

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.

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Daily Schedule Gr. 1-4

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

Daily Schedule JK/SK

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Instructional	1:30-3:30
Dismissal	3:30pm

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,

- 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
- Teachers continue to participate in professional learning opportunities that builds that repertoire of skills and strategies to engage students in differentiated and relevant ways to access curriculum expectations, including through technology
- Presentations have focused on Bully Prevention including through the Magic Show presented by IncrediBrent & Super Sarah
- Scientist in the Classroom has supported the inquiry-based learning opportunities that elicit curiosity and interest of scientific concepts
- We have outreached to our local communities through our food and toy drives
- Fundraising through our School Council has included Halloween teacher/student pictures and other initiatives.
-and so much more!!!

As you may recall, we were approved for a Parent Reaching Out Grant this year in partnership with our sister school Roselawn and Sixteenth Avenue. Together, we have accessed \$3000 to use towards building greater parent/school/community partnerships. Please find attached information regarding an evening event that we will co-host at Sixteenth Avenue on January 15th. We hope you will be able to join us.

On February 14th, 2014, 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.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Smith, Principal

Character Trait
EMPATHY

School Goal
SAFE
PLAY

Fifth Disease

I am writing to inform you that several of our students were recently diagnosed with a minor illness called Fifth Disease.

Fifth Disease is a mild viral infection seen most often in children between the ages of 5 and 14 years. Many children infected with this virus do not become ill. Some will have a mild fever and a distinctive rash which may come and go over a period of 1 to 3 weeks.

The virus spreads from person to person in much the same way as a common cold. People who have the virus are infectious for several days before the start of the rash. Fifth Disease is mostly communicable before the onset of the rash, and probably not communicable once the rash appears. Once the rash appears, the person is no longer likely to spread the infection.

While there is no specific treatment for Fifth Disease, frequent hand washing is believed to help to curb the spread of the virus. As long as the child feels well, he/she may continue with usual activities.

The majority of adults who had Fifth Disease in childhood will not get it again if exposed to a child with the infection, however, people with weakened immunity and pregnant women who are concerned that they may have been in contact with Fifth Disease should consult their family physician.

If you have any questions or concerns about Fifth Disease, you are invited to contact the York Region Health Service Department Health Connection Hotline at 1-800-361-5653.

Bernadette Smith, Principal



Tech. Talk

During Computer Science Education week last month, we helped to make a world record, with over 20 million students participating in the Hour of Code to write 700 million lines of code!

The learning doesn't stop with just one week. You can continue at home by going to code.org/learn for more fun activities that teach the concepts of programming. You can also try out the following free apps:

- Light-Bot LITE (available for iOS and Android)
- Kodable
- Daisy the Dinosaur
- LEGO Fix the Factory (available for iOS and Android)
- Hopscotch
- Cargo-Bot



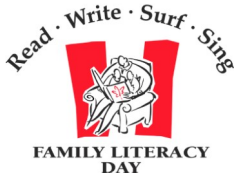
SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATION INFORMATION

On occasion service cancellation due to inclement weather conditions may be required. Please note if buses are cancelled in the am then they will also be cancelled in the pm.

A decision to cancel school bus transportation will be region-wide meaning all buses, vans and taxis will not operate.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access local radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information. A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and 1-877-330-3001 or by following the YRDSB on Twitter.

Please note that school bus charters will not operate when regular home to school service is cancelled.



**Ross Doan public school Celebrates
Family literacy Week
January 27– 31, 2014**



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 27 - 31, 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.

To launch our week’s activities, on Monday, January 27th, 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.

Ross Doan families are urged to join in the fun at home throughout the weeks leading up to our Family Literacy Day. Remember that earning 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 www.familyliteracyday.ca

LET'S ALL BEGIN CELEBRATING FAMILY LITERACY DAY TODAY!



2014 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 2014 Silver Birch Awards will be announced in late May.



Blue Spruce COMING SOON

The Ontario Library Association’s 2014 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.

Grade 4 Popcorn Fundraiser

The Grade Fours are fundraising for their End of year trip to Medieval times

What: White cheddar or Butter and Salt
When: Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Cost: \$1.00 each



SUCCESS FOR 'SHOWING YOUR THINKING' IN WORD PROBLEMS

- Is my writing well organized and easy to follow?
- Have I included math vocabulary?
- Have I used the math vocabulary correctly?
- Have I used pictures effectively to show my thinking?
- Have I used numbers effectively to show my thinking?
- Have I explained the reasons for my mathematical thinking?
- Have I included examples to help the reader understand what I am saying?



Locked School Doors

Beginning February 3, all school doors, including the front doors and doors to portables, will be locked 15 minutes after the morning entry bell. The doors will remain locked for the rest of the day. Anyone arriving at the school after that time must buzz in and sign in at the main office.

Measures will also be put in place for parents/guardians to buzz in and pick up students participating in before and after school programs. Measures will also be put in place to lock port-a-pack doors.

Our school continues to be a safe place where parent and community member involvement is welcomed and encouraged. This additional step will enhance the measures we already have in place, and ensure that all visitors sign in at the main office upon arrival.



French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations





Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Michaëlle Jean P.S. on January 16, 2014 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 17, 2014. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2014, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call the home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school and must be up-to-date. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to Adrienne Clarkson Public School to register between January 17 and February 14, 2014. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enroll. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.



JANUARY 2014

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 	7	8	9	10 PIZZA 	11
12	13	14 TEN TEN SPORTS Milk begins	15	16	17 P.A. DAY NO SCHOOL	18
		School Council Meeting (pm)				
19	20	21 TEN TEN SPORTS	22	23	24 PIZZA 	25
26	27 FAMILY LITERACY DAY 	28 TEN TEN SPORTS	29	30	31	



PARENTS REACHING OUT

An information evening for Parents

Choose from 4 different information workshops

1. **Report Cards and Assessment.** Learn more about assessment and evaluation and marking.
2. **Inquiry Learning and Problem Solving.** How has math instruction changed? What other changes are happening at school?
3. **Technology.** What do you need to know to keep your kids safe? What are kids doing and what are the questions you need to know to ask?
4. **Parenting Without Tears.** Talk to other parents to learn more about how to deal with homework and other issues at home.

Session 1
 Hosted by Sixteenth Avenue PS
 Wednesday January 15th
 400 Sixteenth Avenue



Sixteenth Avenue PS



Ross Doan PS

5:30 - 6:30 Dinner
 6:30 Introductions
 6:45 to 8:00 Two Information workshops of your choice



Roselawn PS



Tell us you are coming to Parents Reaching Out!

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Number of family members attending: _____

Number of children requiring babysitting: _____

Do you require transportation? Yes No

Meal Options: Number of Veggie _____ Chicken _____ Beef _____