

November 2020

Regency Acres P.S.



During the month of October our students worked collaboratively to run the same distance that Terry Fox ran on his Marathon of Hope. In total our students ran 5,373 km. Thank you for supporting this cause. Thank you to those families who were able to join us for our virtual Curriculum Night October 22nd. Our teachers enjoyed sharing their classrooms with you. Families will have the opportunity to meet virtually with teachers at our parent-teacher interviews on Thursday November 12th and Friday November 13th. As November begins we can feel the chill in the air and we anticipate the first snow. We also begin to mark some significant events in our history with rich conversations and acknowledgements regarding these impactful events.



The first week of November is officially Ontario's Treaties Recognition Week. During the week of November 2 - 6, 2020, we recognize the importance of treaties and bring awareness to the treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the province. Treaties are legally binding agreements that set out the rights, responsibilities and relationships of First Nations and the federal and provincial governments. There are 46 treaties in Ontario and we all have a responsibility to honour the treaties. To help discuss this concept at home, you could research on which treaty territory Regency Acres or your home is situated? When was the treaty made and what promises are in it? You could further extend the conversation to talk about what a promise means to you.

At Regency Acres P.S., we begin our week in a good way, by sharing our land acknowledgement over the announcements every Monday morning. This helps us acknowledge the land that we are on, recognizing the treaty that was made, and to appreciate the relationships we develop.

The first week in November is also Holocaust Education Week. The Holocaust was a systemic persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its allies, and it's important that we not allow this chapter of modern history to fade from memory. It is also important to acknowledge that people of colour, the Romas, people with physical disabilities, and those who identified as 2SLGBTQ were also targeted and murdered. As one means of working towards a world free of intolerance, racism and hatred, we encourage discussions, learning about events and outcomes of the Holocaust, in the age appropriate ways to honour the many people in age appropriate ways, about the Holocaust, and the many people who put their lives on the line in the face of antisemitism and varied forms of hate.

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A reminder that November 13th is a PA Day.

Virtual Interviews

STARTING NOVEMBER 2nd EDSBY will be open to book appointments

Please contact our school office (905) 727 9811 Ext 150 and speak with Judy Sandiford to activate your Edsby account if you have not already done so or email judy.sandiford@yrdsb.ca





Remembrance Day

November 11 marks Remembrance Day. We explore our Canadian identity to learn about and recognize the contributions of veterans and the participation of Canadians in various battles that have helped shape our country today. This year, we will be gathering virtually to participate in a school designed Remembrance Day ceremony. Each class will be

contributing to our virtual assembly that will take place Wednesday November 11th.

To recognize this day, we invite those who wish to participate to wear red and black.



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 2020/2021 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 and Snacks



Please remember to pack your child/ren snacks, lunch and water bottles daily. At Regency, we offer a limited snack selection to the students.

Thank you.

Festive Shop—CANCELLED

Unfortunately, due to the current COVID guidelines, the Festive Shop is cancelled this year. We are hopeful we will be able to resume this event next school year.



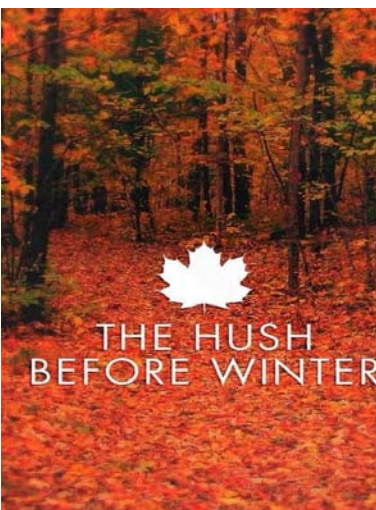
Student Cell Phone Use – Guideline

Cell phones and other personal communications devices are to be turned off and kept out of sight during all instructional periods, except with the explicit permission of the classroom teacher.

Cell phone camera functions are not permitted to be used on school property without explicit permission from the principal or designate.

Infractions will be dealt with as student discipline, under the Safe and Supportive Schools Policy and Procedure. Students need a clear understanding that inappropriate use of technology, including electronic devices such as cell phones, can result in consequences should the behaviour directly impact the learning environment. For example, posting negative comments regarding school staff or other students on *Social Media* to engage in conversations that affect the physical and/or social/emotional safety of staff and students may result in consequences.

This has been shared with parents and students earlier in September. We want students to understand the privilege it is to use technology in the classroom and that it is for instructional purposes only. Students must learn to demonstrate proper "Netiquette" when using technology. That conducting themselves appropriately and respectfully in person and online is important to their development and the relationships they build and maintain through their education.



Allergies

Parents/guardians we encourage you to avoid the use of substitute peanut butter products.

- These products tend to look, taste, and smell very much like peanut butter. While the product is nut free, it mimics a known allergen that causes anaphylaxis in some children to the degree that it is indistinguishable from the allergen. It is a convincing substitute, opening up the possibility that it can be confused as peanut butter, or worse yet, peanut butter could be confused as this soy-based product.

Please ensure that the snacks are NUT FREE, as we have several children with life threatening allergies.



Around Regency



School Council



RAPS School Council will be hosting a **FREE** virtual session for parents/guardians on **Thursday January 28th, 2021 @ 7pm** called **PARENTING DURING CHALLENGING TIMES**. We are excited to welcome Nathalie Gonsalves - Community Outreach Worker, from York Hills. She will be sharing strategies to help parents/guardians build resilience and parent effectively while coping with uncertainty, anxiety and fear. Please save the date. Details about how to join will be shared closer to the date.

2020-2021 School Council

Everyone is welcome to attend the School Council at Regency Acres Public School. Our next meeting is **Tuesday November 3rd @ 7pm**. We will send out the link to join in a separate email. The more people who come out, the more voices we hear from so we encourage everyone to try out a council meeting this year.

Our School Council Executive for 2020-2021 are:

Chair and Co-Chair: *Sera Weiss & Kim Davies*

Fundraising Co-Chairs: *Claudia Velocci & Janine Reiley*

Secretary: Co-Chairs *Elena Rojano & Sandy Kennedy*

Treasurer: *Rodney Mooy*

Healthy Schools: *Rebecca Haberman*

Future Tentative Dates for School Council Meetings are as follows:

Wednesday December 2

Thursday January 14

Tuesday February 23

Wednesday April 7

Thursday May 13

Tuesday June 15

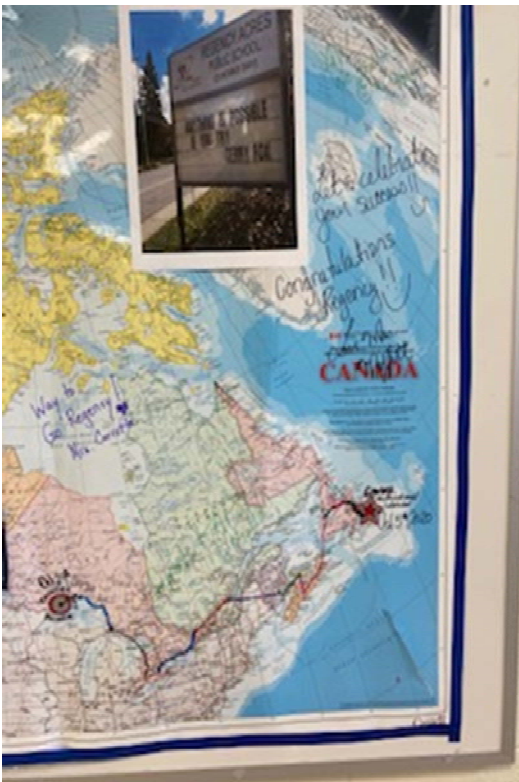
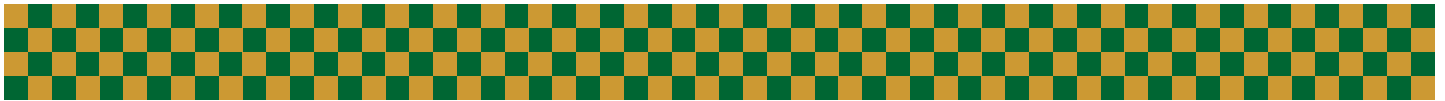




Kiss and Ride

We encourage families to walk to school as much as possible, as it gets the day started with some fresh air and exercise. However, we know that many of you come by vehicle. We ask that you please arrive between 8:10 am and 8:25 am. The parking lots are for staff access and parking only. When dropping off children please use the Kiss and Ride. Our students' safety is a priority and we will need to work together to ensure that we are following road laws and school procedures. When using the Kiss and Ride please follow these expectations:

- Avoid U-turns - they are illegal and unsafe.
- A Kiss and Ride is continuous a line of cars, pull up as far as you can before unloading
- Do not let children exit the vehicle before you have pulled up
 - Have children exit on the school side (curb side) of the vehicle
 - Do not stop or park the car to get students out -we will supervise them as they enter the front doors
 - Wait for the cars ahead of you before driving off (please no u-turns at this point either)



Congratulations Regency! We thought BIG!
We trusted ourselves and we made it happen!

Congratulations Regency!

To mark Terry Fox's monumental Marathon of Hope Dream to run across Canada, Regency came up with a plan to follow his route and run as a community from Gander, Newfoundland to Thunder Bay, Ontario. At Regency we believe that you have to set goals that are almost out of reach. If you set a goal that is attainable without much work or thought, you are stuck with something below your true talent and potential.

Regency definitely reached high and reached far! We started out on Monday, October 5th with 5, 373 km ahead of us. It seemed like a lofty goal but we felt if Terry could have done it alone, we could do it together, and we did! Yesterday we crossed the finish line. October 29th, 2020! Along the way, not only have we raised \$865.00 (3 times last year's total) for cancer research but we have come together as a school: students, staff, parents and community members. Along the way and during our daily laps, although being physically distanced, we have felt the camaraderie of our classmates, peers and teachers and came together as a new community of learners. We have learned the value of perseverance, determination and teamwork and most importantly proved what Terry had expressed during his run that

anything is possible if you try!

Thanks Regency for your participation in this year's Marathon of Hope Run for Terry! Remember, what you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals! Set some new ones for yourself and set off on your own adventure! You did it, Regency!!