

Regency News

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Principal's Message

I would like to welcome all the students and staff back to school for a very new and exciting school year! I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer. A special welcome is extended to our brand new students - our Junior Kindergartens and new students who have moved to Regency from other schools.

I would like to thank our caretaking staff, office staff and all other staff members who have worked so hard to prepare for this upcoming year. Our Caretakers made sure that the building is clean and safe, our office staff have worked hard to ensure a successful school start-up and teachers, DECEs and EAs who have worked so hard this summer to plan for a strong curriculum program.

We welcome the following permanent staff members

to our school: Lynda Beacom (EA), Karen Carlson-Oriotis (EA), Nicole Birt (Gr. 1), Cynthia Cameron (Gr. 4/5), Carmela Digrigoli (Kindergarten), Daniella Chiarelli (DECE), Kelly Gray and Rachel Shamis (Community Class teachers), We also welcome the

Welcome Back!

following long-term occasional prep teachers that will be with us for part of this school year: Brian Fleischman.

Very important communication from the school will be sent home this month. In particular, please complete the School Start-up package, an envelope filled with information and forms for parents/guardians to fill out and return to school as soon

as possible. Also, refer to our school pages (REVISED) inside the student agenda planners (a copy has also been emailed to parents) to learn more about our school programs, initiatives and other impor-



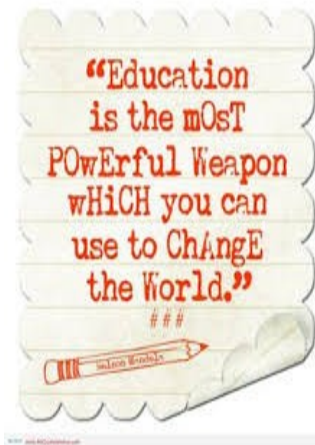
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Office Hours & School Timetable

Our office opens each day at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 4:00 p.m. We have telephone lines which take messages if the lines are in use.

Our office staff will be as diligent as possible when answering telephones, retrieving mes-

sages and helping you out. Your patience is greatly appreciated. In case of any emergency after hours, please call the area education office at 905-884-4477.



Happiness comes when you believe in what you are doing, know what you are doing, and love what you are doing.

*You're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So...get on your way!*

-Dr. Seuss

Safe School/Keeping Our Students Safe

Each year, school administrators engage students and staff in various emergency procedures that align with board and Ministry policies so that they are prepared in the case of an emergency. Our staff also complete mandatory Health and Safety training each year (and throughout the year, when necessary). Our school also partners with the York Regional Police for school support and also collaborate with community service organizations (such as Epilepsy York Region). During the week of Sept. 26th, our school will be practicing a lock down drill and throughout the year we will have 6 fire drills.

In the case of a real emergency, communication will be shared with parents. If there are any questions about school emergency procedures and readiness, you can access the school board website or contact the school principal.

In the past, at lunch time, some parents have been waiting in their cars for their children to come and retrieve their lunches. We have had many close calls and this has put our students in jeopardy. We are asking all parents to please come into the school and place their labelled child's lunch on the

designated front hall table. We will be monitoring this area closely and will not be allowing students to meet their parents out by their cars. Let's work together to ensure that all our students are kept safe. We also ask that parents have student lunches at school on time for 12:15 p.m.

If a parent is late with lunch this is often distressing for the child and does not allow them sufficient time to eat with their classmates.



Safe Arrival

The first bell rings at 8:15 a.m. Students must make every effort to be in the schoolyard between 8:10-8:20 a.m. to ensure "on time" arrival in class. When the weather is inclement, students will be allowed to enter the building as they arrive at school **AFTER 8:10 a.m.** In the interest of safety, students who walk to school should arrive after **8:10 a.m. when the yard is supervised**. Parents who pick up their child(ren) after school need to arrive promptly. **Supervision is not available after school.**

Supervising staff are on playground duty at 8:10 a.m. and during the entire first recess and lunch recess playground period. Staff are also on duty at the end of the day to assist with bus loading.

The YRDSB protocol states that if we are not able to reach an adult to confirm a child's absence, we are to call the police.

School Start-up Packages

Parents, during the first week of school you received a School Start-up package (REVISED) which contains very important information for you to review. **Please sign all the board forms that were sent home and return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible.**

Student Allergies/Medical Info.

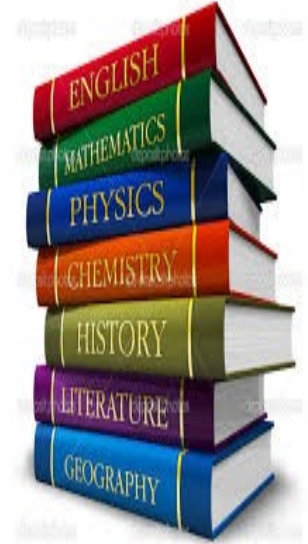
It is especially important that parents communicate a life-threatening allergy to the school as soon as they are aware of it. Please notify the principal and your child's teacher so that we have accurate records and establish the protocol to follow with your child.



Textbooks

Students will be assigned a number of textbooks. If these are lost or damaged, the individual who is responsible for the book will be charged the replacement cost. Replacement cost also applies to library books that are lost or damaged. **Academics, Athletics and the Arts - The Three As** We take great pride in providing our students with a balanced programme. Academics are emphasized throughout the day, in all that we do, in order to prepare our students for

future success. Enhancing this are the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities that we provide. There will be something for everyone. From clubs to the teams, our staff members are dedicated to providing your children with opportunities that will help them grow to be well-rounded members of our society. Please encourage your child to find his/her niche, whether it be in the arts or athletics.



"You can't learn if you don't make a mistake"

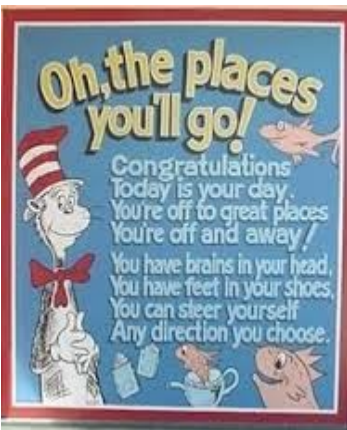
Regency Breakfast Club/Healthy Cart



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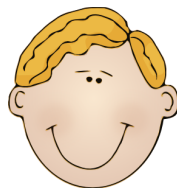
Our Breakfast Club this year.

Breakfast Club would like to welcome everyone back to the 2016/2017 school year. We are very excited to be able to offer healthy breakfast/lunch items on the cart again this year. This program will begin on Monday, September 12. If you are in need, please check the cart when you enter the school at the first bell and again at lunch each day.



School Photo Day

September 29 is our school photo day. Life-style is the photography company that will be taking our picture.



Milk Program

Our school has a milk program that gives students the opportunity to purchase milk (chocolate or white) for **75 cents every day at the start of lunch from 12:10-12:20 in front of the milk room.**

75 cents, sold daily



Fall Fundraiser

THE QSP MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER WILL BE RETURNING SOON!

Our school goal is to raise funds for new literacy resources for our school (books, e-books, games, on-line programs, etc...)

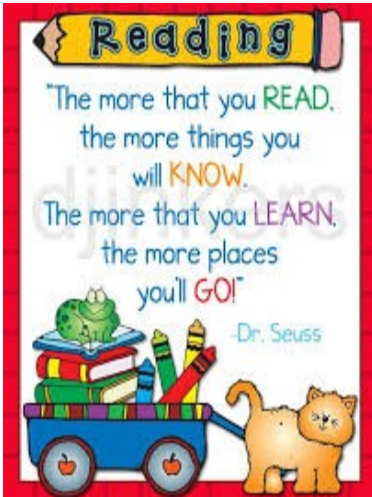
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ORDER GOURMET COOKIE DOUGH, MAGAZINES, DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTIONS, e-BOOKS, AND SO MUCH MORE.

NEW - THE QSP ONLINE STORE

Our Kick Off Assembly will be October 4th at 9:00 a.m.

ONLINE ORDERING AVAILABLE FOR COOKIE DOUGH, MAGAZINES, GARDEN BULBS, KITCHEN GADGETS, GIFTWARE, WRAPPING PAPER & ACCESSORIES PLUS 100'S OF OTHER ITEMS.

GO TO www.QSP.ca, click SHOP NOW and search for our school.



GREAT THINGS ARE DONE BY A SERIES OF SMALL THINGS BROUGHT TOGETHER.
-VINCENT VAN GOGH



Before and After Care

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Name of Operator: Regency Acres Kids Club – York Professional Care & Education

Website: www.yorkprofessional.com

Registration Information: (905) 841-1314 Ext. 0

<http://www.yorkprofessional.com/documents/registration-Package.pdf>

Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday

Before School: 7:00 **a.m.** – 9:00 **a.m.** & After School: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Ages Served: 4 years to 12 years

How Do I Apply and get on the Wait List for Child Care Fee Assistance?

Call-1-888-703-KIDS (5437) and press option 3 or

<http://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/support/yr/childrenservices/childcarefeeassistance>

York Region Bussing



YRDSB policy #680.0, Student Transportation indicates the following:

Non Transportation Zone

This is an area designated by Board policy as ineligible for school vehicle transportation.

Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 – a child who lives within 1.2 kilometres of the school is **not** eligible for Board-provided transportation.

Grade 4 to Grade 8 – a child who lives within 1.6 kilometres of the school is **not** eligible for Board-provided transportation.

*Note: Any student with known health problems that may require special consideration affecting transportation **need to supply a medical note/plan that would support the Request for Special Transportation (see Policy #662.0, Provision of Health Support Services in School Settings)***

Please note that a Principal must support the board policy.

Terry Fox Run

Terry Fox Run on the afternoon of Thursday, September 29th from 2:15-2:45 p.m. we ask that each student is asked to bring in a toonie for Terry prior to the run. We will also accept larger donations if anyone is interested and if so, they should send a cheque made out to the Terry Fox Foundation.



Electronic Devices at School

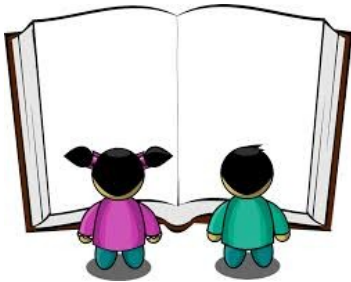
ELECTRONIC GAMES, CD PLAYERS, MP3 PLAYERS OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE NOT TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL unless a teacher has requested that they can be used for instructional purposes.

We encourage all students to leave personal items such as electronic entertainment devices at home. If students bring personal items to school they do so at their own risk. We will not be held responsible for lost or stolen items. Personal items which become a distraction will be temporarily confiscated. Students are to keep cell phones/electronics in their lockers (Gr. 6-8), in school bags for (Gr. 5 and under) during school hours, unless it is part of the school program and requested by the teacher. **They may be taken out at lunch time, only if the student has permission to leave the grounds at lunch time.**

Student Cell Phone Usage

Students are allowed to bring cell phones to school. However, they will remain off unless they are used for instructional purposes (with teacher supervision). Students are reminded not to use their phones during the day. If they wish to contact their family, they can use the school phones in the office. If a child is seen using their phone during school day, the Principal may request to keep the phone in the office until the end of the day.

News from the Library



Welcome to our new library space! I am looking forward to a great year of reading and great activities with your children. There have been many changes to our library, including the layout of our library space, organization of the books and the creation of a Makerspace. Be sure to drop in and see our new layout during our Open House in October.

Looking for a way to become involved at the school, but not necessarily in your child's classroom? Parent volunteers are needed in the library. Plan a regular time to volunteer, help out with special events like bookfairs, or just drop in when you have a moment or two. Contact Mrs. Claus if you are interested.

We will be hosting a Scholastic Bookfair the first week of October. Plan to visit with your children after school or during our Meet the Teacher evening. More details will be made available soon.



School Council 2016-2017



We hope you and your families had an enjoyable and relaxing summer!

Plans are well underway for the 2016-2017 School Council. Our first meeting will be held on **Wednesday September 21 at 7pm** in the library and the 2016-2017 Council will be formed. In order to be considered for a position on council your nomination form must be received at the school office by **Friday September 16**. Nomination forms are found in the School Start-up package and extra copies are available in the office.

Regency Acres School Council is comprised of **13 voting members** and an **unlimited number of parent members-at-large**.

If you are interested in an executive position, please note what position you are interested in on the School Council Candidate Nomination form. The positions are:

1. **Chair (1), or Co-Chair (2)**
2. **Fundraising Chair (1)**
3. **Healthy Schools Chair (1)**
4. **Treasurer (1)**
5. **Secretary (1)**
6. **Teacher Rep (1): Elected by the teachers**
7. **Support Staff Rep (1): Optional at elementary school. Elected by the support staff.**
8. **Student Rep (1): Optional at elementary school. Appointed by the Principal.**
9. **Community Rep (1): Appointed by the Principal in consultation with school council.**
10. **General voting member (balance of 13 total) Non-voting:**
11. **Principal (1)**
12. **Parent member-at-large: unlimited**

All parent volunteers (including School Council members) must sign the Volunteer Confidentiality & Conduct Agreement and adhere to The Code of Ethics (from the YRDSB School Council Handbook).

What best describes a successful candidate for school council?

Thinks "We" not "Me".

Professional conduct, Positive attitude, Collaborative.

Supports administration and teachers in a respectful manner.

Is focused on the students as a whole, not individually.

Attends a minimum of 8/9 meetings and participates in a variety of activities.

Commits to serve on council for the entire school year.

Represents the best interests of the students and the school at all times.

Respects the voting process and supports the outcomes.

Engages the parent community in a positive manner and communicates the benefits of School Council.

Has not had prior difficulties serving on school council or any other school based activities.

2016/2017 Meeting dates (7:00pm in the library):

Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16, Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 22, Apr 19, May 17, Jun 14

Please note that child care is not available for school council meetings. Thank you for your cooperation.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday Sept 21!

Lisa Leoni
Principal
Regency Acres P.S.

Joan Lash
Co-Chair School Council
Regency Acres P.S.



Trustee Greeting



Welcome back to another school year.

As we start another school year, we are very pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families. I hope you all enjoyed the hot summer months and are looking forward to the start of school.

There is a lot to look forward to in the months ahead and many ways for families to engage with their child's learning. There is a strong connection between parent and family engagement and student achievement and well-being, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get involved.

In the coming year, trustees will continue to focus on the priorities that we set out in our Multi-Year Plan: student achievement and well-being; the delivery of effective and sustainable educational programs; and the responsible stewardship of Board resources.

We know that partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving these goals. However you choose to get involved, know that you are making a difference to your child's learning.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year

PA Days 2016/17 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY - NO SCHOOL

Elementary:

Monday, September 26, 2016

Friday, October 28, 2016

Friday, November 25, 2016

Friday, January 20, 2017

Friday, February 3, 2017

Friday, June 2, 2017

Friday, June 30, 2017

Elementary: Thursday, June 29, 2017*
*** Early release**