



Walter Scott Public School

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"A Place Where Everyone Belongs"

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From Your Administrative Team!

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a wonderful holiday, filled with happy memories of times spent with family and friends.

The new year provides a chance for students to set new goals and reflect on their achievement. Our students are continuing to work on Mathematical learning during school hours. We encourage families to spend some time at home looking at educational websites such as: www.khanacademy.org and <http://code.org>. The Khan Academy is a non-profit educational organization created in 2006 to provide "a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere". The organization produces micro lectures in the form of YouTube videos to support learning at home. Launched in 2013, Code.org® is a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding participation in computer science. We hope the information will help families to support learning at home.

We wanted to remind everyone that our school website has lots of information, to keep families up-to-date about what is happening at school (e.g. calendar, class trips, lunch days). We hope you will check it regularly.

At this time we bid a fond farewell to Ms. Rudnicki. We wish her success, as she begins a new phase in her teaching career. Ms. Hill will be continuing her work with Kindergarten students, during Mrs. Krinsky's absence.

We had lots of snow in December, and as you can see from the photos in our newsletter our students have been having lots and lots of winter fun outside! Please be sure that children have winter coats, snow pants, boots, mittens and hats at school every day to keep warm while playing at recess.

We ask that families remind children the snow is only to be used to create and build all sorts of exciting structures. Snow ball throwing is not permitted. We will also be reminding students at school, as we strive to balance winter fun and student safety. Your support at home is much appreciated!

We wish you good health and much happiness for 2015!

Sincerely,
Kim Maybury
Principal

Deanna Durfy
Vice-Principal



P.A. Day

**Friday,
January 16th**

No School

*Although no one can go back and make a brand new start,
anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.*

— Carl Bard



Kindergarten Registration January 16, 2015

Kindergarten Registration will begin on January 16, 2015 for the 2015-2016 school year.

Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca.

Children who turn four or five years old during 2015, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten.

All documentation must be submitted and completed before your child can be enrolled. Documents required for registration include:

- **Proof of child's age**
(birth certificate/passport)
- **Proof of residency**
(child and parent/guardian)
- **Citizenship and immigration status**
(if applicable)
- **Direction of school support form**
(school office)

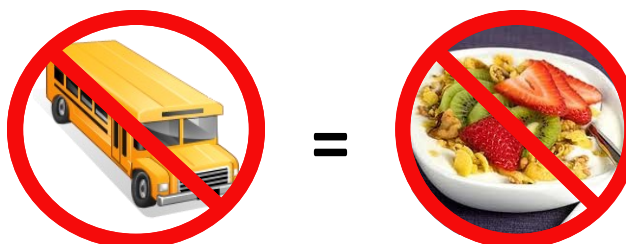
A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact the school office.

Current Junior Kindergarten students do not need to register for Senior Kindergarten, as they are already enrolled.

Breakfast Club

We wanted to let you know that when busses are cancelled due to inclement weather, the Breakfast Club will not be operating. Families who are driving children to school on these days, need to ensure that the children take time to eat breakfast at home, before coming to school.

When the driving conditions warrant the cancellation of buses, the Breakfast Club does not run as the volunteers who prepare and serve breakfast will not be at school.



arts@baythorn

Would your child enjoy learning the Ontario curriculum through the Arts?

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an Integrated Arts program at Baythorn Public School. Students currently in grades four and five may apply for the arts@baythorn Program, where they will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music while meeting the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum for grades five, six, seven and eight.

To learn more about the arts@baythorn program, students and their families are invited to attend an information evening at Baythorn Public School on Thursday, January 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Applications will be online via the school website and available after January 16, 2014.
www.baythorn.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca For information, call us at Baythorn P. S. 905-889-7992.



Up Coming Dates

January 5	Milk & Pizza Orders Go Home
January 6	Lice Checks
January 7	Christmas (Eastern)
January 13	Grade 8 Secondary Course Selection
January 14	Milk & Pizza Orders Due
January 15	Arts Info. Evening at Baythorn P.S. French Immersion Information Evening at Michaelle Jean P.S.
January 16	P.A. Day (No School) Kindergarten & French Immersion Registration Begins
January 20	Milk Program Begins & Pizza Day
January 29	Celebration Assembly
February 2	PA day
February 16	Family Day Holiday
February 19	Lunar New Year
February 20	Term 1 Report Card Go Home
March 13	PA day
March 16-20	March Break
April 3	Good Friday Holiday
April 4	Pesach
April 6	Easter Monday Holiday
April 10	Holy Friday
April 14	Vaisakhi
April 21	Ridvan
May 18	Victoria Day Holiday
May 25 - June 5	EQAO
June 5	PA Day
June 16	Regional Track and Field meet
June 22	Term 2 Report Cards Go Home
June 23	Grade 8 Graduation
June 24	Grade 8 Luncheon
June 26	PA Day



360 Kids After School Program

360 Kids runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. Students have the opportunity to participate in sports, cooperative games and learn about healthy and active lifestyles. Starting in January this exciting program will be offered free of charge. This program has spaces available for students in Grades 6 - 8. For information about registration and fees, please contact Gweneth at 416-993-2311 or the program coordinator at 647-637-6028.



If you have the power to make someone happy, do it. The world needs more of that.

Safe and Healthy Schools for Children with Allergies

School staff and parents are responsible for creating safe and healthy environments for students and staff. This is an additional challenge for schools attended by children with allergies, especially life threatening allergies. While we take every step to create a risk-free environment, school staff and parents can take steps to minimize potentially fatal allergic reactions as there are implications for the whole school, not just individual classrooms.

It is especially important that parents communicate a life-threatening allergy to the school as soon as they are aware of it. Please notify the office and your child's teacher so that we have accurate records and establish the protocol to follow with your child.



Dressing for Recess

With the colder weather upon us, students need to be dressed to play outside during recesses, including coats, snow pants, boots, hats, and mitts.

During the winter, students are expected to come to school warmly dressed to play outside. **Students need to wear a winter coat, snow pants, boots, hat, and thick ski type mittens.**

As children may get wet while playing during the snowy season, we suggest children keep an extra set of clothing at school, especially pants and socks. These can be kept in a labeled bag in the classroom.



All students Kindergarten to Grade 8 will go outside at recess. If your child is not well enough to go outside they need to stay home and rest until they are feeling better.

Being physically active during our Canadian winter is an essential part of a healthy and fulfilling life-



School Visitors

ALL parents and visitors are required to sign in at the office and wear a visitor's pass. Parents may not go through the hallways or out onto the school yard. At entry and dismissal times, we remind families to wait outside for their children. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please send a note or call the office for an appointment.

Following these procedures fosters independence in our students and ensures a greater degree of safety for all. We appreciate your support in keeping our students safe!

Absences—Call Us !

When your child is absent, please call the office. The answering machine is always on so you can leave a message any time - day or night. Press 1 to leave a message so we know that your child is safe.

When a student is not accounted for we will :

- Call home to see if the child is there, then
- Call the parent/guardian at work/mobile, then
- Call the emergency phone numbers, and finally (if we are unable to confirm the child's safety),
- Call the York Regional Police.

This call is a safety check; in accordance with the YRDSB Safe Arrival Policy #665.

Extreme Temperature at Indoor Recess

During the winter, we closely monitor the weather conditions, including temperature and wind chill. We consult weather information sources, such as Environment Canada and then decide when it is appropriate for students/staff to be outdoors.

We try to have students outside at recess for fresh air and an activity break, as they need a chance to play and burn off energy.

When temperatures or wind chill reach -20°C , we strongly consider an indoor routine for recess. When temperature/wind chill reach $-18-19^{\circ}\text{C}$, we consider a shortened outdoor recess.

Over the announcements students are reminded to wear EVERYTHING sent from home. Staff also watch to make sure jackets are zipped, hats are on and boots are worn as students head outdoors.





French Immersion Information Sessions and Registration

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Michaëlle Jean P.S. on January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 16, 2015. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2015, and wishing to enroll 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 Michaëlle Jean P.S. to register between January 16 and February 13, 2015. 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.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.



Bus Cancellation

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

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. 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 is not 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.
- 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:

<u>RADIO</u>	590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM	1540AM	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	107.1 FM			
<u>TV</u>	CITY TV	CTV Barrie	CFTO TV	CP24	GLOBAL NEWS			

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YCDSB and YRDSB on twitter.

Please note that school bus charters will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled (e.g. busses for fieldtrips).

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

A. Stewart
January 2015



Shop online to **save money and support fundraising** at Walter Scott PS.
Look for brochures—coming home soon.

SHOP ONLINE - GO TO www.QSP.ca

It's quick, secure & easy and your order is processed instantly.
Order 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.
New titles are added all the time – so check back often.

Please use the www.QSP.ca email feature
to invite out of town friends and family across Canada to support our school.
Our discount code is: **3725363**

FILMMAKING CLUB



Intermediate students are working independently on their film projects. They are welcome to come to the Library Tuesdays and Thursdays at morning recess.

High school students from a past Film-making Club will be available Fridays after school to help with the editing of the movies.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS in the Library



Sr. Kindergarten students will be learning how to log in to school computers, and will be working on language programs.

Jr. Kindergarten students will work on the same programs, using the SmartBoard.

Please make sure your child's book comes back on time so he/she can get a new book and a sticker on his/her library card.

Library Days

Krinsky is Day 1
Bassel is Day 2
Wodzinski is Day 3
Lu is Day 4



FOREST OF READING

Ms Matheson is running the Silver Birch fiction reading program and
Ms Stewart is running the Red Maple reading program.

We have two copies of each novel at Walter Scott
and the Public Library has copies for students to borrow.

Students must read five books by the end of April in order to vote and/or attend the Festival in May.



News from the Walter Scott Parenting and Family Literacy Centre



**DANCE, READ, CREATE and LEARN
FOR 15 MINUTES OF FITNESS & PLAY**

The families of the
Walter Scott Parenting
and Family Literacy
Centre
invite you to a



DANCE PARTY



Family Literacy Day

to celebrate
Family Literacy Day

PLACE: Walter Scott P.S.

DATE: Tuesday January 27th

Snow Date- January 28th

TIME: Drop in between

10:40 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.



*Snack provided. No registration required.
Please bring indoor shoes.*

Parent Worker: Saima Khan
No cost or registration required

Open: Every school day 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Snacks are provided for the children



Positive Parenting TIP

Outdoor sports like tobogganing and ice skating are wonderful ways to spend time together as a family on a sunny winter afternoon. To help keep our children safe, Parachute Canada, a national non-profit organization dedicated to preventing injuries and saving lives, emphasizes wearing the right gear for the right sport and having equipment that fits well and is in good condition. While helmets prevent skull fractures, brain contusions, lacerations and blood clots in and around the brain, they do not prevent concussions. For more information, please go to <http://www.parachutecanada.org>



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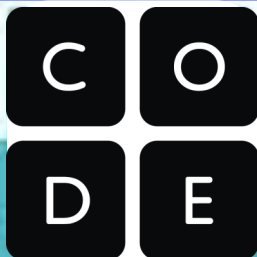


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$$1 + 6 + 7 = 14$$

$$1 + 3 + 5 = 9$$



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January 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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