by their cars. Let's work together to ensure that all our students are kept safe. We also ask that parents have student lunches at school on time for 12:15 p.m.

If a parent is late with lunch this is often distressing for the child and does not allow them sufficient time to eat with their classmates.



Safe Arrival

The first bell rings at 8:20 a.m. Students must make every effort to be in the schoolyard between 8:10-8:20 a.m. to ensure "on time" arrival in class. When the weather is inclement, students will be allowed to enter the building as they arrive at school **AFTER 8:10 a.m.** In the interest of safety, students who walk to school should arrive after **8:10 a.m. when the yard is supervised.** Parents who pick up their child(ren) after school need to arrive promptly. **Supervision is not available after school.**

Supervising staff are on playground duty at 8:10 a.m. and during the entire first recess and lunch recess playground period. Staff are also on duty at the end of the day to assist with bus loading.

The YRDSB protocol states that if we are not able to reach an adult to confirm a child's absence, we are to call the police.

School Start-up Packages

Parents, during the first week of school you received a School Start-up package which contains very important information for you to review. **Please sign all the board forms that were sent home and return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible.**

Student Allergies/Medical Info.

It is especially important that parents communicate a life-threatening allergy to the school as soon as they are aware of it. Please notify the principal and your child's teacher so that we have accurate records and establish the protocol to follow with your child.



"You can't learn if you don't make a mistake"

Textbooks

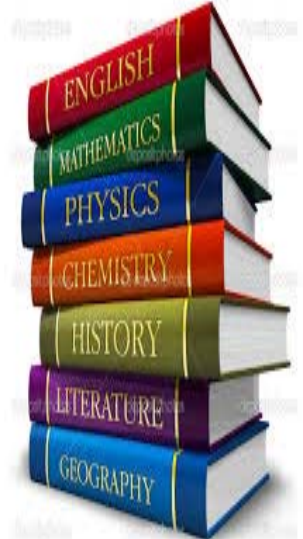
Students will be assigned a number of textbooks. If these are lost or damaged, the individual who is responsible for the book will be charged the replacement cost. Replacement cost also applies to library books that are lost or damaged.

Academics, Athletics and the Arts - The Three As

We take great pride in providing our students with a balanced programme. Academics are emphasized throughout the day, in all that we do, in order to prepare our students for

future success. Enhancing this are the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities that we provide. There will be something for everyone. From clubs to the teams, our staff members are dedicated to providing your children with opportunities that will help them grow to be well-rounded members of our society.

Please encourage your child to find his/her niche, whether it be in the arts or athletics.



Regency Breakfast Club/Healthy Cart



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Our Breakfast Club this year.

Breakfast Club would like to welcome everyone back to the 2017/2018 school year. We are very excited to be able to offer healthy breakfast/lunch items on the cart again this year. This program will begin on Monday, September 11. If you are in need, please check the cart when you enter the school at the first bell and again at lunch each day.



School Photo Day

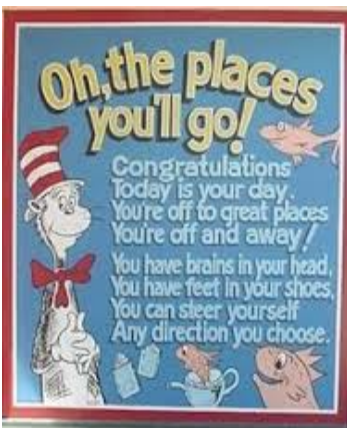
October 13 is our school photo day. Lifestyle is the photography company that will be taking our picture.

RETAKE: November 14.

Milk Program

Our school has a milk program that gives students the opportunity to purchase milk (chocolate or white) for **75 cents every day at the start of lunch from 12:10-12:20 in front of the milk room.**

75 cents, sold daily



Fall Fundraiser

THE QSP MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER WILL BE RETURNING SOON!

Our school goal is to raise funds for new literacy resources for our school (books, e-books, games, on-line programs, etc...)

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ORDER GOURMET COOKIE DOUGH, MAGAZINES, DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTIONS, e-BOOKS, AND SO MUCH MORE.

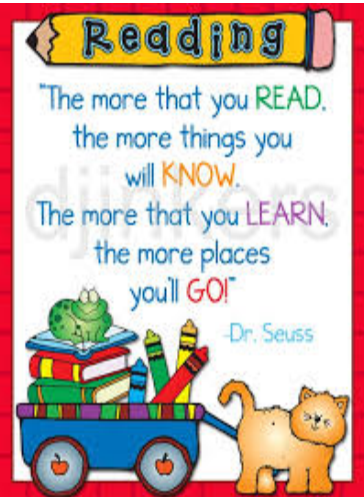
NEW - THE QSP ONLINE STORE

Our Kick Off Assembly will be October 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE FOR COOKIE DOUGH, MAGAZINES, GARDEN BULBS, KITCHEN GADGETS, GIFTWARE, WRAPPING PAPER & ACCESSORIES PLUS 100'S OF OTHER ITEMS.

GO TO www.QSP.ca, click SHOP NOW

and search for our school.



Before and After Care



Name of Operator: Regency Acres Kids Club – York Professional Care & Education

Website: www.yorkprofessional.com

Registration Information: (905) 841-1314 Ext. 0

<http://www.yorkprofessional.com/documents/registration-Package.pdf>

Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday

Before School: 7:00 **a.m.** – 9:00 **a.m.** & After School: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Ages Served: 4 years to 12 years

How Do I Apply and get on the Wait List for Child Care Fee Assistance?

Call-1-888-703-KIDS (5437) and press option 3 or

<http://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/support/yr/childrenservices/childcarefeeassistance>

York Region Bussing



YRDSB policy #680.0, Student Transportation indicates the following:

Non Transportation Zone

This is an area designated by Board policy as ineligible for school vehicle transportation.

Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 – a child who lives within 1.2 kilometres of the school is **not** eligible for Board-provided transportation.

Grade 4 to Grade 8 – a child who lives within 1.6 kilometres of the school is **not** eligible for Board-provided transportation.

*Note: Any student with known health problems that may require special consideration affecting transportation **need to supply a medical note/plan that would support the Request for Special Transportation (see Policy #662.0, Provision of Health Support Services in School Settings)***

Please note that a Principal must support the board policy.

Terry Fox Run

Terry Fox Run on the afternoon of Thursday, September 28th from 2:15-2:45 p.m. we ask that each student is asked to bring in a toonie for Terry prior to the run. We will also accept larger donations if anyone is interested and if so, they should send a cheque made out to the Terry Fox Foundation.

If you have questions please contact:

Ms. Watt— heather.watts@yrdsb.ca

Ms. Choy—Christina.choy@yrdsb.ca





Electronic Devices at School

ELECTRONIC GAMES, CD PLAYERS, MP3 PLAYERS OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL unless a teacher has requested that they can be used for instructional purposes.

We encourage all students to leave personal items such as electronic entertainment devices at home. If students bring personal items to school they do so at their own risk. We will not be held responsible for lost or stolen items. Personal items which become a distraction will be temporarily confiscated. Students are to keep cell phones/electronics in their lockers (Gr. 6-8), in school bags for (Gr. 5 and under) during school hours, unless it is part of the school program and requested by the teacher. **They may be taken out at lunch time, only if the student has permission to leave the grounds at lunch time.**

Student Cell Phone Usage

Students are allowed to bring cell phones to school. However, they will remain off unless they are used for instructional purposes (with teacher supervision). Students are reminded not to use their phones during the day. If they wish to contact their family, they can use the school phones in the office. If a child is seen using their phone during school day, the Principal may request to keep the phone in the office until the end of the day.

Consequences for using a cell phone during school hours (outside of instructional time and without the supervision of a staff member) will be as follows:

1st time: Warning, student will be asked to put it in a locker or school bag. Parent contacted.

2nd time: Student will be asked for the cell phone/electronics. It will be returned at the end of the day.
Parent contacted.

3rd time: Parent will be contacted and asked to pick up the phone/electronics at the school office.

News from the Library



Welcome to our library space! I am looking forward to a great year of reading and activities with your children. Students will be able to sign out books starting the second week of school. Kindergarten students can sign out 1 book at a time, while grade 1-8 students may have 2 books out at a time. If a book becomes damaged or lost while in your child's possession, you will be contacted so that the book can be replaced. We will be offering a variety of activities in our Makerspace this year as well. More details will be shared throughout the year.

Looking for a way to become involved at the school, but not necessarily in your child's classroom? Parent volunteers are needed in the library. Plan a regular time to volunteer, help out with special events like bookfairs, or just drop in when you have a moment or two. Contact Mrs. Claus if you are interested.

We will be hosting a Scholastic Bookfair the first week of October. Plan to visit with your children after school or during our Meet the Teacher evening. More details will be made available soon.

As well, we will again be part of the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation Program. In this program, community members (and their family, friends, etc.) may donate funds on-line to help purchase books for our library, and The Love of Reading Foundation will then donate a free book for every 2 donated.

Please see the link: <https://adoptaschool.indigo.ca/eng/schools/1680>
Donations begin September 16!





School Council 2017-2018

We hope you and your families had an enjoyable and relaxing summer!

Plans are well underway for the 2017-2018 School Council. Our first meeting will be held on **Wednesday September 20 at 7pm** in the library and the 2017-2018 Council will be formed. In order to be considered for a position on council your nomination form must be received at the school office by **Friday September 15**. Nomination forms are found in the School Start-up package and extra copies are available in the office.

Regency Acres School Council is comprised of **13 voting members** and an **unlimited number of parent members-at-large**.

If you are interested in an executive position, please note what position you are interested in on the School Council Candidate Nomination form. The positions are:

1. **Chair (1), or Co-Chair (2)**
2. **Fundraising Chair (1)**
3. **Healthy Schools Chair (1)**
4. **Treasurer (1)**
5. **Secretary (1)**
6. **Teacher Rep (1): Elected by the teachers**
7. **Support Staff Rep (1): Optional at elementary school. Elected by the support staff.**
8. **Student Rep (1): Optional at elementary school. Appointed by the Principal.**
9. **Community Rep (1): Appointed by the Principal in consultation with school council.**
10. **General voting member (balance of 13 total) Non-voting:**
11. **Principal (1)**
12. **Parent member-at-large: unlimited**

All parent volunteers (including School Council members) must sign the Volunteer Confidentiality & Conduct Agreement and adhere to The Code of Ethics (from the YRDSB School Council Handbook).

What best describes a successful candidate for school council?

Thinks "We" not "Me".

Professional conduct, Positive attitude, Collaborative.

Supports administration and teachers in a respectful manner.

Is focused on the students as a whole, not individually.

Commits to serve on council for the entire school year.

Represents the best interests of the students and the school at all times.

Engages the parent community in a positive manner and communicates the benefits of School Council.

2017/2018 Meeting dates (7:00pm in the library):

Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 22, Jan 17, Feb 14, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16, Jun 13

Please note that child care is not available for school council meetings. Thank you for your cooperation.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday Sept 20!

Lisa Leoni
Principal
Regency Acres P.S.

What makes a good school councillor?

A good councillor should be:

- a good listener
- trustworthy
- happy
- helpful
- committed
- honest
- Reliable
- able to work in a team
- want to make changes
- confident
- good talker
- caring
- have good ideas



Trustee Greeting



Welcome back to another school year.

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning students and families. This is an exciting time of year and I hope you are starting this new school year as trustees are - with optimism and a commitment to working together to continue advancing student achievement and well-being.

An important part of that commitment is working together with staff members, families and communities to ensure our schools provide an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive. This takes on increasing importance given recent local and global events. We take pride in the diversity of our communities and will continue striving to uphold the values of equity and inclusivity in our system.

Trustees have had a busy summer, welcoming our [new Human Rights Commissioner](#) and beginning the [process for selecting a new Director of Education](#) as we continue to move forward implementing the [Minister's Directions](#).

An important part of the director selection process includes collecting input from students, staff, families and community members - input that will be used to shape the job description, interview questions and more. I encourage everyone to share their thoughts through the [survey](#) available in September. We will continue to keep you updated as this work progresses.

Our schools are stronger when we work in collaboration with families and communities. Partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving the goals we have for our students, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get engaged with the school and your child's learning this year.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.

PA Days 2017/18 **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY** **- NO SCHOOL**

Elementary:

Monday, September 25, 2017

Friday, October 20, 2017

Friday, November 24, 2017

Friday, January 19, 2018

Friday, February 2, 2018

Monday, June 4, 2018

Friday, June 29, 2018

Elementary: Thursday, June 28, 2018*

*** Early release**