

# November 2018

Regency Acres P.S.



## Principal's Message

Dear Regency Families,

**Treaties Recognition Week is Nov. 5-9.** Therefore, students and staff will engage in learning about the important of treaties and to help build a deeper understanding about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Click here to learn more: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties>

From **November 12-30, 2018**, all YRDSB students in Grades 7 to 12 and parents/guardians of students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be invited to participate in a system-wide census entitled, the **Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS)**. The purpose of the survey is to better understand our students and their experiences in school and outside of school. The survey will evaluate YRDSB's [Equity Action Plan](#) and fulfill the [Minister of Education's Direction #10](#). A letter was sent home to all parents. Please review this letter, especially Kinder-Gr. 6 parents who will complete the survey with their child(ren) at home.

We are excited to begin our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual **BigBox Fundraiser**. A letter will go home to all families soon outlining the details. Basically, each family will receive a sample box of 33 All Occasion cards for a price of \$33. If you like the cards, you can order a box (or more!). If you don't wish to order, simply return the sample box to school. Note: For every box we sell, the school receives \$11. Our goal is to sell 400 boxes so please help support this event. There will also be a draw for a 32GB ipad Touch plus store gift cards. Everyone needs cards at home!

As for **morning drop-off procedures** I would like to stress the importance of student safety. There are many cars in our Kiss N Ride that make U-Turns after morning drop-off and this is dangerous. Also, please **DO NOT DROP OFF your child(ren) to school before 8:10 am** as there are no staff members supervising. Supervision begins at 8:10 am.

Please note that **Progress Reports** will go home on **November 21<sup>st</sup>**. **Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews are November 22 (evening) and November 23 (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 23 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.

Happy Fall!

Lisa Leoni  
Principal

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## Interviews

**STARTING NOVEMBER 12TH 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 22 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, November 23 from 8:30-11:25 a.m. If you need an alternate date, please contact the teacher directly.

Please **DO NOT** leave messages requesting times.



## Upcoming Events at Regency



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| November 6/20      | - | Salad Days                  |
| November 8         | - | Girls' Volleyball Aurora HS |
| November 12        | - | Remembrance Day Assembly    |
| November 13        | - | Picture Re-Take             |
| November 13        | - | Panzerotti Day FREE         |
| November 15        | - | Boys' Volleyball Aurora HS  |
| November 21        | - | Interim Report Cards Home   |
| November 15        | - | Hot Dog Day                 |
| November 22/23     | - | Parent/Teacher Interviews   |
| <b>November 23</b> | - | <b>PA DAY NO SCHOOL</b>     |



## 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 **Monday, November 12 at 10:30a.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 Monday November 12, 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.

Thank you for your support.



## 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 2018/2019 School Year Calendar that was sent home in September. **Brrrrrrrrr** - 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 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.

We will be pleased to open the Festive Shop to parents

and staff after school on December 8<sup>th</sup> once all children have had the opportunity to choose their gifts.

\*Any parents wishing to volunteer in this fun event may contact Sera Weiss at [seraweiss@hotmail.com](mailto:seraweiss@hotmail.com)



## BOKs

Mrs. Moffitt and Ms. Thomas (Regency's Lead BOKS Trainers) are pleased to announce the continuation 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 Harvard Medical School, states that "exercise is the single most powerful tool that we have to optimize the function of our

## BOKs starts November 20th

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 program (free) is being offered to students in Grades 3 to 8 and has a limit of 25 participants. BOKs at Regency will begin on the morning of November 13th and is almost full. Parents will be notified of their child's acceptance in the program and signed consent forms and student

information will need to be completed before the 13th. 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 no 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 about \$1800, which will be used to purchase new novels, non-fiction and picture books from Scholastic throughout the school year! Although this sounds like a lot, the average price of a hard covered book is over \$25, and those funds dwindle quickly! We will have another Scholastic Book Fair in February, as well as a Chapters night in January. More details will be sent out closer to both those events. We are very fortunate to have Canadian Children's Author Joel Sutherland coming to Regency on November 21st. He is a fabulous speaker, and I know our grade 3 - 8 students will thoroughly enjoy his visit. The cost per student is \$2, which students are to bring and give to their classroom teacher before November 19th. He will have his books for sale the day of his visit. Books will be \$7 to \$9 and he is willing to autograph them at morning recess on the 21st!

Finally, our Forest of Reading Club will begin in mid November. Students in grades 5-8 who are interested in joining will be expected to read a minimum of 6 of the nominated books between November and mid April. If your child would like to join but has not yet picked up a form, have them come see Mrs. Claus. Younger students will get to hear the stories during library or in their classrooms. In April, students will vote on their favourite story from the collection. For more information on the book club books, visit [www.accessola.org](http://www.accessola.org)



As many of you will have noticed, we have changed up our fundraising initiatives rather substantially this year. We worked through a number of in depth reviews last year and determined that QSP was no longer a good return on investment, so we have stopped that for this year. We implemented the Pumpkin Patch as a new opportunity, in conjunction with the **Halloween Boo-Tique** (always a favourite - thanks to Leah Clark and Ruby's Costume. This year we raised \$572.00 from those two events. We would be grateful for your feedback on any of the new (or old) initiatives at anytime.

We are planning an **evening presentation for parents on Social Media security** in November or December (Date and time TBC), given by representatives from York Regional Police - plan to be there!! Usually at this time of year, we have the fortune to bring in a speaker through the PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant. As usual, one of our extremely dedicated School Council volunteers, Sandy Kennedy, put forward the grant application and has been diligently checking on the status of the grant. We were very disheartened to learn recently that the province has suspended this grant program, pending review. We are fortunate to have the partnership with YRP who are providing the speaker at no cost to Regency.

**Bag2School** drop offs are the week of November 5 - 8. Please keep in mind that the Festive Shop is coming soon so we ask that you consider donating any items that can be sold. December is just around the corner. So start setting aside things which you would be willing to donate in order to help raise funds for all of the initiatives supported by Council.

If you need to reach us, our email is [Regency.acres.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:Regency.acres.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca). We would love to hear from you.

Our next Council meeting is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday November 21, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the library - make it a plan to come out and help support Council!

Regards,

Kim Davies and Kathy Duncan  
Co-chairs

## 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 **between November and early December**. 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 2018.



## *Legalization of Cannabis*

As of October 17, 2018, it will be legal for individuals **19 and older** to buy, use, possess and grow recreational cannabis. It remains illegal for anyone under the age of 19. This is the same as the minimum age for the sale of tobacco and alcohol in Ontario.

**Regardless of age, cannabis is not allowed on school property or at school-related events at any time.**

It is illegal for **anyone** regardless of age to smoke or vape any substance, including cannabis:

- at school, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds
- on children's playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds
- in child care centres, or where an early years program is provided
- in places where home child care is provided - even if children aren't present

There will be consequences for students if they are believed to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or cannabis. Suspension will be considered.

There are exceptions if the medicinal use of cannabis is outlined in the student's Health Care Plan.

If a student gives alcohol or cannabis to anyone under the age of 19, the school will contact police, suspend the student and consider expulsion.

In YRDSB, we want families and students to be informed about the facts of cannabis legalization. To support this learning, you may find the following resources helpful . You can also request a hard copy through the school office.

[Cannabis: What Parents/Guardians and Caregivers Need to Know](#)

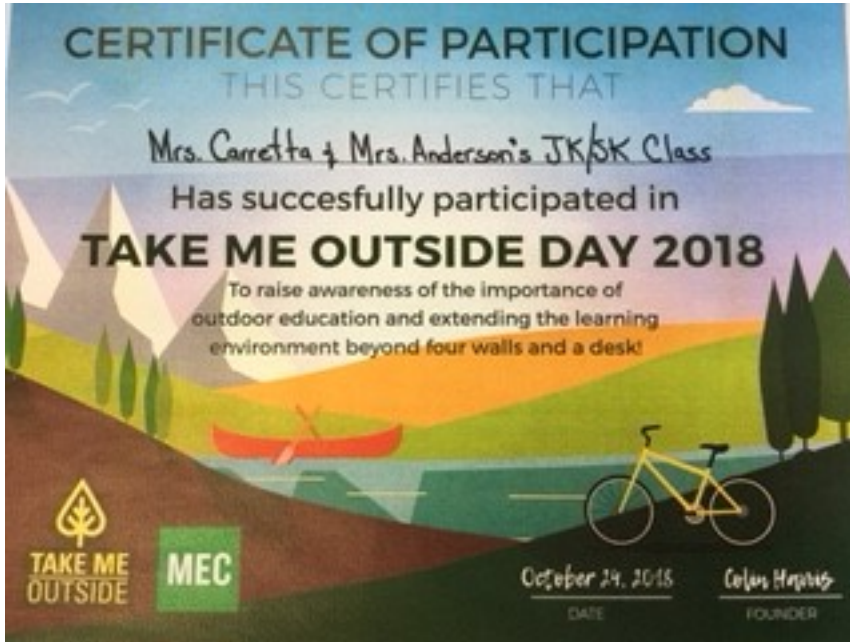
[Cannabis Talk Kit: Know How to Talk With Your Teen](#)

We will continue to provide students with information and support to make positive and healthy decisions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school's administration.



# Regency Students and Staff



Dear  
**NOVEMBER**  
Be awesome!

