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From the desk of Mrs. Martino

The month of October and the fall are always a time to reflect on change. Outside the leaves are changing colour and the weather is becoming significantly cooler. I hope you have enjoyed some lovely family hikes to admire the fall colours. This is a great time to remind children about the importance of dressing warmly. Younger children should have a change of clothes in their backpack, even for older children, a change of socks and an extra sweater are a great idea to keep in their backpack. Feet often get wet in the rain and snow and it is helpful to have these extra items.

Math has been a big topic of conversation around the province and Regency Acres has been no different. As parents, we need to seize opportunities to embed math into our conversations. Halloween was a perfect example, I asked my chil-

dren while we were buying Halloween candy, if I buy a box of 90 chocolate bars and I give 2 to everyone who comes to our door, how many kids will get candy? If you go to 20 houses and they give you 3 pieces of candy each, how many will you get? Similar questions can be asked around other holidays or weekly trips to the grocery store. There are some great websites that offer math games and help. Your child's teacher can provide you with some good ones. I often like to spend some time with my children while they are playing the games to talk about math and what they can do to figure out the answers, i.e., Use the math page in their agenda, use a calculator, ruler, draw a picture, use numbers, etc. Finally, for those students who are in Grade 7 or 8, the ministry has a website where students can chat with a teacher who can help

them with homework. Find out more information at: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/elearning/homework.html>

There have been many happenings around the school. It is lovely to see that our Thanksgiving turkey was "stuffed" with many items for the food bank. Students looked fantastic in their costumes for Halloween and our Intermediates enjoyed a Halloween dance. Our musical rehearsals are going well and our volleyball teams are going strong. Congratulations to all our Cross Country runners. Regency had a good showing at both the area and regional meets.

We are looking forward to November. Report Cards and Parent Teacher interviews are just around the corner.

QSP Magazine and Cookie Dough



Thank you for supporting our Family Reading Magazine and Cookie Dough Fundraising Campaign. Because of you, we were able to raise \$7000 for our children. Many magazines will begin to arrive shortly, but some subscriptions, due to different publishing schedules, may take longer to start. If you have any questions, please contact **QSP Customer Service at 1-800-667-2536**. They offer a 100% guarantee.

Please remember, if there are other subscriptions or gift subscriptions you would like to purchase or if you would like to renew early, you can still go online at **QSP.ca**. Enter our school name in the account finder to ensure we receive the profits from your orders. The school benefits on all subscriptions up to June 30th, 2015.

Thank you for your continued support!

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 a.m. This is not safe as students are not supervised.

Please do not have your child arrive before 8:10 a.m.



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. This year

many of our students will have an opportunity to enter poster or writing contests through the Canadian Legion. As well, we will be having an assembly at the school on Tuesday, November 11, at 10:45 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 Mrs. Claus 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 Mrs. Claus. As well, any student who is a member of Cadets is asked to wear his/her dress uniform for the assembly.

On Tuesday, 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 2014/2015 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.



Parent/Teacher Interviews



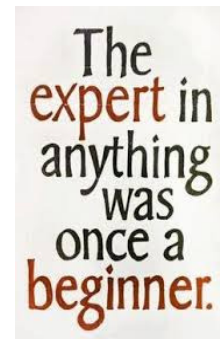
Please contact our school office and speak to our secretaries to book your appointment with your

child's teacher. Interviews are available on Thursday, November 13 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, November 14 from 8:30-11:25 a.m. If you need an alternate date, please contact the teacher directly.

To book an interview please call the office starting **November 5th, 2014** **between 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.**

Reminder

A reminder to parents that the parking lot between Regency and St. Joseph's is a staff parking lot. This lot is not available to parents. Parents are asked to use the lot on the North side of the school.



Tour for Humanity

On Tuesday, October 28, 2014, students in grades 5-8 from Regency Acres P.S. were very fortunate to experience a unique presentation. Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies has created the Tour for Humanity, a mobile human rights educa-

tion center to teach students and teachers about topics of diversity, democracy and Canadian civic rights and responsibilities. The Tour for Humanity is a 30 seat, wheel-chair accessible, state-of-the-art, technologically advanced classroom that presents information on

the effects and consequences of hate and intolerance. The presentations are designed to educate about the consequences of hate while initiating discussion on how to create positive change in our world. The presentations were appreciated by all.



Grades 3 and 6

Parents/Guardians of grades 3 and 6 students. A reminder that EQAO testing will be held between May 25 and June 5, 2015. We ask that you please try to avoid booking trips or appointments during the school day.



Date change for the Grade 8 Parent Information Night at Dr. G.W. Williams

Secondary School

The Grade 8 Parent Information Night at Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School, originally scheduled for Thursday, November 13, has

been changed to Thursday, November 27. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with an information session about high school life and graduation requirements. Parents will then have the opportunity to meet Subject Heads to learn about the Grade 9 Curriculum. The evening will end at 8:30 p.m. Williams hopes to see as many Grade 8 students and their parents at this event as possible.

Grade 8 Info Night at Dr. G.W. Williams HS

School Council News for October

The last meeting was held on Wednesday, Oct 15, 2014. Thanks to everyone who came out!

A presentation was given by Chris Hilmer, Principal of G.W. Williams Secondary School. He spoke about all of the programs that Williams has to offer and the variety of options available for high school students. G.W. Williams will have an open house for Gr 8 students & parents on Thursday, Nov 27.

QSP has wrapped up and it's been another successful campaign! Thanks to Jo Greig & Susan Arnold for running this fundraiser. It is a major contributor to the schools fundraising goal and a lot of work to facilitate. Thanks to all of the students, parents, grandparents, etc. for your orders. Happy reading!!

COMING SOON...

A wonderful, new holiday fundraiser is coming to the school! All students will be able to participate and it is sure to be a great, fun-filled event. Watch for details soon!

Kid's Kitchen Spirit Lunches kicked off on Friday, October 10. The kids who participated loved it! The next one is Friday, Nov 7. It is super easy to order on-line: www.kidskitchen.ca. Remember the school receives \$1 for every order placed and that money goes towards programs that will enhance your child's school experience.

The upcoming parent workshop "The Truth About Bullying" will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 7 - 8 p.m. in the library. We have invited other schools to attend and we are anticipating a large turnout. If you have not done so already, please reserve your spot using the form that was sent home. The students will have a presentation on bullying at the Spirit Challenge assembly on November 21st. Thank you to Sandy Kennedy for organizing these presentations.

Parent/teacher interview night is Thursday, Nov 13. As part of the evening, school council puts on a pot luck dinner for the teachers.

Thanks to Gwen Al-Kas for heading this up. We need contributions! It is easy... just drop off your contribution on Nov 13. No contribution is too small. Gwen has a list of contributors/items to date, so please contact her at genwa@rogers.com if you can provide a food item.

The Holiday Concert is scheduled for Thursday, Dec 11. This is a wonderful opportunity for our band students to show off their talents. Please join us!

The tentative dates for the Family Ski Nights are Jan. 23, Feb. 6 & Feb. 20, 2015. More details soon.

The next school council meeting is Wednesday, Nov 19. Hope to see you there!

Joan Lash

Chair, School Council

Student Council News



Regency's student council has had a great start to a new school year. Since September we have had the time to run 2 events. The Terry Fox Run in September and a Thanksgiving Food Drive in October. These 2 events have been a huge success. We have planned to have one fun event in each month in which our students can participate. In October we had one more event for Hallowe'en, it took place on the 31st. Student council collected house points for wearing a Hallowe'en costume. The students were judged on best costume for

the primary, juniors and intermediates.

Congratulations to all!!!

On November 21st we have a Disney Day!

On December 18th there will be candy cane sales.

On January 23rd we will be having a P.J. Day.

On February 13th we will be having a red and pink day to support bullying prevention and to celebrate Valentine's day.

March 27th will be Jersey day! On either April 24th or May 22nd, we will be having a fundraiser or Western Day.

June 12 is Crazy Hair Day.

Regency Acres' Student Council is very excited to plan a fun year for all of our students.

GO YELLOW.. GO RED ..
GO GREEN.. GO BLUE..

HERE'S TO A GREAT
SCHOOL YEAR!