



## Welcome Back!

### Principal Message

Welcome back to another new and exciting school year! We hope that everyone enjoyed their summer with friends and family members. A special welcome is extended to our brand new students - our Junior Kindergartens! We wish them happy days and hope for only a few tears this week as they say goodbye to their parents.

Our staff have worked hard to prepare for this school year. Our teachers set up their classrooms and many teachers were enrolled in summer courses to further their knowledge about curriculum and instruction. Our caretaking staff made sure that every inch of the building is clean and safe. Our office staff have worked long hours to ensure a smooth start of school. Hats off to everyone!

We are excited about this school year and look forward to working with everyone. We all share a role in each student's life. We look forward to your continued support and your involvement in our school is always appreciated. When we work together, we achieve success and we make a difference!

Please refer to our school pages inside the student agenda planners (a copy has also been emailed to parents) to learn more about our school programs, initiatives and other important information that will be useful to you. This newsletter highlights important information from the student agenda pages. Feel free to call the office if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to a very successful school year together.

**Very important: Please complete all the necessary forms in the School Start-up Package and return to your child's teacher no later than Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.** These are very important forms to complete.

**Please note that our Curriculum night that is scheduled for Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 pm. Hope to see you at school!**

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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. If you have any questions please contact our office.

## 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



Your Fresh from the Farm School Order Forms will be coming home soon.

Order forms are due into the office by October 8th.

Regency will not be able to do Online orders.

Thank you for participating in Fresh from the Farm 2019.

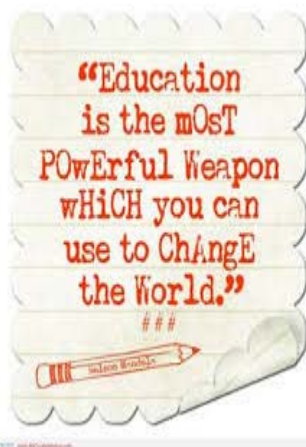


### Safe Arrival

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.

## CURRICULUM/MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Date: Thursday, September 26th, 2019

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

### 5:30-6:30pm

We will gather as a school community outside in the school playground area. This is a great chance to meet other parents, students and staff. "Wickedly Sinful" food truck will be selling the following items if you wish to purchase food.

**Please BRING CASH for payment. We promise the line-up will not be as long this year!**

<b>SINGLE ITEM</b>	Beef Burger \$4.00	Veggie Burger \$4.00	Beef Hot Dog \$4.00	Fries \$3.00	Drinks (water, pop) \$1.00
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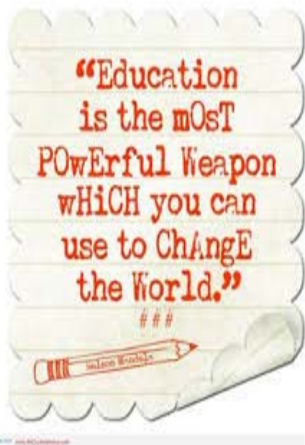
### HALAL OPTION for Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

<b>COMBO DEALS</b>	Beef Burger, Fries, Drink \$7.00	Veggie Burger, Fries, Drink \$7.00	Beef Hot Dog, Fries, Drink \$6.00
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*Happiness comes when you believe in what you are doing, know what you are doing, and love what you are doing.*



HALLOWEEN is coming.....order a PUMPKIN by Oct. 10th



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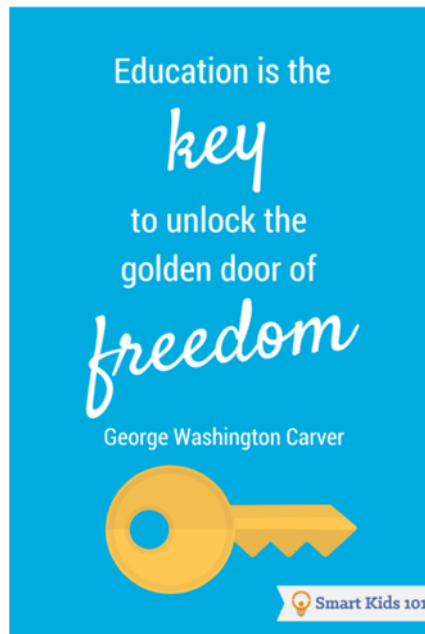


Regency Acres is looking for parent/guardian volunteers to help in our and around our school. We are also looking for parents to help with our Wednesday Pizza Lunch and Hot Dog days.

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

**Regency Acres Snack Cart.**

Breakfast Club would like to welcome everyone back to the 2019/2020 school year. We are very excited to be able to offer healthy breakfast/snack 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 morning recess each day.

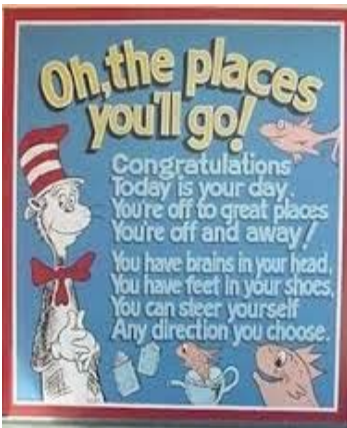


Promise me you'll always remember:  
You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.





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



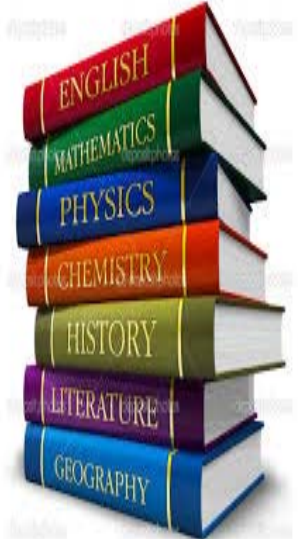
### Textbooks

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.

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### School Photo Day

October 11 is our school photo day. Lifestyle 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**



## Before and After Care



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

Website: [www.yorkprofessional.com](http://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 26th. 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](mailto: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:

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 are already signing out books! 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 Book Fair Tuesday, September 24 - Monday, September 30th. Plan to visit with your children after school or during our Meet the Teacher evening. The Book Fair will be open from 8:30am-3:30pm daily. On Meet the Teacher night, it will also reopen from 5:30-7:30pm. The Fair closes at morning recess Monday.

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](mailto:robin.morrison-claus@yrdsb.ca)

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

Mrs. Morrison-Claus





## School Council 2019-2020

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, 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the library and the 2019-2020 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, 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**2019/2020 Meeting dates (7:00pm in the library):**

**Sept 19, Oct 16, Nov 20, Jan 15, Feb 12, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 20, Jun 10**

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. 18!

*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



## Welcome back to another school year.

This month our students and staff will engage in conversations around caring, safe and inclusive school environments. In a student assembly, we will be discussing the elements of a Caring and Safe School that would support the academic achievement and well-being of all students, including:

Demonstrating positive character attributes (such as empathy, courage and respect for human rights and inclusivity)

Items and behaviours that are not allowed on school property (such as illegal substances, scented products)

What happens in situations of discipline (including the

school's progressive discipline practices)

Standing up for each other in bullying situations, including methods of reporting incidents of bullying:

Tell a caring adult

Use the YRDSB's "[Report It Button](#)" (located on our school website)

[Kids Help Phone](#) (1-800-668-6868)

For more details on each of these items, please read the YRDSB Start-Up Guide [in your school's Start-Up Package] given to our students the first day of school (along with a sign-off sheet that must be returned to the child's teacher asap).

You can also visit the [YRDSB's Caring and Safe Schools](#) website for details and resources for families to continue the conversation.

Thank you for supporting our safe, positive and inclusive school community.

## PA Days 2019/2020

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- NO SCHOOL

#### **Elementary:**

Monday, September 23, 2019

Monday, October 21, 2019

Friday, November 15, 2019

Friday, January 17, 2020

Friday, January 31, 2020

Monday, June 1, 2020

Friday, June 26, 2020

**Elementary: Thursday, June 26, 2020\***

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