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December 6, 2019

Welcome to our community newsletter, a quick update of the going-ons at Thornhill Public School.

Dates for the Calendar

Dec 10 - Cyber Bullying Speaker (Gr 5-8)

Dec 20 - Sing Along

Dec 20 - Last Day of School!

Jan 6 - First Day of School

Jan 8 - Pizza Day (Winter Term) Starts

Jan 14 - School Council Meeting (7pm)

Jan 16 - Lice Checks

Jan 17 - P.A. Day (no school)

MACKLIN HOUSE MORNING DROP-OFF

We ask that parents dropping off their children at Macklin House in the morning to please park in front of the school. Parking spots in the side lot are reserved for staff. Thank you for your cooperation!

PIZZA DAY (WINTER TERM)

Pizza Days are continuing in January! Have you placed your order yet? Orders are being accepted on School Cash Online until Sunday, January 5th. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!

Please note that the winter term does not start until Wednesday, January 8th!

SCHOOL ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are looking for School Assistants to help supervise students over the **lunch hour (12:10-1:10pm)**. This is <u>casual</u> and a <u>paid position</u>. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the school office.

Book Fair Success!

The library is bursting with pride as we celebrate the fact that we are able to purchase new books for the library. The book fair was a huge success! \$4,908.00 worth of books and specialty items were sold which enables us to order new texts for the library. Your support is greatly appreciated!

A **special thanks** go out to the parent volunteers, Ms. Keshtiara, Ms. Leung, Ms. Mirzamostafa and Ms. Sit. This huge undertaking could not have been implemented without their support!

-Mrs. Goldfarb



Our community classes are hosting a Popcorn/Popcorners Fundraiser to help fund education programs for their classes. Pop-Popcorners will be delivered once a month from Janury to June. Pre-packaged butter/ salt popcorn bags and pre-packaged Carnival Kettle Popcorners (Kosher/Gluten Free) cost \$2.00 each. Orders are being accepted on School Cash Online until January 10th. Thank you for your support!

LunchBox
Orders are
due on
SUNDAYS
(Order Here)



Winter Is Nere

Students should come dressed appropriately for the weather and for outdoor play. Students can stay warm by wearing layers of loose-fitting clothing, a hat, scarf, jackets, snow pants and mittens or gloves. Students may also want to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet.

If students are well enough to come to school, they are expected to go outside for recess. Our students benefit from spending time outside and being active. We monitor weather conditions throughout the day. If there are extreme weather conditions, we may consider a shortened or indoor recess.



info@lunchboxorders.com

You must notify the school if your child will be absent due to bus cancellations. PLEASE REPORT YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE ON EDSBY OR CALL THE SCHOOL.

1-877-426-6860

Bus & School Cancellations

When an **extreme cold** or **inclement weather** day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) is cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. Please notify the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days. **If busses have been cancelled in the morning, they will be cancelled for the afternoon as well. Should you choose to drop your child off in the morning, please make arrangements for them to be picked up by 2:50pm dismissal.**

There may be rare instances when **emergency weather events** occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure. Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, <u>Board</u> and school website and on <u>twitter</u> <u>@YRDSB</u>.

Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather and emergency weather days are outlined in the Board's <u>Severe Weather policy</u>, which has been recently updated and is available for public comment. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process. All <u>policies available for comment</u> are sent to school council chairs and are posted on the Board website, along with information about how to provide feedback.

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 16, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2020 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 17, 2020. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2020, 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 17 and February 7, 2020. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 7, 2020. 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.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Bowling (Community Classes)
Pizza Day - Winter Term
Popcorn Day - January-June

GRAD FUNDRAISING UPDATE

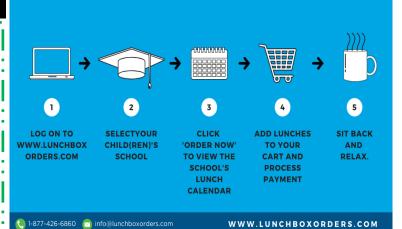
On behalf of the grade 8 graduating students, we would like to thank you for supporting their Elastic and Raffle fundraisers. We have raised close to \$800 for our grad fund and we couldn't have done it without you! Our annual Candygram Fundraiser will take place next week. We will be delivering candy canes at the cost of 25¢ for 1 or 5 for \$1.00.

Thank you from your 2020 Graduates!



LUNCH MADE EASY

A 5-STEP PROCESS



Message from Our Trustee

One of our top priorities as a school board is creating an environment that enables our students to focus on learning and be successful. That means creating environments where students are safe and feel safe, where all of our students know that they are welcome and supported, and where they see their identities reflected, valued and celebrated.

Championing Equity and Inclusivity

Championing Equity and Inclusivity is one of the priorities outlined in the <u>Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan</u>. We are fortunate to live in one of the most diverse regions of Canada, and welcome students, staff and families with a broad range of identities and experiences. There has been much work underway at the Board in the past few months to ensure we are providing all of our students with a safe, equitable and inclusive learning environment, including:

Providing Board-wide training for over 12,000 school staff on anti-Black racism.

- Bringing together over 250 students and staff at our annual <u>SpeakOut conference</u> for the 2SLGBTQ+ community.
- Acknowledging <u>Treaties Recognition Week</u>, and learning about the importance of treaties and treaty relationships in Canada from First Nations community members.
- Hosting a labour market information night for parents to learn about current and future career opportunities and employment trends.
- Bringing together hundreds of members of the education community for three days of learning focused on Indigenous Education and Equity at our world-renowned <u>Quest conference</u>.

This is in addition to the ongoing work taking place in our schools. It is also important that our families know and feel that they are a valued, respected and important part of our school community. We recently held regional school council forums that brought together school council members from across the region to learn and share together on important topics such as engaging families, vaping and more. It was wonderful to see so many family members there.

The Board of Trustees was also pleased to receive and commit to taking action on the recommendations in response to the Anti-Black Racism, Antisemitism, Classism and Islamophobia community consultations.

Winter Months

With the winter weather already upon us, I also want to remind families that school transportation may be cancelled on <u>extreme cold or inclement weather days</u>, and there may be rare occasions when emergency weather conditions result in school closures. To ensure families are aware, last month, we tested a new system to send text messages to families in emergency situations only. Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will also be available on Board and school websites, Board social media channels and local media.

Many of our students and families will be celebrating days of significance and holidays in the coming weeks and months, and I wish you all the very best for the season. I hope everyone has a safe and happy winter break and we look forward to welcoming students back in January.

David Sherman
Trustee, Markham Ward 1/Vaughan Ward 5

WOULD YOU ENJOY COLLABORATIVELY LEARNING THE ONTARIO CURRICULUM THROUGH THE ARTS?

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an **Elementary Integrated Arts Program** at **Baythorn Public School**. If you are currently in grades <u>four or five</u> you may apply for the <u>arts@baythorn program</u>, where you will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music in a <u>cooperative learning environment</u>.

To learn more about the **arts@baythorn** program, you and your family are invited to attend an information evening at Baythorn Public School on:

Thursday, January 16, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.

Applications will be available at bit.ly/arts_application2020 online after the January 16th, 2020 info night.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 7TH, 2020 AT 4:00 PM

If you require further information, please call us at Baythorn Public School (905) 889-7992.

Kate Kurek Hema Parekh Principal The Arts Team Vice Principal





www.kidzcanplay.ca, kidzcanplay@gmail.com, (416) 418-8514

Winter Lunchtime Multi-Sport Program @ Thornhill P.S.

Grades JK, Sk & Grade 1
Monday's from January 13th - March 30th (Excluding Feb 17th March 16th)

10 session - \$150 Total

Please make cheques out to Kidz Can Play Inc

We focus on:

- Fundamental Movements
- Team-Building

- Cooperative Games
- Character Development

Child's Name:	
Gender:	
Date of Birth:	
Teacher:	
Age:	
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Email Address:	
Home address:	
Cell Phone #:	
Emergency Contact & Phone #:	

PLEASE COMPLETE BACK SIDE



Part A: ELEMENTS OF RISK NOTICE

The risk of injury exists in every athletic activity. Falls, collisions and other incidents may occur and cause injury. Due to the nature of some activities, injuries may range from minor sprains and strains to more serious injuries affecting the head, neck, or back. Some injuries can lead to a concussion or paralysis or prove to be life-threatening. Injuries as a result of participation in an activity can occur without fault on either the part of the child, or Kidz Can Play Incorporated, or the facility where the activity is taking place. A child choosing to participate in the activity assumes the risk of an injury occurring. The chances of an injury can be reduced by carefully following instructions at all times while engaged in an activity. Kidz Can Play Incorporated attempts to manage, as effectively as possible, the risk involved for children while participating in the athletics program.

I hereby acknowledge and accept the risk inherent in the requested activity and assume responsibility for my son/daughter/ward for personal health, medical, dental and accident insurance coverage.

Signature of Parent/Guardian:	Date:
PART B: MEDICAL INFORMATION	
1. Does your child have any medical conditions (i.e Yes _ No _ If yes, provide details	

www.kidzcanplay.ca (416) 418-8514



Elementary

Young Rembrandts
Drawing Classes for Kids



Young Rembrandts

Thornhill P.S. Grade 1 to 5

Winter 2020 - All NEW lessons!

Registration deadline: First 18 students

Start 2020 off with a bang! Young Rembrandts students will flex their creative muscle as they take on artistic challenges by creating interesting illustrations. They will strengthen their compositional skills and will explore their imagination in a fun environment. There's no better way to shake the winter blues...sign up today! **All supplies are provided!**



classes

Wednesday during lunch 12:10 p.m. - 1:10 p.m. January 15 - March 4



tuition \$130 plus HST for a 8 week session

(please make payment for \$146.90 including HST)

enrollment

Register and pay ONLINE at www.youngrembrandts.com/york or make a cheque for \$146.90 payable to Young Rembrandts and submit it with form to your school's office

Register ONLINE at: www.youngrembrandts.com/york, View Classes & Enroll, Winter 2020, scroll down to Thornhill P.S., or submit your completed registration form to your school 's office along with a cheque for \$146.90 payable to Young Rembrandts. Once registered your child is automatically enrolled unless you are notified otherwise.

Student Name First	Last	Gender	Age	Grade	
Teacher's Name	Classroom No	Parent 's Name			
Home Address					
City	Postal Code	May we photograph/video your child in class? [] Yes [] No			
Home Phone	Cell phone	May we use your child's drawing in our promotional materials? [] Yes [] No			
Parent's Email					
By providing your email a laso understand all person	ddress, you are giving consent to rec onal absences are forfeited & all infor	eive electronic communication from mation is correct to my knowledge	n Young R	embrandts.	
Child's Allergy/Special/Medical	needs ———————				
Parent Signature		Young Rembrandts 416-907	-4467	Email: york@youngrembrandts.com	



THE 2019 HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Celebrate the season with our annual festive holiday lunch!

Roasted Chicken Leg, Steamed Veggies, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy & a Festive Shortbread Cookie

Gluten-friendly option is available online.

Available on the days we service your school for the month of December.

DECEMBER SPECIALS

For the month of December your child can enjoy:

BLT

Turkey bacon, lettuce & tomato on a kaiser.

or

CLT

Cheddar cheese, lettuce & tomato on a kaiser.

These items are available as a combo or entrée only. Visit us on-line to see our full menu.

These specials are available only until December 20th. Place your orders today!

Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at www.kidskitchen.ca

Orders are accepted until 10am the previous business day (on Friday for Monday orders). A valid credit card is required.

We're here to help!

Live customer service: 8am – 3pm Monday to Friday.

Holiday Office Closure

Please note that the office will be closed for the Winter Break <u>December 23</u>, <u>2019 - January 3, 2020</u> inclusive. We will re-open on <u>Monday</u>, <u>January 6th</u>.



905.944.0210 | www.kidskitchen.ca | information@kidskitchen.ca









ED CROSS

BYSITIN

CERTIFICATE COURSE

Looking after children is a big responsibility. It's also your chance to earn money and gain valuable experience. But you'll need skills to make sure you can do the job well. The Babysitter's Course is here to help you make sure you're prepared to give excellent care to the children you'll be watching over.

The Babysitting Course is taught by fun, well-trained facilitators with first aid certification and teaching experience. You'll get the chance to practice diapering, feeding, discussions and problem-solving exercises will help you be confident on a babysitting job.



Manual and Certificate per Student

P.A. Day Course **Jan 17, 2020**

PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT CONTACT: JANET PEARSALL

289-231-9244

pdbabysitting@hotmail.com





RETURN	FORM AND PAYMENT TO Y	OUR SCHOOL OFFICE BY _	Wed. Ja	<u>ın 8, 2020</u>	
COST PE	R STUDENT \$68.00	Please make cheques pay \$10.00 processing fee for any cance	able to: PERFOR	MANCE DEVEL	OPMENT
ocation:	Brownridge	P.S	PΛ	NAY PRO	RAM

Day of Program: ______ Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm

Name of Student: _____ Teacher: _____

Address: City/Prov: ______ Postal Code: _____

Phone No:

Contact: (print)

Emergency No: _____

Signature: _____

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