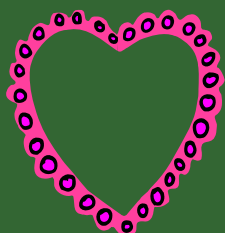




FEBRUARY 2014

*Character
Matters!*

From The Office



February's
Character Trait is
INITIATIVE

*"They always
say time
changes things,
but you
actually have
to change them
yourself."*

Andy Warhol

Beginning next month, all YRDSB elementary schools will have installed a front door security system as part of the 'Safe Welcome Program'. Please join us in ensuring that our school continues to be a safe place to welcome our parents and community members as we move towards the 'Safe Welcome Program'.

Recently we have had some very cold days at school and parents have asked how we decide whether children go outside for recess. Generally, we will not send children out at all if it is colder than -20C. Between -10C and -20C we will try and send the children out for some time. Above -10C we will send children out for the full recess. Please understand that this is a loose guideline and that other factors such as icy conditions, sun or cloud and heavy snowfall, may alter the duration of the time spent outside. The most important thing students can do is be prepared – proper mitts/gloves, a hat, snow pants, etc. Please label all clothing so they don't end up on the Lost and Found table. If you are in need of winter clothing, please contact the school. We may be able to help!

Students with health concerns, such as, but not limited to, heavy colds, coughs and flu, which are serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until the condition improves. Parents can consult Environment Canada at www.weatheroffice.gc.ca for information, as well as www.theweathernetwork.com for our local forecast.

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February Events



February	
School Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.	3rd
Intermediate WINIT Assembly 9:15 a.m	7th
Graduation Picture Day	11th
Report Cards Home	12th
Family Day No School	17th
Electives Day	25th
Chess Tournament	28th
March	
P.A. Day—No School	7th
March Break—No School	10th—14th



For the safety of our students, no peanuts or nut products *please!*



York Region Mission:

We unite in our purpose to inspire and prepare learners for life in our changing world community.

For Your Information...

Kindergarten Registration for September 2014

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 17, 2014 for the 2014-15 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2014, 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.

French Immersion Registration September 2014

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Keswick Public School 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 enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The 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 Sutton 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 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. 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.

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.

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.

The Chess Club!!!

The Chess Club has kicked-off its second round of competition. The next competition is slated for February 28 at Kin Hall. Up to 8 students per grade are eligible to participate. Students must qualify by regularly attending the chess team meetings and participating in a round robin tournament with same age peers.

Please contact Mr. Jaski if you have any questions.



The junior boys' volleyball team finished the season on a high note. After losing the first two games at the Area Tournament at Black River P.S. they roared back and won the next three. Mr. Walkden would like to congratulate all of the players for their effort and sportsmanship. Until next year.....

Message from our Trustee

This is an exciting time for our Board. We recently launched our new Mission, Vision and Values, and the Board's first slogan – ***Inspire Learning!***

Our new mission statement – ***to advance student achievement and well-being through public education, which motivates learners, fosters inclusion, inspires innovation and builds community*** – will help to guide our work and move us forward in the months and years ahead.

Thank you to everyone who shared their input. We look forward to bringing these statements to life in our school communities.

We are now halfway through the school year, a good time to celebrate all that your children have achieved and to set goals for the rest of the year. I encourage you to speak with your child not only about what they are learning, but also how they are learning. There are so many exciting and innovative things happening in our schools.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and successful second term.

Red Cross Babysitting Course

On the March 7th, PA Day, Morning Glory Public School will be bringing in the Red Cross for their one day babysitting certification course.

The program is for students who were born in 2003 or later and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The cost of the program is \$55.00. This has been discounted from the regular price of \$75.00.

We do not require payment at this time. If you are interested in attending the course, please see Ms. Mintz for a registration form.

School Council

The next School Council meeting is on February 3rd, 2014. The meeting is from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the library.

Babysitting is available at no cost. Everyone is welcome. Please come out and support your child's school.



FREE Triple P

Triple P stands for Positive Parenting Program

Join us for a Triple P discussion about:

Self Esteem

Learn how to:

- Encourage healthy self esteem
- Help your child manage negative self-talk
- Help your child solve problems

Thursday February 27th, 2014

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Lakeside Public School

Free Pizza dinner, snacks and drinks will be served!

Free Child Minding Available

Triple P offers strategies that encourage positive behaviour in children. Everyone can help, whether you are a parent, coach, teacher or family member by using the same positive messages with children and youth.

Please register by February 24th

For more information and registration call 905-476-8369.



SUTTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

along with **The GEM Theatre**

on **Monday February 10th at 6:30**



Presents

FROZEN



Rating: G

Running Time: 100mn

Tickets are \$3.00 per person.

Please detach and send to your Movie Coordinator

Name: _____

of Tickets: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

Room: _____

Please make payment in cash. Sorry, we are unable to make change.

ORDER EARLY! Tickets are sold on a first come, first serve basis.