



Regency News



Principal's Message

Welcome Back!

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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 beautiful 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 welcome the following permanent staff members at our school: Mr. Fuller (Gr. 3/4), Mrs. Teel (Community Class), Ms. Watts (Gr. 2) and Kristin Kidd (Educational Assistant). We also welcome the following long-term occasional prep teachers who will be with us for part of this school year: Mrs. Tel, Mrs. McKellar and Ms. Ng.

We are excited about this school year and look forward to working with everyone. We all share a role in each students' 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.

Please note that our Curriculum night that was originally scheduled for Oct. 1st is now postponed until further notice.

Lisa Leoni (Principal)

Office Hours & School Timetable

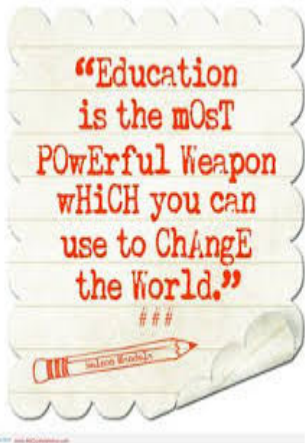
Our office opens each day at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 4:00 p.m. We have telephone lines which take messages if the lines are in use.

Our office staff will be as diligent as possible when answering telephones, retrieving messages 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.

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| First Entry Bell | 8:15 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. |

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

SEPTEMBER 28 is a P.A.day and there will be NO school for students.



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



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

Keep Our Students Safe

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.



There is nothing better than the encouragement of a good friend.

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

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.**

Student Allergies/Medical Info.

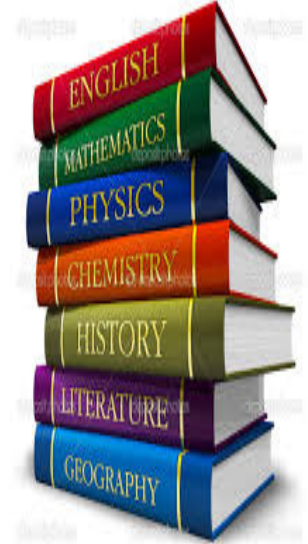
It is especially important that parents communicate a life-threatening allergy to the school as soon as they are aware of it. Please notify the principal and your child's teacher so that we have accurate records and establish the protocol to follow with your child.



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.



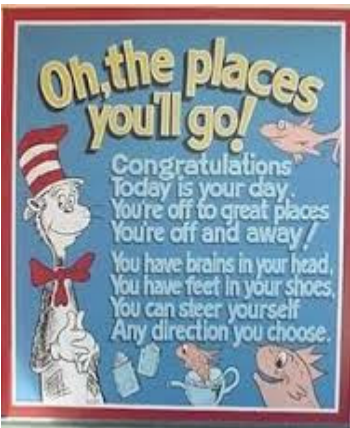
Regency Breakfast Club/Healthy Cart



IMPORTANT NOTE:
Our Breakfast Club will operate differently this year.

We will continue to have a Healthy Cart filled with healthy snacks for students to access throughout the day. Breakfast Club will begin Mon., Sept. 14th. This year we are trying something new. Upon morning entry, students will take food from the Healthy Schools cart which is outside room 2. We will no longer be serving breakfast in the staffroom.

Healthy food donations are always welcome. Thank you, Breakfast Club



School Photo Day

October 26 is our school photo day. Trillium 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.

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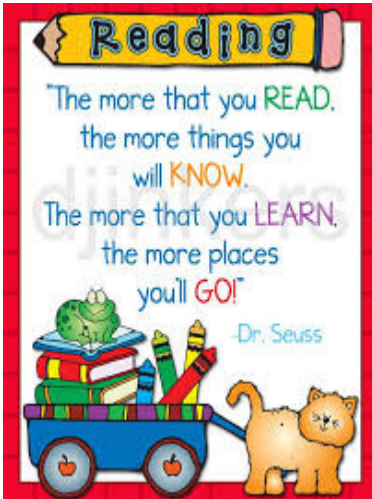


Fall Fundraiser

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...)

Please stay tuned for further communication as we are preparing for our launch. Our school will be having a kick-off assembly on Friday, Oct. 2nd at 1:20 p.m.



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



Before and After School Childcare



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.

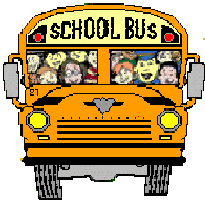
Ages Served: 4 years to 12 years

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>

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.

Halloween Costumes



We are setting up our own Halloween Costume Shack where students can purchase gently used Halloween costume for \$1-\$5. All proceeds will go to the local Women's Shelter. Any leftover costumes will also be donated.

In order to set up our Shack we need your donations of clean/ like new condition Halloween costumes for students aged 4-13. Please drop off costumes between Sept. 14-25 in the school lobby. Please have costumes on

hangers and any accessories in a bag on the same hanger so that our Regency Acres parent volunteers know what costumes and accessories go together. Please include costume sizing if not obvious on the costume tag. Masks and accessories on their own are also welcome and will be priced accordingly.

Students will have an opportunity to purchase costumes the week of Sept. 28th, details to be communicated closer to the date.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Pat Morton at: pat_morton@sympatico.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.

NEW PARTNERSHIP →

Ontario Early Years Program is here!

OEYC is a drop-in program where children ages 0-6 attend with their parents or caregivers. This is **not** a drop-off program.



During this time, families and their children are welcomed into the program to play and engage in a variety of early learning activities.

We invite you to explore the many services and resources that the program has to offer.

WHEN and WHAT TIME?

Thursdays: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Fridays: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

WHERE?

Kindergarten Room #001

Note: Parents/Guardians must sign in at the office.

School Council



Our first School Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.** in the library. The 2015-2016 School Council will be formed during this meeting. In order to be considered for a position on council, please submit a nomination form by **Monday, September 21**. The completed nomination forms can be dropped at the office or sent to school with your child. The nomination forms are found in the School Start-up package that was sent home during the first week of school. Extra copies will be in the office.

Regency's School Council is comprised of:

- 13 parent members (parents of the school, not employed at the school)
- 1 teaching staff member (elected by the teachers of the school)
- 1 Community Representative
- 1 support staff (elected by the support staff of the school)
- 1 pupil (may be selected by the Principal after consultation with School Council) - optional at elementary level
- Principal

All Council positions (duties) will be discussed on Thursday, October 1.

All members will adhere to the Code of Ethics (YRDSB School Council Handbook) and will sign the YRDSB Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement (reference: YRDSB Policy and Procedure #280) which outlines volunteer responsibilities (including behavior and conduct expectations)

What best describes a successful candidate for school council?

- Thinks "We" not "Me"
- Professionalism
- Demonstrates a commitment to serve on council for the entire school year
- Attends every meeting and participates in a variety of activities
- Positive attitude
- Collaborative
- Supports the school and teachers in a respectful and positive manner
- Is focused on the students as a whole and not the individual needs of their own children
- Considers membership on school council to be a privilege, and represents the best interest of the school at all times
- Has not had difficulty serving on school council in the past
- Considers council meetings as business meetings regardless of the volunteer component and demonstrates business etiquette
- Is focused on moving the business of council forward in a productive manner and does not introduce non-council issues
- Believes they can have a positive impact on the students experience at Regency and is willing to volunteer their time to make that happen

All meetings this year will commence at 7:00 p.m. The meeting dates for this school year:

Oct. 1
Jan. 13
Apr. 20

Oct. 21
Feb. 17
May 18

Nov. 25
Mar. 23
June 15

We have provided the meeting dates in order for you to make arrangements for child care. If this is not a possibility then we will ask that children remain in the computer lab in the library during the meeting time (to ensure privacy).

Thank you for your cooperation.



Trustee Greeting



Welcome back to another school year.

I am happy to extend a warm welcome to our returning students and families and those who are new to our Board. I am the trustee for your child's school and your representative on the York Region District School Board of Trustees.

I am looking forward to continuing my work to ensure that all YRDSB students receive a high-quality education within safe, caring and inclusive learning environments.

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 families are essential to achieving this goal. Good schools become better schools when they are connected to parents and families.

I hope that you will find positive and meaningful ways to engage with your child's school over the course of the year. There will be many events and activities to look forward to throughout the year and many opportunities across the Region that support parent engagement. 2015-16 promises to be an exciting year.

All the best for the upcoming school year!

Peter Adams-Luchowski