

November 2019

Regency Acres P.S.



Principal's Message

Dear Regency Families,

I'd like to share an appointment and transfer within our Senior Leadership Team (effective November 4, 2019). **Neil Gunathunge** has been recently appointed as Superintendent of Education in CEC Central. Neil has been with the board for 25 years. He joined YRDSB as a teacher and has served as an elementary school vice-principal and principal, and most recently, as Principal, Human Resource Services since 2015. **Neil Gunathunge has been appointed Regency Acres' new Superintendent.** I would personally like to thank Becky Green for her leadership and service to our school. Becky will transfer from her current placement at CEC Central to a placement within CEC East and we wish her the best of luck.

Treaties Recognition Week is Nov. 4-8. Therefore, students and staff will engage in continual 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>

Fundraising/School Events:

Our **Chocolate Fundraiser** ends Nov. 1st so we are in the process of gathering details about the success of this fundraiser. So far, it seems like it went very well. We are still waiting for students to return boxes/bars of unsold chocolates.

We received many orders for **Fresh from the Farm**. Please note that veggies and apples are expected to arrive by end of November-early December. We will notify parents once shipment arrives (for same-day pick-up).

Our **Pumpkin Patch** evening was so fun! Thank you to our School Council members for organizing this event. We sold over 80 pumpkins, had corn-on-the-cobb/hot dogs, students had their faces painted, and many purchased great Halloween costumes/accessories.

We are excited to have a **Bag2School** event again. Please drop off in our front foyer between Nov. 4-13. The pick-up date is set for Nov. 14th. We also plan to have another one in May 2020 (just in time for Spring clean-up). The heavier the bags, the better!

November 21 is our school's Read-a-Thon and Chapters' Night event all morning. Students will read all morning! In the **evening from 6-8pm, Chapters in Newmarket** will give us 20% of all in-store sales (just mention "supporting Regency Acres" when you pay at the cash).

On **November 21, we will be having a FREE Panzerotti Day** for all students/staff (courtesy of School Council). Stay tuned for more communication closer to this date.

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 13. Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews are November 14 (evening) and November 15 (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 15 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 7TH 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/ren teacher.

Please **DO NOT** leave message requesting specific times.

Re-Take Day

**NOVEMBER
18TH AT
8:30 A.M.**

November
18th is
Photo
re-take day.





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 11 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 Monday, November 11, 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. **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 10th to the 16th.

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.

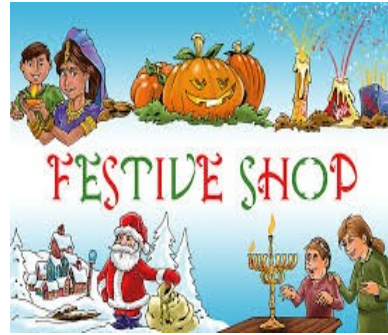
We are asking for YOUR help. Please take this opportunity to re gift or clear out unwanted, new or gently

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. 18 - Dec. 8.

We will be pleased to open the Festive Shop to parents and staff after school on December 16th 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



Cell Phone Resources

It is important to us that we provide a caring, safe and inclusive environment in our school that supports the academic achievement and well-being of all students. To support this environment, the Ontario Ministry of Education has revised the provincial Code of Conduct (Policy/Program Memorandum No. 128) to include a restriction on the use of personal mobile devices during instructional time as of November 4, 2019.

The revision states that the use of personal mobile devices (i.e. cell phones) during instructional time is not permitted unless under the following circumstances:

- for educational purposes, as directed by an educator;
- for health and medical purposes;
- to support special education needs and/or English-Language Learners.

We recognize that learning can be enhanced by technology and we have created opportunities in our classrooms to leverage digital tools to enhance teaching, learning and communication.

As shared in the [Guide to the School Year 2019-20](#), it has always been our policy that cell phones and other personal communication devices must be turned off and kept out of sight during all instructional periods, except with the clear permission of the principal or the classroom teacher. Additionally, camera and/or video functions on mobile devices are not permitted for use on school property without clear permission from the principal or teacher. At no time may mobile devices be used in washrooms or change rooms.

Infractions will be dealt with as student discipline, under [Caring and Safe Schools Policy](#) and its related procedures. Check with the school's main office to find out if students may bring mobile devices into the classroom, use them in school, or if they must leave these items in their backpacks/lockers. Students are responsible for the care and security of their personal devices. The school is not responsible for any damage, loss or theft.

For more information on why the Ontario Ministry of Education is making this revision, please see their [Cellphones and Other Personal Mobile Devices in Schools: Questions and Answers guide](#).

Thank you for helping us create a safe, respectful and inclusive school community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



November Library News

Attention all Families!

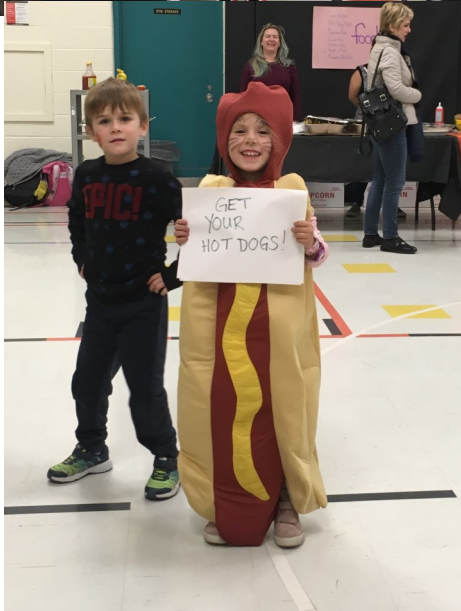
Regency will be hosting a Family Shopping Night at Chapters on Yonge Street in Newmarket on November 21st from 6-8 p.m.! Please plan on coming out and purchasing a special something for yourself, or begin (or finish!) your holiday gift shopping! All proceeds from sales on this evening will support our Library Learning Commons and Makerspace. Please invite your family members, friends and neighbours too. This is a great chance to support our school and get a jump start on gift buying!

<http://www.accessola.org>



Pumpkin Patch Evening

We're here to help!



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 late 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 2019.



Regency Students and Staff



Dear
NOVEMBER
Be awesome!