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JANUARY's Character Matters- OPTIMISM

Happy New Year from the Staff at R.L. Graham Public School!

December was an active month of snow, celebrations and excitement. A tremendous thank you to all the families who came to the Holiday Concert on such short notice. Your commitment to your children and our school is really something special.

Thank you also for the generosity that you showed when contributing to our Community Cares program. We were able to support the Georgina Food Pantry with over 2000 lbs. of food from your generous contributions to our food drive. Our second Kids Holiday Bazaar was a great success. Our students raised over \$1500 to support families in our community and our students enjoyed the opportunity to purchase holiday gifts for their own families. Thank you to all those who contributed items for sale and volunteered their time to make the event a great success.



We wish all those in our RL Graham community good health and happiness as we look forward to an exciting 2017!

Jane Macpherson
Principal

Susan Dickson
Vice Principal

Reminder - 2017-2018 ~ Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten

Registration

Information



Kindergarten registration for the 2017-2018 school year will begin on Friday, January 20th, 2017. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. If you have questions about registration, please contact the office at 905-476-9295.



French Immersion—registration begins January 20th, 2017

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Keswick Public School on January 19th, 2017 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 20th, 2017. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2017, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register after January 20th to February 10th. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

Public Health Notice

If parents/guardians or students receive a letter from York Region Public Health requesting immunization information, here's what to do:

Update York Region Public Health on your child's immunization status in one of the following ways:

- Online at <https://eimmunization.york.ca>
- Fax documents to 905-895-6066 or 1-866-258-2026
- Mail immunization information to Immunization Services, Box 147, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
- Call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456

Student Bussing Eligibility

Did you know that students' bussing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:



- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca.

For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

Kids Holiday Bazaar



The second annual Kids Holiday Bazaar was a great success. The students enjoyed purchasing gifts for family and friends. \$1,535.26 was raised to support families in our community and \$285.90 in Canadian tire money was raised. Thanks so much to the many community members who donated the wonderful gift items and scanned Varage and Garage Sales everywhere to ensure all our students found a special gift for their family members. Special thanks to Corinne, Staci, Kara, Jennifer, Karen, Lisa, Sharon, Samantha, Lilia, Ingrid, and Gerald. Thanks also to the Grade 7 and 8 gift wrappers.

Holiday Concert and Bake Sale

In spite of the snow and change of date, our Holiday Concert was a tremendous success! The students worked very hard to provide an entertaining evening and from the smiles on the faces of parents, family and friends showed that they were very proud.

Thanks to all of the teachers and students who invested so much time and energy into the concert. A special thanks to Mrs. Perkins who's tireless efforts ensured there would be a Holiday Concert at Graham this year. Thanks to School Council and the generous donations (we know some of you baked twice for us) from our RL Graham families, together we raised over \$600.00 at the Bake Sale!



Thank you for helping us to support our community with our Holiday Food Drive. Your contributions were overwhelming and helped many members of our community!

Turkey Dinner Giveaway



25 lucky RL Graham families won a complete turkey dinner for the holidays. We would like to thank Steve Malatesta from Natures Vine Produce and Justin's No Frills for their tremendous generosity.

Toy Drive at Upper Canada Mall



On Friday, December 9th. Ms. Fife, Ms. Menna and Ms. Sheppard's classes hosted a holiday luncheon for the staff to raise money to purchase toys for the Salvation Army toy drive at Upper Canada Mall. Thanks to the generosity of the RL Graham staff \$450.00 was raised. The students enjoyed at trip to the mall where they purchased toys for children of all ages and placed them in the toy drive box. There was definitely a warm holiday spirit of giving felt by all!

A Week of Holiday Fun!



December 19th to 23rd was a busy week of Holiday Fun at Graham culminating with Breakfast with Santa. Thanks so much to Student Council for planning a great week of fun activities, our caretaking staff who created our very own Santa's Village and to the man himself – Santa for finding the time in his busy schedule to visit RL Graham.

Grade 8 Course Selection and Pathways Planning Evening

Keswick High School will be hosting a Grade 8 Course Selection and Pathways Planning Evening of Tuesday, January 17th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. All families of Grade 8 students are welcome to attend. Grade 8 students will receive additional information when a representative of the Keswick High School Guidance Department visits our school.

WOULD YOU ENJOY COLLABORATIVELY LEARNING THE ONTARIO CURRICULUM THROUGH THE ARTS?

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an **Elementary Integrated Arts Program** at **Baythorn Public School**. If you are currently in grades four or five, you may apply for the **arts@baythorn program**, where you will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music in a **cooperative learning environment**.

To learn more about the **arts@baythorn** program, you and your family are invited to attend an information evening at Baythorn Public School on:

Thursday, January 19, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Applications will be available at **bit.ly/arts_application2017** online after the January 19th, 2016 info night.

If you require further information, please call us at
Baythorn Public School
(905) 889-7992.

Weather Watch

All students from JK to Grade 8 need to be prepared to be outdoors for recesses: up to 30 minutes in the morning and 40 minutes after lunch. **The weather is monitored throughout the day, and in extreme conditions e.g. wind chill, students are kept indoors or recess breaks are shortened.**

Wind chill - Minutes to Frostbite (Environment Canada)

The following are approximate values								
Temperature (°C)	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45	-50
Wind (km/h)								
10	*	*	22	15	10 ❄	8 ❄	7 ❄	2 ❄❄❄
20	*	30	14	10 ❄	5 ❄❄	4 ❄❄	3 ❄❄	2 ❄❄❄
30	*	18	11	8 ❄	5 ❄❄	2 ❄❄❄	2 ❄❄❄	1 ❄❄❄
40	42	14	9 ❄	5 ❄❄	5 ❄❄	2 ❄❄❄	2 ❄❄❄	1 ❄❄❄

The following are approximate values								
Temperature (°C)	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45	-50
Wind (km/h)								
50	27	12	8 ❄️	5 ❄️❄️	2 ❄️❄️❄️	2 ❄️❄️❄️	2 ❄️❄️❄️	1 ❄️❄️❄️
60	22	10 ❄️	7 ❄️	5 ❄️❄️	2 ❄️❄️❄️	2 ❄️❄️❄️	2 ❄️❄️❄️	1 ❄️❄️❄️
70	18	9 ❄️	5 ❄️❄️	4 ❄️❄️	2 ❄️❄️❄️	2 ❄️❄️❄️	2 ❄️❄️❄️	1 ❄️❄️❄️
80	16	8 ❄️	5 ❄️❄️	4 ❄️❄️	2 ❄️❄️❄️	2 ❄️❄️❄️	2 ❄️❄️❄️	1 ❄️❄️❄️

The wind speed, in km/h, is at the standard anemometer height of 10 metres (as reported in weather observations).

Legend:

Frostbite unlikely

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Frostbite possible in 2 minutes or less

2 ❄️❄️❄️

Frostbite possible in 3 to 5 minutes

5 ❄️❄️

Frostbite possible in 6 to 10 minutes

10 ❄️

We often receive requests from parents asking us to keep their children indoors during recess times because they are not feeling well. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff or facilities to supervise students who are sick or still recovering from an illness. Students with heavy colds, etc., which are serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until their condition improves. This will likely benefit the students concerned and prevent the spread of illness to others.

Exceptions are made on an individual basis for children who may need to remain indoors for an extended period of time because of a physical condition or recovery from a serious illness or accident. In such cases, a letter from the doctor is required.

Save the Date



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Free Workshops

Understanding Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorders

Wednesday, Jan 25th at CEC North – 130 Carlson Drive, **Newmarket**

Thursday, Feb 2nd at RL Graham P.S. – 70 Biscayne Blvd, **Keswick**

6:30PM – 8:30PM

free child minding, light refreshments, students welcome to attend with their family

for more information and to **pre-register** contact:

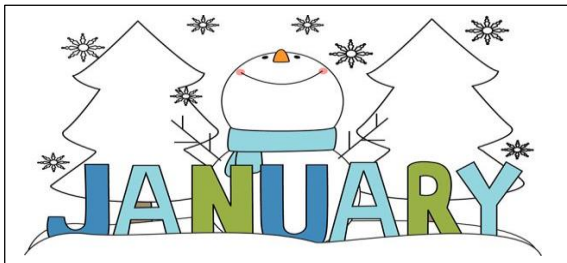
pauline.costello@yrdsb.ca or jennifer.gillespie@yrdsb.ca 905 895 5155

or LDAYR info@ldayr.org 905 884 7933 ext 24

R.L. Graham School Council Executive – 2016/17









Chair:	Corinne D'Angelo
Treasury Liaison:	Staci Bassie
Secretary:	Lee Canavan

Next School Council Meeting: Thursday, January 12th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. All are welcome!



2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WELCOME BACK! SCHOOLCASH PIZZA ORDERS DUE	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 3 Sibbald—Gr. 2 Pizza Day 	12 Day 4 Sibbald—Gr. 4 6:30pm School Council Mtg 7pm French Immersion info night for SK	13 Day 5 Sibbald—Gr. 7	
15  DRESS FOR JANUARY!	16 Day 1	17 Day 2  Junior Girl's Volleyball 7pm: Keswick HS info night	18 Day 3 Sub Day  Jr Boys' Volleyball 	19 Day 4	20 PA DAY NO SCHOOL JK Registration Begins for 2017-2018	
22 Reminder: Every student has to be accounted for every day. Please call the office for absences 905-476-9295 or Email: r.l.graham.ps@yrdsb.ca	23 Day 5	24 Day 1	25 Day 2 Pizza Day 	26 Day 3 GRAD PHOTOS 	27 Day 4	
29	30 Day 5	31 Day 1	FEB 1 Day 2 Sub Day 	2 Day 3	3 PA DAY NO SCHOOL	4