



Ross Doan Public School

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope that you enjoyed some memorable moments together with family and friends over the holiday and took some time to rest and rejuvenate.

The beginning of a new year is a time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and set new goals for ourselves to strive to reach. We are fortunate at Ross Doan to have you as our partners in education and the consistent support of our School Council. Already in this school year,

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- ⇒ Our students have been immersed in quality learning experiences that promote higher order, critical thinking skills in the various curriculum areas with a particular focus on mathematics
 - ⇒ Classrooms are equipped with necessary tools, including 5 iPads per classroom, to engage students in differentiated and relevant ways to access curriculum expectations
 - ⇒ Presentations have focused on promoting Safety through a talk with Officer Mo during Safety Week; Bully Prevention including listening to the life story and song of Lil' Jaxe; and arts appreciation through Dufflebag Theatre – Robin Hood
 - ⇒ Scientist in the Classroom has supported the inquiry-based learning opportunities that elicit curiosity and interest with scientific concepts
 - ⇒ We have outreached to our local, regional, and global communities through our food drives and We Create Change Penny drive headed by our very own grade 4 student/change agent Hannah
- ***Through our combined efforts with Roselawn, we are able to support 33 people in need to have clean water for life***



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.

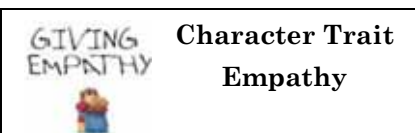
Our newest global initiative is to collect small toys (e.g. MacDonald toys) that we will be sending to children in Sierra Leon, Africa to enjoy. Look under your couches and beds and find those little toys that you are ready to part with. Others will get much pleasure from them as well. We will be collecting little toys until Jan. 28/13

On February 15, 2012, the First Term Provincial Report Card will be sent home with your child(ren). Information about the report card is available in 22 different languages at the following website: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reportCard.html>. If you have any questions about your child's report card, please feel free to contact the homeroom teacher. I too am always available for any inquiries.

Mark your calendar...Sunday, January 27th is Family Literacy Day. Learn more about Literacy Week events at Ross Doan inside this newsletter. Enjoy some daily reading time together.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Smith, Principal



Positive Climates Corner

Pay It Forward

Random acts of kindness make the world go around! There is tremendous power and positive energy in giving. "Pay It Forward" is about all people, from all walks of life giving to someone else and making a positive difference. The effect these kinds of acts can have on those involved (on both the giving and receiving ends!) is beautiful, and can change someone's mood, day, or maybe even inspire them to make life changes! What are some ways you can pay it forward?

- * Do something nice for someone that they don't expect (help your family with the dishes, clean your house or room without being asked, etc.)
- * If you see someone needs help, don't hesitate to help them!
- * Find little ways to be kind, helpful, and friendly- go above and beyond for those around you!
- * Help someone with homework
- * Buy someone coffee, food or a surprise
- * Share a friendly smile and kind words
- * Be creative and find many ways to Pay It Forward!



Oral Hygiene

Proper oral hygiene is part of a healthy lifestyle as well. Students need to be brushing and flossing their teeth twice a day, especially before bedtime. A small amount of toothpaste (size of a pea) should be used to brush their teeth.

Your child should have 5-6 set meal and snack times throughout the day. Snacking throughout the day helps cause cavities, especially if the foods are sticky and sweet. Some examples of healthy snack choices include cheese, whole grain crackers, yogurt, fresh fruit and vegetables. For snack time drinks, offer plain water, milk or unsweetened fruit or vegetable juice. When your child is thirsty at other times, offer plain water.

*The dental health tips are provided by York Region Health.

Eco Schools

We will begin to strengthen our focus on ways we can protect our school environment and carbon footprint through effective energy use and recycling. You can support this cause by discussing ways you can reduce, reuse and recycle at home! Stay tuned for further

Literacy News

The instructional strategy this month is "Retelling or Summarizing." Practice in summarizing improves students' comprehension of fiction and nonfiction alike. It helps them construct an overall understanding of a text, story, chapter or article. (Rinehart, Stahl & Erickson, 1986)

Retelling/Summarizing

Children summarize when they tell what is important, but not too much, in a way that makes sense. If you have not read the text yourself you would be able to understand what it was about from the summary. Children should question if anything important should have been added or if anything unimportant should be taken out.

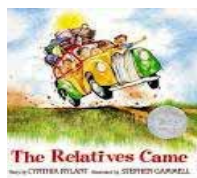
Parents

What can you do? When reading with your child discuss

- The title
- Captions
- Pictures
- Words in bold
- Headings
- What is important in each section
- Visit the public library and read books to your child while focusing on retelling what is important and what can be left out

Here are some book suggestions.

- The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant
- So Far from the Sea by Eve Bunting
- Any fiction or non-fiction book



LIBRARY NEWS



2013 Silver Birch Reading Program

Sponsored by the Ontario Library Association and coordinated at our school by Mrs. Blackman, our Teacher-Librarian, the Silver Birch Reading Program has been specially created for students in grades 3 - 6. Over the next four months, our grades 3 and 4 classes will be reading at least five Silver Birch Express books from ten nominated titles. In late April, all of grade 3 and 4 students will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite book. Our school's results will then be merged with the voting results of all other Ontario public and school libraries and the winners of the 2013 Silver Birch Awards will be announced in late May.



Blue Spruce COMING SOON

The Ontario Library Association's 2013 Blue Spruce Reading Program for all students in kindergarten, grades one and two will begin later this month and run until March Break. Stay tuned for details in our next school newsletter.

TumbleBooks are a great way to engage your child in reading in an interactive and fun way. Ross Doan Public School subscribes to the *TumbleBook Library* so students can participate at home and at school.

www.tumblebooklibrary.com

Username: rossdoan

Password: books



French Immersion Information Sessions

Parents of senior kindergarten students who are considering registering their children for the French Immersion program are encouraged to attend the information session being held at :

Michaëlle Jean Public School
320 Shirley Drive
Richmond Hill,

Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Gym.

Online registration will take place from February 1st, 2013 until February 15th, 2013. Applications for registration will be accepted online only. If you require assistance or do not have access to the internet, please contact your child's current school. Staff members at any York Region District School Board site can assist you with the online registration process.

Please note that where demand exceeds capacity, students for the designated attendance area school will be selected using a computerized random ranking process. French Immersion may take place in a single track (French only) or dual track school environment. Students may begin the French Immersion program in one location/track, but may be required to continue in a different location/track as the program evolves.

Please note that the location of the information session is not necessarily the school your child will attend.



*Ross Doan Public School
Celebrates
Family literacy Week
January 21 – 25, 2013*



Created by ABC CANADA Literacy Foundation in 1999, Family Literacy Day (FLD) is a national initiative that promotes the importance of reading and learning together as a family. Every year, on January 27th, families and communities across Canada celebrate this special day at literacy-themed events coordinated by literacy organizations, schools and libraries.

Ross Doan Public School students and their families are once again invited to join in the fun! During the week of January 21 - 25, we will all be participating in specially planned activities that support literacy. Our school Reading Buddies will share their favourite books with their younger pals and "Staff Picks" will be on display throughout the school. Our grade 3 and grade 4 students will be busy reading their Silver Birch books together. The fun continues throughout the week as classes compete with each other in a mini "Battle of the Books" at the end of our daily announcements.

On Thursday, January 24th, because there's nothing cosier than snuggling up with a good book, staff and students will be invited to wear their PYJAMAS to school! In celebration of this year's Canada-wide Family Literacy Day theme, "15 Minutes of Fun", we will be playing a school-wide Literacy Bingo game together and all of our students will drop everything and read (D.E.A.R.) together in their classes. Students in our Monday/Wednesday kindergarten classes will be invited to wear their pyjamas to join in the fun on Wednesday, January 23rd.

A special Literacy Assembly will take place on Friday, January 25th at 2 p.m. Parents, as usual, are welcome to attend.

Ross Doan families are urged to join in the fun at home throughout the week and celebrate Family Literacy Day together on Sunday, January 27th. Learning happens everywhere, and it's easy to make learning part of our daily lives, even for just 15 minutes a day.

For more ideas on how to celebrate the week together, visit ABC CANADA on the Internet at <http://abclifeliteracy.ca/>

LET'S ALL BEGIN CELEBRATING FAMILY LITERACY DAY TODAY!





Ten Ten Sports Lunch Program starts Tuesday January 15th
Karate Kids continues Thursday January 10th
Hats and gloves for cold days ahead
Milk Program begins Tuesday January 15th
Check out Baythorne P.S.'s Website for Arts Program Update
www.baythorn.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Healthy Schools Lunch Time Programs

Richmond Hill Children Services invites you back to participate in the Winter 2013 Lunch Time Healthy Schools Programs. In partnership with Ross Doan, Richmond Hill is excited to offer students a variety of engaging and fun programs including; Cartooning, Chess, Hip Hop and Basketball. Keep your eyes open for Program Newsletters being sent home later this month. Mark your calendar, program registration begins on Tuesday, January 29th at 8:30 A.M.



Kindergarten Registration to Commence February 1, 2013

Kindergarten registration will commence on February 1, 2013 for the 2013-14 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2013, 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. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact your local school.



Word Problems

Practice math word problems with addition and subtraction. Select problem types to focus on Result Unknown, Change Unknown, and Start Unknown. All answers are 10 or less. Use manipulatives and a whiteboard to help solve each problem. Includes an option to have the problem read aloud.








My Story

Celebrate your child's art with My Story, the simplest story maker and book creator in the App Store. My Story combines drawing, photos, voice, and text to promote literacy and creativity for you and your child together. They then share their book within the app, via email, or directly to iBooks. Your child's art, coloring, photos, and voice recordings are saved forever!



JANUARY 2013

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 BACK TO SCHOOL	8 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING @ 6:30 PM	9	10 KARATE KIDS 	11 PIZZA 	12
13	14	15 TEN TEN SPORTS BEGINS MILK Begins 	16	17	18 P.A DAY NO SCHOOL	19
20	21 FAMILY LITERACY WEEK BEGINS 	22	23 French Immersion Information Night Michaelle Jean P.S. @ 7 pm (for SK students)	24	25 PIZZA 	26
27	28	29 REGISTRATION FOR WINTER LUNCH PROGRAMS BEGINS	30	31	FEB. 1ST—PA DAY NO SCHOOL GRADE 1 REGISTRATION BEGINS	

KIDS IN MOTION

LUNCH TIME PROGRAMS

CHESS

Chess embraces your intuitive thinking skills, challenging your mind while having fun with your friends. Participants will learn starting positions and all about moves, captures, checks, checkmates and more.

DATE: FEB 4- MAR 25 **DAY: MONDAYS** **FEE: \$30.00/6 WEEKS**
TIME: 1:10 – 1:50 **ROOM: ROOM 149** **COURSE CODE: 398679**

CARTOONING

Tap into your own creativity! Design your very own comic book. Students will come up with their own story-line, design characters and compose full panels.

DATE: FEB 4- MAR 25 **DAY: MONDAYS** **FEE: \$35.00/6 WEEKS**
TIME: 1:10 – 1:50 **ROOM: ROOM 160** **COURSE CODE: 398680**

HIP HOP

Hip Hop your way to the latest dance craze! These energetic, upbeat, funky dance steps will have you moving to the music a whole new way. So grab your running shoes and be ready to more.

DATE: FEB 6- MAR 20 **DAY: WEDNESDAYS** **FEE: \$40.00/6 WEEKS**
TIME: 1:10 – 1:50 **ROOM: GYM** **COURSE CODE: 398681**

BASKETBALL

Have hoops of fun! Participants will learn basic basketball skills in a non-competitive, fun, learning environment. Sign up for the coolest, non-pressure way to shoot hoops and you will score more than just a whole bunch of baskets. Don't forget your sneakers!

DATE: FEB 8 - APR 5 **DAY: FRIDAYS** **FEE: \$30.00/6 WEEKS**
TIME: 1:10 – 1:50 **ROOM: GYM** **COURSE CODE: 398682**

REGISTRATION PROCESS

MUST HAVE a Client Barcode Number & Account Pin to register by Internet or Phone

Registration Forms MUST be dropped off at a Richmond Hill Community Centre

REGISTRATION OPENS: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.



905-771-7545



Registration Form



Ereg.RichmondHill.ca

REGISTRATION FORM LOCATED ON BACK



Healthy Schools Registration Form

For our Registration start dates and Registration/Withdrawal/Refund Policies, refer to the General Information pages in the Community Recreation Guide. Additional Registration Forms are available at RichmondHill.ca or at a community centre. Photocopies may also be used.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: ____/____/____ (dd/mm/yy)
Date Processed: ____/____/____ (dd/mm/yy)
Processed By: _____

PLEASE PRINT

A. FAMILY INFORMATION

Are you a new applicant? YES NO Has your address, telephone number or email address changed? YES NO

B. ADULT/PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:	BIRTH DATE: DAY MONTH YEAR	GENDER: M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>
FAMILY ADDRESS:		APT./UNIT #:	
CITY/TOWN:	POSTAL CODE:	RICHMOND HILL WARD:	
HOME PHONE NO.:	CELL PHONE NO.:		
EMAIL ADDRESS:	BUSINESS PHONE NO.:		
EMERGENCY CONTACT:	EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NO.:		

C. CLIENT ALERT INFORMATION (Please indicate participant's name.)

Does the participant listed on this form have a disability, medical condition or allergy you would like us to know about?
YES NO If yes, read the Integration Services page in the Community Recreation Guide prior to submitting a Registration Form.

DISABILITIES/MEDICAL CONDITIONS/ ALLERGIES:	WILL ATTEND WITH OWN SUPPORT <input type="checkbox"/>	CARRIES EPI PEN: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> CARRIES MEDICATIONS: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> TAKEN FOR: _____
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D. PARTICIPANT ONE

LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:	BIRTH DATE: DAY MONTH YEAR	GENDER: M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>		
	COURSE CODE	LOCATION	START DATE	TIME	FEE
FIRST CHOICE					
SECOND CHOICE					
THIRD CHOICE					

E. SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL:	TEACHER'S NAME:
	ROOM NUMBER: GRADE:

OF NOTE: Personal information is protected under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1989. Personal information is collected pursuant to the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M-45 as amended, S. 207, Par. 28, and will be used to register program participants. Inquiries may be directed to the Community Services Department at 905 771 8870.

THIS WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED IN ORDER FOR THIS REGISTRATION APPLICATION TO BE PROCESSED:

In the consideration of the acceptance of my application or that of the minor whose name appears thereon, of whom I am the legal guardian, and the permission to participate in a program sponsored by the Community Services Department of the Town of Richmond Hill, its employees, agents, officers and elected officials from all claims, damages, costs and expenses in respect to injury or damage to my/their person or property, however caused, which may occur as a result of my/their participation in the program in any location where the program is being held (e.g. field trips, organized swims, etc.). I acknowledge and agree that the Town may use photographs of Community Services programs and the participants therein for promotional purposes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

E. PAYMENT INFORMATION

Cheque (Cheques must be made payable to the Town of Richmond Hill. Cheques will be cashed as registrations are inputted. We do not accept post-dated cheques. Unused cheques will not be returned.)

I authorize the Town of Richmond Hill to charge my: VISA MasterCard

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____	EXPIRY DATE: MONTH - YEAR
CARDHOLDER NAME: _____	CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE: _____

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Parents Reaching Out

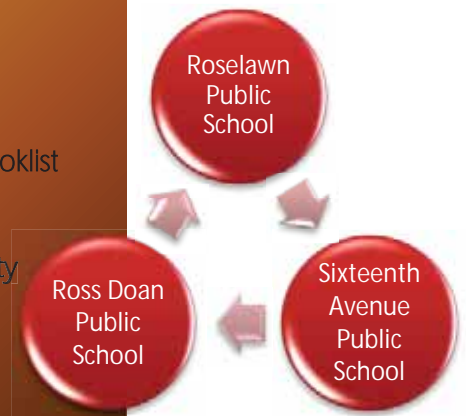
Who are we as a school community?
How can we work together to enhance our children's learning experiences?

Join us on
Wednesday, January 30, 2013
5:30 – 8:00
Sixteenth Avenue Public School
Child Care, Bussing & Dinner Provided

5:30 – 6:30 Dinner

6:30 – 7:00 Keynote Speaker:
Itah Sadu – Author, Storyteller, & Co-Owner of A Different Booklist

7:00 – 8:00 Workshops by:
Camille Logan – Principal of Inclusive Schools & Community
Yvonne Kelly - Community Resource Facilitator
Antonella Lippis - COMPASS Worker
Maryam Ludin - Settlement Worker



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJh08tFX2_E&noredirect=1



**YES, I will attend the Parent Reaching Out evening on
Wednesday, January 30 @ Sixteenth Avenue Public School**

Name of Child: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Name of Parent: _____ Dinner Preference: Vegetarian Meat

Bussing Required: Yes No Child Care Required: Yes No