

# Ross Doan Public School



## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

October proved to be an eventful month at Ross Doan Public School. Our success as a school is dependent on the relationships with all members of our community. Thank you to all parents and guardians who attended our Meet the Teacher Night. It is always a pleasure speaking with so many of you and listening to your feedback as we progress through the school year. Thank you as well to our School Council who has efficiently kick-started various initiatives including pizza lunch, *Cards by Me*, and the newest fundraising effort *Fundscrip*. Please read more about their work in the council area of this newsletter. We also appreciate that many more parents are getting involved with our efforts this year.

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We want to wish farewell to David Britnell who has accepted a Caretaker position at another school. He has worked at Ross Doan for 14 years and will be missed. We welcome Jennifer Lehoux who joins our Caretaking Team.

The Elementary Progress Report cards will be going home on November 21st. Conferences with parents, teachers, and students will take place the evening of November 22<sup>nd</sup> and the morning of November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Information regarding the set up of conference times will be sent home shortly. Teachers will be communicating your child's progress *towards* the achievement of curriculum expectations since the beginning of the school year. Also of critical importance will be information regarding how well your child is demonstrating the various learning skills and work habits. We look forward to our continued partnership and your support as we work to provide engaging learning experiences for your children.

### 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.

We continue to encourage our students to develop a local and global perspective through a lens that promotes social justice, equity, and inclusion for all. Our fall food drive through which we collected over 15 boxes of non-perishable items for our local Richmond Hill Food Bank was an example of one of these efforts. During Halloween time, many of us will enjoy the festivities and treats and we will also extend our enjoyment to support UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund).

As we enter into the colder months of the year, we remind you of the importance of ensuring that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. In the event of inclement weather, information regarding bus and/or school cancellations is available through radio and television media and on the student Transportation Services website [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) Please join us at our upcoming Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 9 at 10:00 to commemorate the sacrifices of those who fought for our freedoms in times of war.

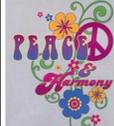
Bernadette Smith, Principal





Character Trait

Responsibility



School Goal

Create  
Peace & Harmony

## Positive Climates Corner!



Last month we celebrated Safety Week! Our student morning announcement leaders assisted Officer Leonard in delivering morning safety announcements covering a range of important topics such as bike safety, important emergency numbers and how to safely cross the street. We also had special visits from Officer Mo and KYS the Safety Cat, to promote safety awareness and share important safety tips with our students.

Each year, the York Region District School Board presents a special day to celebrate cultural diversity. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual *Peace Tree Spirit* Mini-Conference took place on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the York Regional Police Community Safety Village located at Bruce's Mill in Stouffville.

Six grade 4 students attended the conference with Mrs. Blackman and Mrs. Lamarche. Along with students from other Central and West YRDSB



schools, our young ambassadors listened to a keynote address that inspired them to think about ways in which they could help cultivate peaceful communities. Our students were then paired off and each pair attended four different workshops together that allowed them to explore and learn about diverse cultures and faiths in order to create greater understanding, respect, unity and peace among people of every faith and culture. .

Daniella, Hannah, Hanna, Jonathan, Sonam and Marwa all look forward to sharing their message of peace and hope with their fellow students at Ross Doan this year.

What a successful safety week!

Stay tuned to hear how we are learning to "Stand Up!" against bullying in next month's newsletter!

## Healthy Lunches



This month at Ross Doan P.S., we are focusing on bringing healthy lunches to school. It is important for us to include the four food groups in our everyday diet: vegetables and fruits, grain products, milk and alternatives and meat and alternatives. Students need different nutrients throughout the day so we are energized and ready to learn. One strategy can be labelling snacks and lunch containers so students are eating their food at appropriate times.

The week of November 26-30, we are encouraging students to include all four food groups in their lunch. The chart included is the recommended number of food guide servings per day for each food group.

The entire Canada's Food Guide can be accessed at:

[http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/alt\\_formats/hpfb-dgpsa/pdf/food-guide-aliment/](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/alt_formats/hpfb-dgpsa/pdf/food-guide-aliment/)

Age in Years	Children		
	2-3	4-8	9-13
Sex	Girls and Boys		
<b>Vegetables and Fruit</b>	4	5	6
<b>Grain Products</b>	3	4	6
<b>Milk and Alternatives</b>	2	2	3-4
<b>Meat and Alternatives</b>	1	1	1-2

# *Literacy News*

This month the Literacy Team will be sharing the strategy of making connections.

## **Making Connections**

*When is your child making connections?*

Children make personal connections with the text by using their schema (background knowledge).

There are three main types of connections:

- **Text-to-Self (T-S)** refers to connections made between the text and the reader's personal experience.
- **Text-to-Text (T-T)** refers to connections made between a text being read to a text that was previously read.
- **Text-to-World (T-W)** refers to connections made between a text being read and something that occurs in the world.

## *Parents What Can You Do?*

When reading to your child, activate their background knowledge before, during, and after reading.

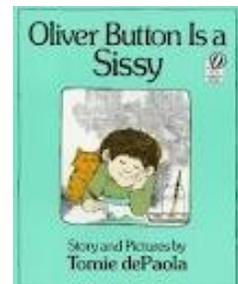
Use these prompts:

- *This reminds me of the story...*
- *This story reminds me of when I...*
- *This makes me think about...*

Visit the public library and read books with your child.

Here are some suggestions:

- *Ira Sleeps Over by Bernard Waber*
- *Koala Lou by Mem Fox*
- *Oliver Button is a Sissy by Tomie De Paola*



## **Daily Reading with Your Child**



It is essential that your child read with and to you everyday. Just twenty minutes a day reading aloud with young children strengthens relationships, encourages listening and language skills, promotes attention and curiosity, and establishes a strong reading foundation. These skills are essential for success in school and in life. (Children's Reading Foundation)



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

Visit the Tumble Book Library often and see for yourself!

[www.tumblebooklibrary.com](http://www.tumblebooklibrary.com)

username: rossdoan

password: books



Sunday November 4th is the end of Daylight Savings time. Please turn your clocks back an hour.

There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday November 23. PA DAY

Remember to send your child to school with hats and mitts as November can be quite cold and wet.



**REPORT CARDS GO HOME ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 21ST, 2012**

**PLEASE SEND A CHANGE OF CLOTHING WITH YOUR CHILD. NOVEMBER CAN BE A VERY WET MONTH!**

<p><b>Toontastic</b> (app)</p>		<p>Lights, Camera, Play! Toontastic is a storytelling and creative learning tool that enables kids to draw, animate, and share their own cartoons with friends and family around the world through simple and fun imaginative play! With over 2 million cartoons created in over 150 countries, parents and teachers rave about the app... and kids can't stop creating! Making cartoons with Toontastic is as easy as putting on a puppet show - simply press the record button, move your characters onscreen, and tell your story. Toontastic records your animation and voice as a cartoon video to share with friends and family on ToonTube, the app's global storytelling network for kids.</p>
<p><b>Google Earth</b> (app)</p>		<p>Fly around the planet with a swipe of your finger with Google Earth for iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch. Explore distant lands or reacquaint yourself with your childhood home. Search for cities, places, and businesses. Browse layers including roads,</p>



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 KARATE KIDS 	2 PIZZA  ART 	3
	5	6 TEN TEN SPORTS	7 	8 KARATE KIDS	6 PIZZA ↓ REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY	10
REMEMBRANCE DAY 	12	13 TEN TEN SPORTS  Diwali (Hindu)	14 ZUMBA	15 KARATE KIDS	16 PIZZA  ART	17
18	19 Picture Re-take day	20 TEN TEN SPORTS  Picture re-take	21 ZUMBA  REPORT CARDS	22 KARATE KIDS	<b>P.A. DAY NO SCHOOL</b>	24
25 	26 Duffle Bag Theatre presents ROBIN HOOD	27 LAST DAY TEN TEN SPORTS  CHARACTER ASSEMBLY	28 ZUMBA ↓	29 KARATE KIDS ↓	30  ART ↓	