

Ross Doan Public School

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you all enjoyed a restful long weekend with your family and friends.

With Spring's late arrival this year, we need to continue to ensure that students are dressed warmly for outside play. For the next few weeks, as mentioned in March's Newsletter, students will continue to play on the tarmac only during recess as we allow time for the field to revive. As well, remind your child to always wear a helmet if she/he is riding a bicycle or scooter to school.

In May, we will begin the process of organizing classrooms for September. We work diligently at placing students in the most positive learning environment possible that will meet their needs. We take into account the pupil's learning styles, personality traits, social dynamics, and gender balance. If you would like to share in this process, I encourage you to send me a note including information about how your child learns best and any other pertinent information that will assist us in making the best placement possible. Please *do not* ask for a particular teacher as we may not be able to honor that request. Thank you for your understanding.

We encourage you to continue to participate actively in your child's social, emotional, and academic development. The Richmond Hill Community Recreation Guide (Spring/Summer) is now in distribution. A wide variety of programs and activities are available http://www.richmondhill.ca/subpage.asp?pageid=parks_leisure_guide As well, there are also many cycle and walking trails available for you to enjoy as a family http://www.richmondhill.ca/documents/richmond_hill_cycling_map.pdf

To practice some learning skills together, read together every day. There are also many websites that your child can visit to develop reading and math skills including www.razkids.com and www.ixl.com. Our children are becoming increasingly more comfortable with the use of various forms of technology to enhance their learning experiences.

Let's hope to see some warmer weather ahead. Thank you for your continued support and appreciation of our efforts.

Sincerely,
Bernadette Smith
Principal

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Daily Schedule

Entry Bell	8:55 a.m.
Instructional Time	9:00-10:40 a.m.
Recess	10:40-11:10 a.m.
Instructional Time	11:10-12:50 p.m.
Lunch	12:50-1:50 p.m.
Instructional Time	12:50 - 3:30
Dismissal	3:30 p.m.



Healthy Schools

As part of our health curriculum, students at Ross Doan P.S. have been learning about healthy food choices. Healthy food choices are categorized into 4 major food groups: fruits and vegetables, grain products, milk and alternatives, meat and alternatives.

To access a copy of the Canadian Food Guide in 12 different languages, please visit: <http://goo.gl/F3WnS>.

You can view it, print it or order it!



Literacy News

The instructional strategy this month is analyzing. Analyzing involves making sense of the text in relation to what one already knows. We use analytical skills to make inferences, interpret data, organize ideas, and make connections. Critical analysis of information gathered requires application of critical reading skills.

"Analyzing Information"

When is your child using this strategy?

Your child is using this strategy when they are reading for information. They sort and classify; sifting information; presenting a coherent argument; drawing conclusions; and summarizing. Students may find that they have not gathered sufficient information through this analysis. Adapting information seeking strategies is to be encouraged as students begin to find new meaning from their reading.

Parents

What can you do?

When reading to your child, share with them your thoughts and the process.

- ⇒ Break a text into its component parts in order to understand its meaning and relate it to other texts.

Positive Climates Corner

During the month of March, we created a Peace Bulletin Board to celebrate the effects of peace in our world. Students used colourful handprints to write messages of ways they took action to impact the world and community around them to create a peaceful and safe environment. Thank you to all of our students, for their awareness and contributions to our community!



Day of Pink

Join us on April 10th to celebrate the International Day against Bullying and Discrimination. It's as easy as wearing pink! Let's all show our support for making everyone feel safe and respected. Wear any piece of pink clothing, accessories, etc. on April 10th!

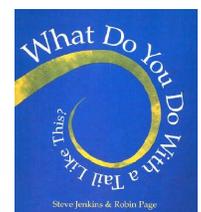
- ⇒ Use "thinking aloud" strategies to model analytic processes. Consider the following: What happens in your mind as you read for information? What questions are you asking? What thoughts are you entertaining? When do you reread? When do you pause and think? From what previous knowledge are you drawing as you make conclusions? What words must you stop and define in order to understand crucial information? Share this information with your students as you read a passage aloud.

Attach sticky notes as you come up with questions and/or ideas

- ⇒ Visit the public library and read books to your child

Here are some book suggestions:

- ⇒ Redwoods by Jason Chin
- ⇒ Step Gently Out by Helen Frost
- ⇒ What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?
by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page



On Thursday, March 21st, Ross Doan students and staff joined people all over the world to celebrate the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

They took time to remember that no matter where we come from, no matter what colour we are, what race we are, what religion we follow, or what language we speak, we are all the same inside and we should treat everyone the same.

We're like a box of crayons
Each one of us unique
But when we get together
Our picture is complete!



March was a short month at Ross Doan, but in spite of a week off for March Break, our library was very busy. Just before March Break, our students in kindergarten, grades 1 and 2 voted for their very favourite Blue Spruce book. The winning title at our school was Kate and Pippin by Martin

Springett. Silver Birch Voting Day will take place in late April. Until then, our grades 3 and 4 students will continue to read up to ten nominated fiction and non-fiction books.



TumbleBook Library is an on-line collection of animated, talking picture books that teach children the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by taking existing picture books, adding animation, sound, music and narration to produce an electronic picture book that children can read, or have read to them.

To logon to this exciting website, go to: www.tumblebooklibrary.com

Username: rossdoan

Password: books



For further information, please contact Gail Blackman, our Teacher-Librarian

Student Busing Eligibility



Did you know that students' busing 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.



April Showers Bring May Flowers”

Because our school yard gets very muddy in wet weather, it is especially important that students wear boots, and keep a pair of indoor shoes for use inside the school. Please send extra clothing with your child for emergencies and make sure all clothing and other personal items are labelled clearly with your child’s name. Our Lost and Found gets filled quickly and belongings often go unclaimed when there is no name indicating the item’s owner.



If you are planning on moving out of the Ross Doan PS attendance area and will not be attending Ross Doan for the 2013/2014

school year, please contact the school office as soon as possible. This information is necessary to assist us in classroom organization.

Did you know that you can access our school’s library catalogue from home?

That’s right!!! Students and parents can look at our library collection from home. Go to www.rossdoan.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/library and check out all of the wonderful books that we have at the Ross Doan Library!



Comic Life

Comic Life, the award winning photo comic creation software, has been redesigned for iOS. It’s the most fun, easiest and fastest way ever to create photo comics on a mobile device. Easily go from taking photos to creating full comics all on one device with full page templates and panel layouts. Bring in photos from Photo booth or your library, and use our powerful editing and design tools to get exactly the look you want.



Math Garden

Math Garden is a fun way for kids to learn math. Answer math questions to earn water, then water your garden to grow corn. Then harvest the corn to unlock awards! Focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication or division – any or all of them! Unlock awards based on how much corn you harvest, and how many active plots you are growing on.



APRIL 2013

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2		4 MOVE-A-THON	5 LAST DAY BASKETBALL 	6
7	8	9 SCHOOL COUNCIL MTG @ 6:30	10	11	12 PIZZA NEW SESSION OF LEGO BEGINS	13
14	15 SCIENTIST VISION SCREENING SK	16 IN TEN TEN SPORTS BEGIN	17 SCHOOL (kdgn)	18 SILVER BIRCH VOTING Gr. 3 & 4 HOT DOG LUNCH 	19	20
21	22 	23 "Handel to Hip Hop" 	24	25 VISION SCREENING SK	26 CHARACTER ASSEMBLY PIZZA 	27
28	29	30 SCIENTIST IN SCHOOL (kdgn)				

BAYVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

Presents

Adolescence: The Stormy Decade”

**A PRACTICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE FREE PRESENTATION
FOR PARENTS OF TEEN-AGERS AND PRE-TEENS**

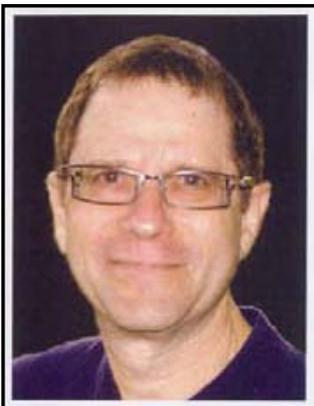
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Dr. Ron Clavier

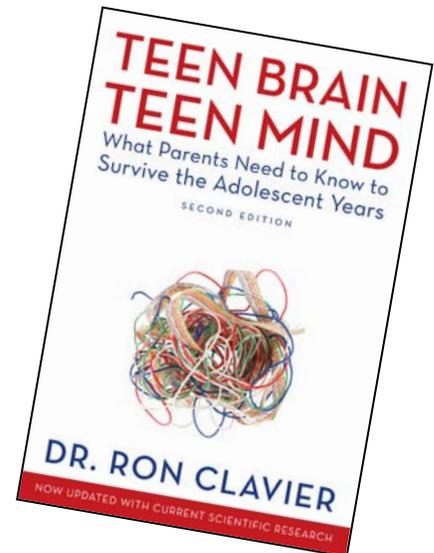
Thursday, April 18, 2013

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

*“Let’s get something straight right from the start:
Parenting teenagers is a tough business. You
want to protect your kids and help them, but you
don’t understand them. What goes on in their brains
is beyond you.” -Dr. Ron Clavier*



Books will be
available for
Purchase
(\$20 cash only)



Bayview Secondary School is pleased to welcome renowned clinical psychologist and neuroscientist **Dr. Ron Clavier**, author of *Teen Brain, Teen Mind*.

“Dr. Clavier has the unique ability to help parents see inside the drama of the teenage mind.”
–parent comment

**Presentation is open to all York Region Parents
Register by April 16th indicating the number of persons attending at:
bayview.ss2@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca**

Light Refreshments

Door Prizes

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