



Welcome Back!

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Kiss N' Ride

Thank you for supporting our safe, positive and inclusive school community. Our Kiss and Ride area is a **MOVING LINE**. We ask that parents, please do not stop their cars and get out to help their kids. Please allow our staff to take the kids out of the car, in order to keep the line moving and our students safe.

First Entry Bell

8:20 a.m.

Instructional Time

8:25 - 10:05 a.m.

RECESS

10:05 - 10:35 a.m.

Instructional Time

10:35 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

LUNCH

12:15-1:15 p.m.

Instructional Time

1:15-2:55 p.m.

Dismissal

2:55 p.m.

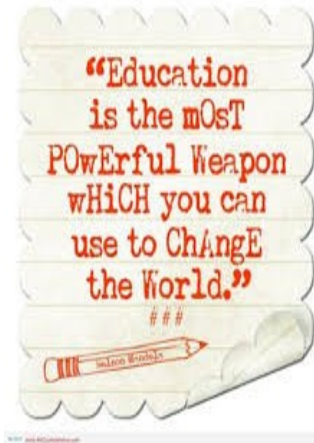
Fresh from the Farm



If you have any questions please contact our office.

Your Fresh from the Farm School Order Forms has been sent home and orders are currently in progress. The deadline to return forms to Regency Acres is **October 15th**. Your delivery date is scheduled for **November**. We will be sending an email when we have a delivery date.

Thank you for participating in Fresh from the Farm 2018.



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



Safe School/Keeping Our Students Safe

Each year, school administrators engage students and staff in various emergencies 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. 24th, 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 8:20 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 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 in the envelope.**

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.

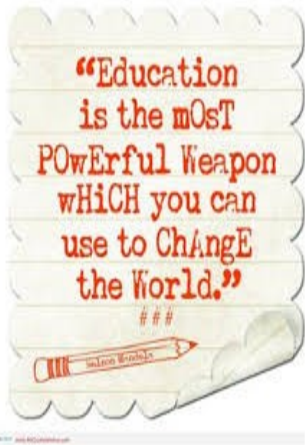
Message from our Trustee

I am pleased to welcome all of our students and families to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This is an exciting time of year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the months ahead.

York Region District School Board is committed to advancing student achievement and well-being. The Trustees' new Multi-Year Strategic Plan, developed based on feedback from the community, outlines four priorities that will guide this work: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, Build Collaborative Relationships and Empower Ethical Leadership. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts.

Our schools are stronger when families are engaged. There are many different ways families can support their child's learning and get involved in life at the school, and I hope that you find opportunities to get engaged.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.



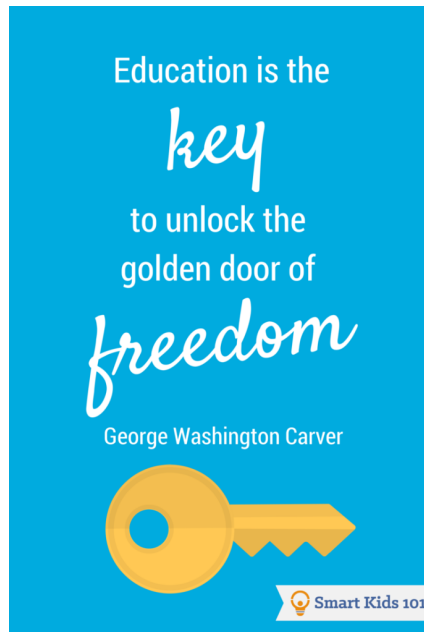
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Volunteers

Regency Acres is looking for parent/guardian volunteers to help in our and around our school. We are also looking for Lunch Assistants which is a paid position to cover in our classrooms and outside during our lunch time.

If you have wish to help out as a volunteer or become a lunch assistant please contact our school office.

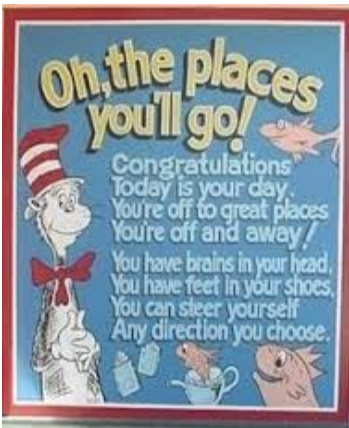


*Promise me you'll always remember:
You're braver than you believe, stronger
than you seem, and smarter
than you think*





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



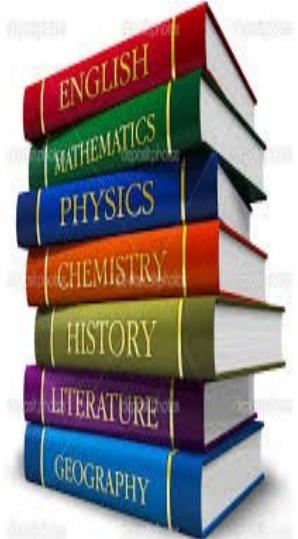
Textbooks

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 re-placement 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.



Regency Breakfast Club/Healthy Cart



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Our Breakfast Club and Snack Cart this year.

Breakfast Club would like to welcome everyone back to the 2018/2019 school year. We are very excited to be able to offer healthy breakfast/lunch items on the cart again this year. This program started the first day school. 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

October 12 is our school photo day. Lifestyle is the photography company that will be taking our picture.

RETAKE: November 13.



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



Before and After Care



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 Friday, September 28th from 2:15-2:45 p.m. 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.

If you have questions please contact:

Ms. Norma Moffitt at norma.moffitt@yrdsb.ca



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.

Consequences for using a cell phone during school hours (outside of instructional time and without the supervision of a staff member) will be as follows:

1st time: Warning, student will be asked to put it in a locker or school bag. Parent contacted.

2nd time: Student will be asked for the cell phone/electronics. It will be returned at the end of the day.
Parent contacted.

3rd time: Parent will be contacted and asked to pick up the phone/electronics at the school office.

News from the Library



Welcome to our Library Learning Commons! I am looking forward to a great year of reading and fun activities with your children. Students will be able to sign out books starting the second week of school. Kindergarten students can sign out 1 book at a time, while grade 1-8 students may have 2 books out at a time. If a book becomes damaged or lost while in your child's possession, you will be contacted so that the book can be replaced. We will be offering

a variety of creative Makerspace activities in the Makerspace area, Library and classrooms. Looking for a way to become involved at the school, but not necessarily in your child's classroom? Parent volunteers are often needed in the library. Plan a regular time to volunteer, help out with special events like bookfairs or activities in the Makerspace, 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. The Book Fair will be open from 8:25am-3:30pm daily. On Meet the Teacher night, it will also reopen from 5:30-7:30pm. The Fair closes at morning recess Friday.

Do you have items that you are looking to donate or throw away? Please consider donating them to our Makerspace! I am looking for crayons, coloured pencils, markers that work, other craft materials, clean yogurt cups, etc. If you are looking to re-home Lego, building blocks, K'Nex, etc., feel free to drop them off at the school as well. Please put a label that says "Mrs. Claus" on the box, bin or bag and leave them under the table in the front hall. If you have other items, feel free to call or email and check into see if they are needed. All donations are greatly appreciated! I can be reached at 905 727 9811 ext 135 or robin.morrison-claus@yrdsb.ca

I am looking forward to a great year of reading, exploring, creating and learning.

Mrs. Morrison-Claus





School Council 2018-2019

Hello Regency Parents/Guardians,

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

Plans are well underway for the 2018-2019 School Council. Our first meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September, 19th at 7:00 p.m.** in the library and the 2018-2019 School Council will be formed. In order to be considered for a position on School Council your nomination form must be received at the school office by **Friday, September, 14th**. 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.

Commits to serve on council for the entire school year.

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

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

2018/2019 Meeting dates (7:00pm in the library):

Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Jan 16, Feb 13, Mar 20, Apr 1, May 15, Jun 15

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. 19!

Lisa Leoni

Principal

Regency Acres P.S.

What makes a good school councillor?

A good councillor should be:

- a good listener
- trustworthy
- happy
- helpful
- committed
- honest
- Reliable
- able to work in a team
- want to make changes
- confident
- good talker
- caring
- have good ideas



Trustee Greeting



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PA Days 2018/19

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- NO SCHOOL

Elementary:

Monday, September 24, 2018

Friday, October 22, 2018

Friday, November 23, 2018

Friday, January 18, 2019

Friday, February 1, 2019

Monday, June 3, 2019

Friday, June 28, 2019

Elementary: Thursday, June 27, 2019*

*** Early release (students will leave at 11:25am)**