

# **SCHOMBERG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS** for the week of February 21, 2022

## **Upcoming Events/ Important Dates**

Wednesday, February 23 – **PINK SHIRT DAY**

Friday, February 25 – **School Presentation by Karl Subban**

Monday, February 28 – **February “Fairness” Good News Assembly** for students at 2:30 pm

Tuesday, March 1 – **Library Reopening**

**MARCH BREAK – March 14 to March 18 – NO SCHOOL**

Monday, March 28 – **PHOTO DAY** for **Grade 6 Class of 2022 photos & any student retakes**

## **Schomberg P.S. to Welcome Mr. Karl Subban!**

We are excited to announce that, as we come to the end of Black History Month and continue our diversity work at Schomberg Public School, Mr. Karl Subban will be speaking to our school community on Friday, February 25th. Parents are welcome to attend virtually to listen to his talk. More information to come this week.

### *Overview of his talk:*

#### *Black History Month - Wellness and Well-Being*

- *Journey of Willie O’Ree (first Black NHL player)...what can we take from him to help us?*
- *To celebrate Black people*
- *Make society better*
- *Interactive*
- *Wellness aspect is based on “Bell Let’s Talk” 5 pillars:*
- *Conflict resolution*
- *Potential*
- *Share Willie quote: “If I think I can, I can. If I think I can’t, I won’t”*
- *Speak about NHL*



## **HOT LUNCHES ARE RETURNING!**

Schomberg Public School Council is pleased share that optional Hot Lunch deliveries will start after March Break. Working with a couple of our past suppliers, pre-ordered lunch deliveries will be offered on Tuesdays and Fridays. More information to come!

Parents interested in participating in the hot lunch program will require a **School Cash Online** account to order in advance. If your family (or student) is new to Schomberg P.S. or YRDSB and you have not registered for a School Cash Online account, please click [here](#) for more information and/or to register. Thank you.

## **PLANET OR PLASTIC?? A student-led GREEN initiative at Schomberg PS!**

Students at SPS have been working on an initiative to reduce single use plastics in our homes and community. They have created a presentation to help spread awareness among fellow students and their families! If your family and friends are interested in reducing plastic waste, please check out Tru Earth products via this

link: <https://fundraising.tru.earth/SPSschoolcouncil> **\*\*All purchase made via this link earn 20% for our school!\*\***

Please feel free to **share this link!!** All purchases are made online and products are delivered straight to your home!!!

Students will work with Schomberg School Council to use these funds for **GREEN** initiatives at SPS. This too will be a student-led project! Your child is encouraged to brainstorm **GREEN** ideas to save for! What would they like to learn about, see, do, or create that will help keep our planet healthy?!?! Put on those **GREEN** thinking caps and dial up the curiosity, SPS! Challenge accepted??

## Report Cards

Report cards are part of our ongoing communication to support student achievement and well-being. We hope that the Term 1 report card will provide valuable feedback for your child while supporting conversations about learning at home. Your child's report card will be distributed between, February 23 to February 25, 2022. These reports will be distributed using the same process used for the Progress Reports via student Board Google GAPS accounts.

The Elementary Report Card, for both face-to-face and remote learning, provides families with information about their child's general progress in working toward the achievement of curriculum expectations in all subject areas. For all Report Cards, our board will include this statement: *This reporting period reflects learning that has occurred in a modified learning environment as required by provincial and local public health guidelines. Ongoing communication with your child's educator will provide additional information pertaining to progress throughout the term.*

Thank you for supporting your child through the shift to remote learning and the subsequent return to in-person learning. We recognize that some students, staff and families may have concerns about student learning and achievement. Teachers continue to review all data and use their professional judgment to gather evidence of student learning to inform assessment and evaluation. Staff will continue to support and prioritize conversations with families and students and will take into account the effects of learning model changes on student learning.

Assessment is mandated by the provincial Ministry of Education. YRDSB has implemented several supports allowed by the Ministry to provide greater flexibility and opportunity for students, including:

- provide students with equitable opportunities to demonstrate understanding in an in-person (face-to-face) and remote (online) setting
- provide increased support for student well-being and mental health
- provide increased opportunities for student success, and
- maintain fair, valid and accurate evaluation of student achievement

Families are encouraged to connect with their child's teacher directly to ensure open and ongoing communication.

## YORK REGION PUBLIC HEALTH/ COVID-19 INFORMATION AND UPDATES

### York Region Public Health Vaccination Webinar

On February 22, 2022, York Region Public Health will host an information session on children's COVID19 vaccines. Please see the [York Region Public Health flyer](#) for more information.

### Screening Tool

Thank you again for helping keep our schools safe and open to in-person learning by screening your child/ren and encouraging them to follow the [COVID-19 protocols](#). As always, student mental health supports are available regardless of the learning model. Please reach out to your school principal for assistance and mental health resources. We remain committed to supporting students and families as we continue to navigate the effects of the pandemic on student learning.

### **REVISED: Updates to the COVID-19 Screening Tool**

On the recommendation of the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, updates have been made to the [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#) to align with current guidance and to provide clarity on isolation requirements for confirmed and presumed positive cases, and their household members and close contacts.

For those completing the screening tool who are fully vaccinated and/or 11 years old or younger, the screening tool will ask for symptoms and test results in the last 5 days. Those completing who are 12 years old or older and not fully vaccinated or immunocompromised will complete the screening tool using a 10 day measuring period.