

Oct. 14th, 2019 edition

## Don't Celebrate Halloween?

As part of the YRDSB Equity and Inclusivity Plan, Sharon PS wants to ensure ALL students feel included on October 31st. While Halloween is a tradition celebrated by many of our students for a portion of October 31st, we are planning 'Celebrating Fall' activities as well for a portion of Oct. 31st for any students who may not celebrate Halloween. Please let your child(ren)'s teacher know or contact Mr. Baynham at [bruce.baynham@rydsb.ca](mailto:bruce.baynham@rydsb.ca). Thank you!

*Wishing all of our Sharon PS' Families a wonderful Thanksgiving Weekend!*



Thank you to Raymond from the EG Public Library who supported STEM learning activities with our students in our learning commons.



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### Pause to Ponder...

Look for this feature periodically, with links below to media to provoke thoughts and conversation about current ideas and issues in our school, the YRDSB, public education and beyond. October is recognized as Learning Disabilities Month. There are many myths about learning disabilities (which I prefer renaming to Learning Differently - for instance...

**Myth:** Students with LDs can not learn.

**Fact:** Students with LDs can be successful learners, at all levels and in any situation, by compensating for their weaknesses by using their strengths; by using alternative, individualized teaching and learning materials and methods; and by choosing tasks that suit themselves.

For more information please visit the Learning Disabilities Association of York Region website [www.ldayr.org](http://www.ldayr.org)

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## Math Matters!

When we think of supporting our children with math, we tend to focus on number sense - understanding numbers and basic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), but have you ever thought about working on spatial reasoning?

Spatial reasoning involves thinking about the locations and movements of objects and ourselves, both physically and mentally, in space. Developing these skills has been shown to play a significant role in future math achievement. Working on spatial reasoning helps children find multiple entry points into math problems, see math visually and develops the skills necessary for success in many STEM careers. The neat thing is spatial reasoning is malleable and can be improved with education and experience!



Which pentomino shapes above can be folded to form a box (i.e., open-topped cube)?

Activities that involve mentally folding a structure into a new form rely heavily on spatial visualization skills. In this activity, like many others that involve spatial visualization, it is often important to first visualize a potential solution and then to test the solution through concrete or hands-on experience (e.g., physically folding the pentomino nets to test the predictions).



Our grade 8 leaders have organized our annual “we scare hunger” food drive. All non perishable food donations are graciously accepted until Oct. 31st.



**Don't forget....our first First School Council meeting is Oct. 15th @ 7:00 pm. All invited.**

## *This coming week at Sharon PS...*

Mon. 14 Day 0	Thanksgiving Day!  No school
Tues. 15 Day 4	Pizza Lunch  School Council Mtg. 7:00 pm in learning commons
Wed. 16 Day 5	Early Childhood Educator Day! Picture Day! Spirit Day 'wear purple against Bullying and supporting inclusion'
Thurs. 17 Day 1	
Fri. 18 Day 2	

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