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JUNE's Character Matters- PERSEVERANCE

Georgina Trustee By-Election

The Town of Georgina will be holding a by-election to fill the vacant trustee position. Voting will take place on June 23, 2017. There will be two advanced voting days of June 3 and June 17.

Eligible voters can vote at any voting location on an Advance Voting Day or Election Day. Please remember to bring valid identification documents. To learn more about the role of trustee, polling station locations, and the confirmed candidates, visit the Board website www.yrdsb.ca.

School News

As we prepare for another school year to end we would like to take this time to sincerely thank the staff members who are moving from our learning community!

We would like to extend a hearty congratulations to Mrs. Perkins, Mr. Gordon and Ms. Wood who will all be retiring this year. Your contributions to RL Graham have been immeasurable and you will be sorely missed. All the best to you and we hope that you will visit us often.

We wish say thank you to Ms. Vandenberg, Ms. Libarian and Mr. Kwendo who have been working as Long Term Occasional staff this year, while we have had staff members on leave. Best wishes to Ms. Gonzalez, Mr. Jensen and Ms. Witthun as they move onto a new school in the fall.

Finally, best of luck to Ms. Heath who will be growing her family this summer. We look forward to a new addition to the Graham family in September.

A special thank you to all the parents and community volunteers who have made such an incredible contribution to our school. The support you provide every day of the year makes a huge difference in the lives of our students. On behalf of the staff, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt gratitude for all that you do.

Congratulations and Celebrations:

It is our final few weeks of school and we have had many wonderful opportunities to celebrate the achievements made by our staff and students with the full support of our vibrant community.

- R.L. Graham Public School received an **Eco Certification of Silver** for introducing our green bin program and the creation of the vegetable garden. We are looking forward to our new outdoor classroom that will be in place for September.
- Students demonstrated great responsibility by returning many of our Library, Bookroom and classroom resources. If you locate any additional resources over the coming weeks or summer months, please return them to the school.
- Thank you to our hard working and committed School Council. As a result of your continued support and hard work, our students have had the opportunity to engage in activities such as Dance Week, Mathletes, Junglesport, and much, much more. Your generosity through fundraising also allowed us to access the cost sharing program to bring 43 new Chromebook computers into the classrooms and into the hands of students as well as the new outdoor classroom. We look forward to the upcoming Fun Fair.
- Thank you to the many parent volunteers that have read with our students on a regular basis. The gift of literacy is invaluable.
- Thank you to the Graduation Committee for all of the planning and organizing for our upcoming Graduation Ceremony. A special thank you to Corinne D'Angelo for capturing countless memories in photos and compiling our yearbook with great care and hard work.
- Congratulations to our Grade 8 Graduates attending Keswick H.S, Sutton HS, Dr. Denison SS, and Bill Crothers SS. We wish you great success, happiness and health!
- Thank you to the members of School Council and the community who made it possible for RL Graham to have fabulous programs like Pizza/Sub lunches, Snack program, Milk program, and the Breakfast program.



June 29, 2017 - Early Release Day

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 29, 2017**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 29, 2017 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:15 a.m.** Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 905-476-9295.

School Assistants at R.L. Graham 2017-2018

Thank you to our current lunch assistants. We depend on you to keep our lunch hours safe and enjoyable for our students. We are hiring School Assistants at R.L. Graham for the fall, both permanent (everyday) and casual.

Preference will be given to individuals who are approachable and have strong communication and problem solving skills. This paid position is \$12.11 per hour/5 hours per week. If interested, please contact Mrs. Fardy in the office at 905-476-9295.

Track and Field

The school and Special Needs Track and Field meets were held on May 17th, 31st and June 1st! We are so proud of our students who actively participated in all events and many personal goals were achieved! Staff coordinated and supervised all of the events and we are thankful for all of their hard work! Our school will also be well represented at the Area Track and Field meet. Congratulations!

High School Musical

On May 16th and 17th a star-studded cast of talented R.L. Graham students showed off their many talents at this year's spring performance of *High School Musical*. Students danced and sang for a packed house of family and friends. The evenings were supported by the staff at R.L. Graham and dedicated volunteers from our community helping to organize the performers and the all important back stage crew. We look forward to next year's performance!

Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home on Wednesday, June 28th. Report cards not picked up on the last day of school may be picked up in the office until June 30th. The office will reopen August 28th. Reports will not be mailed.

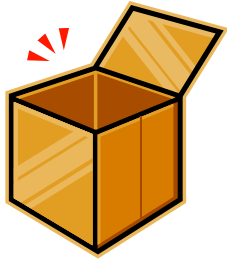


End of year/ Honour Roll Assembly will be Thursday, June 29th at 8:30 a.m.

Families are reminded to pick up medication in the office.

Dress Code

Respect for self and others are evident when students dress in a suitable and proper manner for all school activities. The dress code is applicable to all students at all grade levels. Students are reminded that as the weather becomes warmer; dress code expectations are still in effect.



Lost and Found

There is a collection of clothing, shoes, and lunch bags that are in our lost and found box. Please ask your son/daughter to look for missing things before it is donated to a local charity. Thank you.

Moving?



If you are planning to move prior to the beginning of September 2017, please let the office know A.S.A.P. by phone or letter.



Literacy Corner



Summer is quickly approaching! Your child has been working hard this year to improve his or her literacy skills. Although summer vacation is a time to relax and enjoy yourself, there are some fun ways to help make sure that your child practices the skills they have so they are well prepared for September. An amazing program, offered by York Region District School Board is the Summer Institute. Programs are offered all summer long for primary and junior students. It's a fun; affordable way of making sure your child maintains their skills.

Libraries are a great place to visit during the summer. Jenn Day from the Georgina Public Library will be visiting RL Graham on June 7th to talk to the students about children's and youth summer programming available at the library including the Summer Reading Club.

Have your child read books that interest them daily. Some simple things you can do with your child are things like keeping a journal, making a comic strip, newspaper article, flyer or brochure. It doesn't need to be a long period of time that your child is reading and writing, but it does need to happen regularly. Make sure that whatever you do is something that is enjoyable and fun. Most of all, take this time to relax and enjoy each other.



We are already looking forward to seeing everyone in September! Please take some time to review the information on the following pages in order to be prepared to start school on Tuesday, September 5th, 2017.



Tentative Organization 2017-2018

Please note that this organization is tentative and changes may need to be made depending on final enrolment numbers in September. Thank you to all of the parents who responded to our request for written input last month regarding class placement.

3- JK/SK	Gr. 2/ 3	Gr. 5	Gr. 8
Gr. 1	Gr. 3/4	Gr. 6	
Gr. 1/2	Gr. 3/4	Gr. 6/7	
Gr. 2	Gr. 4/5	Gr. 7	

September 5th, 2017- First Day of School at RL Graham

- Students in SK will meet at the side of the school in the Kindergarten area. Teachers will meet the students and take them into their classrooms where they will begin their day together. JK students will join their SK peers at 1:05 p.m. in the Kindergarten area.
- Students in grades 1 to 8 will assemble at the back of the school where teachers will meet them. There will be staff members with master lists of class placements.
- Grade signs will be posted and students should gather under these signs in their appropriate grade.
- Teachers will gather their class together and take them into the school where we will begin our day together.
- Parents are invited to join their children in the kindergarten yard or at the back of the school for the first day of school only.
- Please remember to make arrangements to meet your child at the end of the day either at the side or the back of the school.
- Students should be ready with snacks and lunches for their first day.

R.L. Graham Public School Timetable

Entry Bell 8:00

Instruction 8:15-9:55

Recess 9:55-10:25

Instruction 10:25-12:05

Lunch 12:05 -1:05

Instruction 1:05-2:45

Dismissal 2:45

Regular
attendance and
punctuality is

September Transportation



Student Transportation Services (STS) is a joint venture between the catholic and public school boards in York Region. The mandate of STS is to provide a safe, efficient and on-time transportation for students. Transportation Officers design and manage bus routes based on Board approved criteria as set out in policy #680. The school staff does not create bus routes or determine who is eligible to ride the bus. Parents and students can access a variety of information on the STS website www.schoolbuscity.com. Information about bus routes will available in late August.

Transportation Eligibility

In accordance with Board policies, transportation is provided for students who live within their designated Home School attendance area and outside their grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone. Transportation eligibility changes throughout a student's school career. ***Please note students currently in Grade 3 and Grade 8 who use school bus service may see a change in their eligibility as they transition to Grade 4 and Grade 9.***

Eligibility JK- Grade 8

- All YRDSB students in JK - Grade 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.

Eligibility Grade 9-12

- All YRDSB students in Grades 9 - 12 who live within a transit served area are **not eligible** for transportation.

Parents of students entering Grade 4 and Grade 9 may confirm their transportation eligibility by accessing the Bus Stop Information tab at www.schoolbuscity.com . Students not eligible for transportation who wish to obtain York Region Transit information should visit their website at www.yrt.ca or phone 1-866-668-3978

School Supplies

When planning for the return to school in the fall students often wish to purchase school supplies. At R.L. Graham Public School students are supplied with the following:

- Pencils, erasers, rulers
- Notebooks and paper
- Art supplies



Students may wish to purchase their own pencil crayons, crayons, makers, tissues, extra pencils and pencil cases for their individual use and to keep in their desks.

Intermediate students may wish to purchase a binder, loose leaf paper and dividers to help organize their work and their own calculator for math activities. A pair of indoor shoes and gym clothes is also needed for school.



We wish all of you a safe, relaxing and fun summer!














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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	29 Day 5 EQAO	30 Day 1 EQAO	31 Day 2 EQAO TRACK AND FIELD SUB DAY  	1 Day 3 EQAO TRACK AND FIELD	2 Day 0 PA Day	3
4	5 Day 4	6 Day 5	7 Day 1 PIZZA DA 	8 Day 2 Science Centre-Moore, Hickman, Mundy, Dacosta CC to Windreach Farm	9 Day 3 Snacks for sale	10 FUN FAIR!!! 10am to 3pm
11	12 Day 4	13 Day 5 AreaTrack and field  →	14 Day 1 SUB DAY  Track Participants Can get their sub in the office at day's end.	15 Day 2 School Council Meeting 6:30pm	16 Day 3 Trustee by- election In gym Snacks for sale	17
18	19 Day 4	20 Day 5 Jump Rope For Heart Event 	21 Day 1 PIZZA DAY 	22 Day 2 Soccer Tournament	23 Day 3 Dance & McKeown to Gallery	24
25	26 Day 4	27 Day 5 9am KINDIE CELEBRATION Reports Home	28 Day 0 Primary Play Day Reports Home Grade 8 Graduation at KHS 	29 Day 0 8:30 am Honour Roll Assembly LAST DAY School finishes at 11:15AM	 It's SUMMER!	

