

November 2017

Regency Acres P.S.



Principal's Message

Dear Regency Families,

Our Healthy School Snack Cart continues to be a huge focus for our school. Students love to visit the cart when they feel they need a healthy snack. The cart offers items like yogurt, cheese/crackers, apples, carrots/cucumbers, eggs, granola bars, etc. I would like to say thank you to Mrs. Bernier who has offered to shop for the food items we need. Mrs. Bernier retired last year from Regency and is giving back to our school by volunteering her time which has been a tremendous help. As well, a thank you goes to Mrs. Moffitt who coordinates the Healthy Snack Cart, including the sorting and distribution of food items. I hope everyone is enjoying the Farm to School Salad Days. We encourage you to order salad days as a healthy lunch option for your child(ren). Please note that Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews are November 23 (evening) and November 24 (morning). Please refer to the section of this newsletter that provides more detail, especially regarding how to book interview time slots. Just a reminder that November 24 is a PA Day so there is no school for students (in order to accommodate interviews). Interviews are an important time to understand your child's strengths and needs and I hope everyone is able to attend. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns.

I hope everyone is enjoying fall so far. The changing leaves are so picturesque.

Lisa Leoni
Principal



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Interviews

**STARTING NOVEMBER
13TH 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 23 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, November 24 from 8:30-11:25 a.m. If you need an alternate date, please contact the teacher directly.

Upcoming Events at Regency

November 14/28	-	Salad Days
November 14	-	Picture Re-Take
November 15	-	Chapters Evening
November 15	-	Area Volleyball (Boys)
November 21	-	Panzerotti Day FREE
November 21	-	Booster Juice Day
November 22	-	Area Volleyball (Girls)
November 23	-	Interim Report Cards Home
November 23	-	Hot Dog Day
November 23/24	-	Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 24	-	PA DAY NO SCHOOL
November 29	-	Boys' Volleyball (Regional)
November 30	-	Girls' 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 10, 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 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. As well, any student who is a member of Cadets is asked to wear his/her dress uniform for the assembly.

On Friday, November 10, 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**

BOKs

Mrs. Moffitt, Ms. Thomas and Ms. Watt's (Regency's Lead Trainers) are pleased to announce the launch of BOKs, a free before school physical activity program, at Regency. BOKs prepares children for a day of learning and is an important step in helping children gain an appreciation of the benefits of exercise and healthy choices that will last a lifetime. BOKs was inspired by Dr. John Ratey's book "SPARK". Dr. Ratey, of

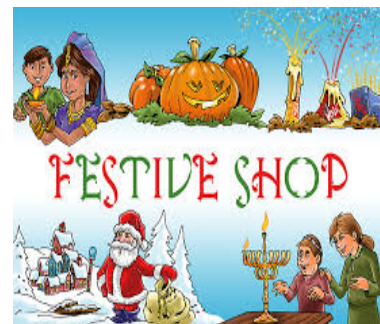
help. Please take this opportunity to re gift or clear out unwanted, new or gently used items you think other moms, dads and siblings of all ages would appreciate. The more variety the better!

Drop off dates for festive shop donations will be Nov. 13 - Dec. 6.

Harvard Medical School, states that "exercise is the single most powerful tool that we have to optimize the function of our brains." Classes are filled with team-oriented games and provide plenty of opportunity for play, since the program focus on fun? BOKs will run every Tuesday and Thursday morning, from 7:30 am to 8:00 am. Depending on the weather, we will be either in the large gym or outside. The pro-

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 clrk1h@yahoo.ca



gram (free) is being offered to students in Grades 3 to 7 and has a limit of 25 participants. BOKs at Regency will begin on the morning of November 14th and is almost full. Parents will be notified of their child's acceptance in the program and due to the great interest in the program, a 2nd session will be made available in the new year. We hope that you will share our enthusiasm for this program and you will, in turn, see a positive impact on your children.



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.

November Library News

Thank you to all students, parents, and family members who supported our Scholastic Book Fair in October. We made a profit of over \$2000, which will be used to purchase new novels, non-fiction and picture books from Scholastic throughout the school year! Although \$2000 sounds like a lot, the average price of a hard covered book is over \$20, and those funds dwindle quickly! On November 15th, from 6-8pm, Regency will be having our Chapters (Newmarket) Fundraiser. Please think about coming to Chapters in Newmarket and purchasing items for yourself, your family or as gifts for the upcoming holidays! As a school we make a profit from these sales, which is used to put quality books in the hands of our students. When you are checking out, let the sales associate know you are supporting Regency Acres! Be sure to bring family, friends and neighbours too!

Our Forest of Reading Club will begin in mid December. Students in grades 3-8 who are interested in joining will be expected to read a minimum of 6 of the nominated books between December and mid April. More details will be made available soon.

Our QSP Fundraising has come to an end. A big thank you goes out to every student and family who supported this event. A special thank you goes out to our QSP parent lead, Diana Moniz who worked so hard, again this year, at organizing all the materials and communication. A report on the exact funds raised will be shared soon. I would also like to thank Leah Clark, our Fundraising Chair for organizing the Halloween Shop which operated on the stage in the small gym. The Halloween Shop was run completely by student volunteers and it gave all the students in the school an opportunity to purchase amazing costumes and accessories at a super affordable price! The Halloween Shop raised \$327.35

I would like to thank Sandy Kennedy who has applied for the Ministry PRO (Parents Reaching Out) grant successfully again this year and organized a great speaker, Dr. Karyn Gordon who is coming to speak to our parent community on November 16th from 8:00-9:00pm on the topic of: *Raising Healthy Kids in An Age of Overindulgence*. The event will be held at our school and is free to anyone who wishes to attend. Feel free to spread the word and bring other parents along (even from neighbouring schools) and be sure to register to this event by emailing Sandy at: sandraknnd25@gmail.com. Let Sandy know if you require babysitting as she is organizing this as well.

Regency's School Council has our very own email address!!! In order to make it easier to communicate with parents and the board, the York Region District School Board provides individual email addresses for each School Council. If you would like to reach us directly, please email us at regency.acres.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca. The email is checked daily, so if you are needing to get in touch with someone on a more immediate basis, please call the school office at 905-727-9811 and they will let us know.

A reminder that the Festive Shop is coming.....get ready to send your children in prepared to shop, shop, shop for gifts for their friends and family.

As well, our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 22, 2017 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the school library. Please join us to find out more about what is going on at Regency!!

Regards,

Kathy Duncan,
Chair

Fresh from the Farm Pick Up



Your *Fresh from the Farm* School Order has been received and is currently in progress. Your delivery date is scheduled for November 7th

between 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

If you cannot pick up during this time please make other arrangements as we cannot store overnight.

Thank you for participating in *Fresh from the Farm* 2017.





Message from the Fundraising Chair

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 2017, the following events were/are scheduled:

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

Second, The Halloween 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. We raised \$327.35.

Lastly for 2017, The Festive Shop. This highly requested event allows students to purchase gently loved or never used items donated by you! Additional details will follow in the November newsletter. 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 2018 Fundraisers 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 manage the events. Volunteering is a great way to meet other people and be involved in your child's education.

Please feel free to contact me about signing up as a volunteer within the school or even just for a particular event. Your time and support is appreciated and welcomed.

QSP Fundraising

We have reached the end of another successful Fall fundraiser! Thanks to the support of all our students, family, and friends, we have surpassed our QSP goal!

A special thank you to the students who helped make this fundraiser a success - *Noah M., Jonah M., Zudzin H., Lisa S., Paige G., and Ryan C.* worked hard to set up our display case, prepare the QSP packages, distribute prizes, and keep our goal tracking chart up to date. We have great prizes to give away, including family passes to the Hockey Hall of Fame, exclusively for our supporters. We will be announcing the names of all prize winners in our next newsletter. Thank you everyone for your support!

Cookie dough will be delivered to the school on Wednesday, November 29. All orders must be picked up on this day between 3:00 and 6:00 since we do not have freezers to store them. A reminder will be sent home as the date approaches.



Regency Students and Staff

