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UPCOMING DATES

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- **Jan 17:** French Immersion Information evenings being held at FI schools (ie Poplar Bank P.S. for Sharon P.S. students) at 7:00p.m. (for current SK students going into grade 1 in Sept. 2019)
 - **Jan 18:** PA Day & Kindergarten Registration
 - **Jan 29:** Junior Co-Ed Volleyball Area Tournament
 - **Jan 29:** Huron Heights at Sharon P.S. for grade 8 course selections @ 9:00 a.m.
 - **Feb. 1:** PA Day
 - **Feb. 4:** Dairy Presentations for grades K-6; Term 2 begins; school council
 - **Feb. 6:** Scientists in the School for Grades 5, 7 & 8
 - **Feb. 8:** Scientists in the School for Grades Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6
 - **Feb. 12:** Report Cards go home
 - **Feb. 18:** Family Day Holiday
 - **Feb. 22:** Grade 8 Graduation Picture Day
 - **Feb. 28:** Grade 2's to Sibbald's Outdoor Education Centre



Beginning the week of January 7th practices for “Pirates! The Musical” will be every Tuesday and Thursday at lunch in the music room.



THREE WAYS TO ENTER:

1. Paper entry - write the answer and your child’s info on any paper and submit to the office!
2. Email - send your answer and your child’s information to sharon.ps@yrdsb.ca
3. Phone - call us at 905-478-4952 with your answer and your child’s info. 3 winners will be drawn!

Draw will take place on Friday, Feb. 15, 2019

Answer this question and your child will be entered in a raffle to win a prize from the office:

If your child is NOT eligible for bussing, must you call in his/her absence with the school on a “Snow Day”?

Child’s name: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

LEARNING COMMONS CORNER



December saw all of the classes that created Green Screen projects attend their class film festival and watch all the hard work that went into storyboarding, filming and editing their work. We celebrated with popcorn of course! We may even have an opportunity to take the student's films to the big screen sometime soon. Stay tuned.

Sharon P.S. also participated in [The Hour of Code](#) during the first part of December. Classes were able to code Bee Bots, Dash & Dot, Probot, Ozobots and Scratch programs available through the Hour of Code organization.

The last week before the break, several classes took part in winter themed makerspace activities and some of the older students even learned Binary Code language while making bracelets/ornaments.

January/February will see students learning about research skills and informational literacy when visiting the Learning Commons with their class.

Thanks to all the students who returned overdue and missing books, our popular titles are back on the shelves for others to read.

Digital Tools

This month's digital tool we are highlighting is **Kids InfoBits** which is an online research database subscription for elementary students provided by the YRDSB. Students can access it both at home and school and it has a large selection of digital books, newspaper and magazine articles about various topics that can be used for research purposes. It is a first stop for students before "Googling" as the information is vetted for accuracy and is written at levels appropriate for the grade. It also integrates in with the students' Google Drive and Google Classroom.

Name of Tool: Kids InfoBits

Approx. Age : Gr. 2-6

How to access: Kids InfoBits can be accessed on the Sharon P.S. Library page or can also be accessed at the following URL: http://go.galegroup.com/ps/start.do?p=ITKE&u=ko_k12elm_d73 When accessing at home, students will need to use a password to access the database.

Password: york

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION TO COMMENCE JANUARY 18, 2019

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 18, 2019 for the 2019-20 school year. **NEW: Online registration** information can be found at bit.ly/KindergartenYRDSB and will be open for registrations on the morning of January 18th. Paper registration forms are still available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2019, 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.

POPCORN SALES FOR GRAD!



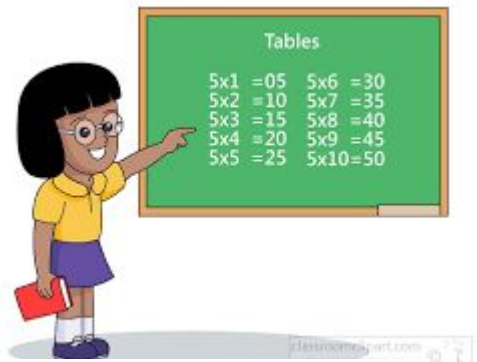
Have your children keep listening to announcements for details on Friday treats sales to benefit the 2019 SPS Grads! Popcorn has been on sale as well as raffle tickets, and will be on sale most Fridays: \$2.50 for a bag of popcorn or another treat being offered, \$3.00 for raffle tickets, OR get one of each for \$5.00 total! For more details on the items being raffled off, please email the school or listen to the announcements! Good luck!



MINDS ON MATH...

GAMES

Using games to support your child at home to reinforce math concepts they are learning in class can be fun for the whole family! Games provide children with opportunities to explore mathematical concepts such as number concepts, patterns and relationships. It also allows them to use models and strategies they are familiar with (e.g., arrays, ten frames, skip counting). Some math games are commercially available, but most can be played with common household objects. In fact, most games that are not considered “math” games have many math concepts already in them. Try highlighting some of those concepts as you are playing.



For some game suggestions, you can go to the math page on the YRDSB website:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Math/Pages/default.aspx>

Message From Our Trustee

Welcome back. I hope everyone is feeling refreshed following the winter break, and that you had a happy and safe holiday season. While the weather may be colder, I also hope that you had time to enjoy this beautiful season in Ontario. Please remember to dress warmly.

It is my honour to serve as your newly elected school board trustee. and to uphold the [values](#) of York Region District School Board. The new [Board of Trustees](#) was sworn in on December 3, following the October municipal elections. Together, we look forward to moving forward the four priorities outlined in the [Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#):

- Foster well-being and mental health
- Build collaborative relationships
- Champion equity and inclusivity
- Empower ethical leadership

There are a lot of exciting things happening in our schools and classrooms to foster and support student well-being and mental health. Ask your child what's happening in their school, and how they take care of themselves. As adults, we often focus on the health and well-being of the children in our lives, but it's also essential that we take care of ourselves. Taking time to do the things we enjoy and nurture our own health is also important and helps to model a healthy and active lifestyle for our children.

An important part of my [role as a trustee](#) is to listen, and look forward to connecting with members of our school community in the coming weeks and months. I will continue to work hard to represent all my constituents equally and fairly. We will continue working to build collaborative relationships with our communities and to keep you informed about the things happening in the school board. I wish you all the best as we enter 2019.

Elizabeth Terrell-Tracey
Trustee - East Gwillimbury and Whitchurch-Stouffville

MORE MINDS ON MATH...

Questioning

Using effective questions when talking about math, supports the development of your child's mathematical reasoning. The use of questioning provides children with opportunities to share and clarify their ideas, draw conclusions, and explain and explore new strategies. With good intention, we often rush to provide our children all the information they need to solve a math problem. By giving your child this information too quickly, they may not think deeply about the problem or engage in [mathematical thinking](#).

Here is a list of questions you can ask to support your child's mathematical thinking:

- How did you solve the problem?
- What did you do?
- What strategy did you use?
- How did you estimate what the answer could be?
- What would happen if ...?
- Tell me what is the same? What is different?
- How do you know?
- How did you know where ...?
- How did you know which ...?
- How did you know when ...?
- How do you know your/our answer is reasonable?
- Would this work every time? Can you/we think of any examples that don't work?
- Have you/we found all the possibilities? How do you/we know?
- What have you/we discovered about _____ while solving this problem?
- What have you/we learned?



Activities:

Primary/Junior - Math Before Bed

On [Math Before Bed](#) there are a variety of images that promote mathematical thinking. Show your child an image and ask them "what do you notice? what are you wondering about?". This promotes mathematical thinking - and then you can have them investigate one of their wonderings and come up with a solution. What a great time to ask them the questions above to really uncover what they are thinking!!

What do you notice?

What do you wonder?

<https://mathbeforebed.com/>

Junior/Intermediate - Would You Rather Math

On this site, there are a variety of scenarios that your child will be able to make a choice and use reasoning skills to justify their mathematical thinking.

Whichever option is chosen, justify your reasoning with math!

<http://www.wouldyourathermath.com/>



Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information Sessions

Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 17, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2019 <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 18, 2019. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2019, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. This Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register, between January 18 and February 8, 2019. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 8, 2019. Late registrations will be treated on a first- come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Accommodation Plan

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 enrol. 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. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. 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.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.



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School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at School Bus City and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.