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Upcoming P.A. Day:
Friday, February 2, 2018

Next School Council Meeting:
Monday, February 5, 2018

Family Day Holiday:
Monday, February 19, 2018
School is Closed

THE WOODBRIDGE WINDOW

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From the Office

February 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The month of February brings us term one report cards and the beginning of term two. On Thursday, February 15th, you will receive your child's report card. This report card will include detailed information about your child's progress in all the subject areas that were taught since the beginning of the term. This report card should deepen your knowledge about what your child has accomplished this term and highlight areas of focus for term two. Please set aside some time to read and review the report card with your child and complete the last page (page 3) together. Once this page is complete, please return it to school so it can be filed in your child's Ontario Student Record. Students should co-reflect with you and set goals for their learning, behaviour and work habits for the coming term.

If you are interested in a deeper dialogue about this report card, you may want to consider scheduling a telephone interview with your child's teacher. If you wish to have an interview in person, please call the school and speak with your child's teacher to schedule an appropriate time. It is important to share any questions you have as the new term begins. Collaborating with all the teachers with whom your child works is an important factor in student success. Students can accomplish more when all stakeholders collaborate, share best practices and have ongoing communication about assignments and work habits.

Thank you to the families of our primary division who attended the winter concert, "On With The Snow". It was a fun-filled evening and we are very proud of our students' performance abilities. The confidence, talent and energy showcased during the performance was amazing! The songs were engaging and certainly did warm everyone up on a cold, January evening. Congratulations to our staff and students for an outstanding show!

On Saturday February 24th, our School Council has planned our second annual Family Skate Night at the Woodbridge Pool and Memorial Arena. Please join us from 7- 8:30p.m. to skate and enjoy hot chocolate and coffee. The entire evening is free of charge! Please save the date and come out for some winter fun. Thank you to our School Council for organizing this wonderful community event for our school.

Last month we bid Mrs. Morgan farewell as she began her parental leave. We thank Mrs. Morgan for her leadership and care for all the students and wish her and her family all the very best. We look forward to the arrival of Baby Morgan in the coming month!

This month we welcome our new Principal, Mrs. Carol Pink. Please be sure to introduce yourself and say hello to Mrs. Pink as she will be working hard to get to know everyone. Welcome to the Woodbridge Lion pride, Mrs. Pink!

Happy New Year to all our families celebrating Lunar New Year on February 16th and best wishes to everyone for an enjoyable Family Day on February 19th. We hope you take some time to rest, rejuvenate and have fun!

Respectfully,

Ms. De Rose
Vice Principal

Kindergarten Registration For the 2018-2019 School Year

Kindergarten registration has begun for the 2018-19 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca.

Children who turn four or five years old during 2018, 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 our school office at (905) 851-0102.

Are You Moving?

We are now planning for staff allocation and student placement for next school year.

If you will be moving out of the school attendance area before September, please inform the school office.

Lost and Found Items

Please remind your children to check the "Lost and Found" boxes on a regular basis for misplaced hats, boots, shoes, sweaters and coats.

Labelling your child's clothing with his/her name is always a good idea. Any found small items like rings, keys, watches and valuables are held in the office.



Community and Health Services

Public Health Branch

Tobogganing and Sledding Safety

Tobogganing and sledding are fun, popular winter activities; however, every year hundreds of children are injured on toboggans. Here are some tips to keep your children safe:

- Parents should always actively supervise children at the toboggan/sled hill
- Dress children in warm layers of brightly coloured, waterproof clothes and boots. Use a neck warmer instead of a scarf and cover children's heads, ears and hands
- Teach children to toboggan/sled down the middle of hill and use the sides to walk to the top
- To prevent head injuries, children should always wear a hockey or ski helmet designed to protect the head in all directions in icy conditions
- Toboggans/sleds should be sturdy, easy to control and in good condition
- Remind children to sit on a toboggan/sled face forward and not lay on their stomachs; never allow children to sled head first
- Choose a hill with a gentle slope and enough room to stop. The hill should be free of hazards (such as trees and rocks) and be well lit to see any potential dangers as well as to be seen by others
- Remind children to never jump in front of toboggans/sleds going downhill
- Make sure only the recommended number of children ride the toboggan/sled

For more information, visit york.ca/injuryprevention

This material is provided by York Region Public Health.



Regular School Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial for continued academic progress. Getting to class on time and avoiding absences are critical if your child is to get the most out of school. Attending school - every day and on time - is very important. Learning occurs daily, right from the start of class.

In order to be less disruptive to both staff and students during instructional time, please follow the following procedures:

- If your child is going to be late or absent from school, please report the absence before the start of the school day (8:55a.m.). Parents are required to call into the *SchoolConnects* automated notification system, by dialing the toll free number 1-855-203-2994 or go online at yorkrdsb.schoolconnects.com to report your child's absence.
- If you must sign out your child from school due to a scheduled appointment, please place a note in your child's agenda/communication bag so that your child's teacher will have time to prepare your child for an early dismissal (i.e. homework, notes). Children will be called down to the office when you arrive. **Please avoid appointments during class time.**
- If you need to pick up your child at the end of the school day (instead of taking the bus), tell your child before school and leave a note in their communication bag/agenda to inform the teacher of the change. Please make all attempts NOT to make last minute changes to your child's regular dismissal routine.



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Healthy friendships and relationships

Feeling connected and close to others is an important part of good mental health. Friendships and relationships are a big part of a child's educational experience and can greatly impact how students feel and behave in school.

Healthy friendships and relationships:

- Make challenging times more manageable for your child
- Increase your child's resiliency
- Promote your child's social skill development as well as teaches him or her how to positively relate to others
- Builds your child's confidence, self-esteem and sense of belonging



How can parents help children develop healthy relationships?

- Model healthy relationships at home
- Encourage your child to participate in group activities and hobbies
- Provide opportunities for social interactions outside of school
- Encourage diversity by inviting your child to get to know children from different backgrounds
- Be open and non-judgmental when talking to your child about friendships

Having a positive social support system is important in maintaining positive mental health, which contributes to overall wellbeing.

For more information please visit york.ca/healthyschools

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Please Join Us...

Family Skate Night

Saturday, February 24, 2018

From 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

At the Woodbridge Memorial Arena

Hwy 7 and Islington Avenue

Complimentary Coffee and Hot Chocolate!

Hosted by W.P.S. School Council



Pancake Tuesday

On Tuesday, February 13th, Woodbridge Public School is recognizing Pancake Tuesday.

In the tradition of Pancake Tuesday, we will be serving pancakes to all students. Fruit will be available for those students with known allergies to any pancake mix ingredients.



Concussion:
it's not just
a **bump** to
the head

Council Corner

Students, parents and caregivers, welcome to Woodbridge Public School's Council Corner! This is the place to find news, happenings, and general information about your school advisory council.

We would like to wish Mrs. Morgan and her family well as they take some time to bond with their new baby. We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Carol Pink as our interim principal.

The Arts are Coming to WPS!

On February 9th, the Primary Division is bringing The Duffle Bag Theatre Company to our school to put on an interactive production of **"The Three Little Pigs"**. This theatre company is exceptional at encouraging kids to think creatively and participate in an engaging experience. We are delighted to be a sponsor of this event.

Free Family Fun

For those of you who enjoy getting out on the ice, or simply hanging out with others in your school community, we are inviting you and your families to an evening of free skating fun. The council is happy to offer **WPS Family Skate Night** for the second year in a row! Enjoy some skating, then warm up with free coffee and hot chocolate while you chat with friends and other WPS families.

Come out on Saturday, February 24th, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for WPS Family Skate Night at the Woodbridge Pool & Memorial Arena. To help us plan for your attendance, please complete and return the form that has been sent home with your child.

School Advisory Council Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday, February 5th, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the school library. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!



News from the Woodbridge PS EarlyON Centre




**Come and meet a
Kindergarten Educator
at the Woodbridge
Public School EarlyON Centre!**

You're invited!

Where: Room 120

Thursday February 15th	10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Thursday March 1st	10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday April 17th	10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Snacks provided No registration



EarlyON update:

The following website provides information about the integration of early years programs and services in York Region as of January 2018:

http://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/newsroom/CampaignsProjects/c_earlyyearsinitiative

If you have questions or comments you can email EarlyON@york.ca



Winter Walk Day 2018

February 7, 2018 is #WinterWalkDay across Canada. It's the perfect opportunity for parents and kids to get outside together and stretch those legs! Walk to school or at school for daily physical activity, a healthier environment, safer streets, making friends and ... having fun!

Walking is the simplest form of exercise and helps kids get those 60 minutes of daily physical activity they need. It's also a great cure for those winter blues and helps students concentrate better in class.
from www.saferoutestoeschool.ca



For adults 21+ years of age CONQUERING ANXIETY

Wednesdays
Feb. 21 – Apr. 25, 2018
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Interested participants will be booked for a half hour pre-group interview.

**DO YOU HAVE ANXIETY?
IS YOUR ANXIETY OVERWHELMING?
DOES IT INTERFERE WITH YOUR DAILY FUNCTION?**

If so, join this 10 week supportive group to learn more about:

- Understanding anxiety
- Identifying thoughts associated with it
- Recognizing anxiety triggers
- Developing new strategies of overcoming anxiety

For more information or to register, please contact Ketrina at (905) 303-8490 Ext. 146

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EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CLASSISM SUB-COMMITTEE Community Conversations

Are you an advocate for those marginalized by low income and class-based discrimination?

We are seeking passionate youth, families and community members to provide feedback regarding equity and inclusion for students in York Region public schools.

Please attend one of the five community conversations hosted by York Region District School Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee.

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| January 15 | Maple Leaf PS, 155 Longford Dr, Newmarket, ON L3Y 2Y7 |
| January 22 | Sutton District HS, 20798 Dalton Rd, Georgina, ON L0E 1R0 |
| January 29 | Bayview SS, 10077 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2L4 |
| February 5 | Maple HS, 50 Springside Rd, Maple, ON L6A 2W5 |
| February 12 | Milliken Mills HS, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5 |

All Community Conversations run from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

[Registration online is preferred however not mandatory.](#)

For more information, childminding, transportation or translation, please contact:

Sub-Committee Chair – Kristine Carbis
905-895-3126
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Message From Our Trustee

With report cards coming home, this is a good time of year to review your child's progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year.

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board [Multi-Year Plan](#). In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting [Board policies](#) and the [annual budget](#), and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the [role of trustees](#) with the next [municipal election](#) taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has [12 trustees](#), elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board, Advisory or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school.

I wish you all the best for a successful second term.

Anna DeBartolo

School Trustee, YRDSB

Black History Month

February 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Movie Night (3:30—5:15 p.m.) LEGO Ninjago	2 P.A. Day (no school for	3
4	5 SLT Candy Gram Sales to Feb. 13th School Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	6 Next Gen Men Workshop - Gr. 8 Boys (am)	7 Female Empower- ment Matters Lunch (F.E.M.L.) - gr. 6, 7 & 8 girls Winter Walk Day	8 EarlyOn Presentation "Zoo to You" (a.m.) You're the Chef (gr.6) 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	9 Dufflebag Theatre Presentation K-Gr. 5 (a.m.)	10
11	12	13 Pancake Tuesday	14 F.E.M.L. Valentine's Day	15 Term One Report Card goes home You're the Chef (gr.6) 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	16 <i>Lunar New Year</i>	17
18	19 Family Day Holiday (school closed)	20	21 Girls Inc. @ 12:35 p.m. Trash Blaster Nature Walk (p.m.)	22 You're the Chef (gr.6) 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	23 Recognition Assembly @ 9:15 a.m.	24 Family Skate Night @ Woodbridge Arena 7 -8:30 p.m.
25	26 Int. Boys B.Ball Area Meet @ Tommy Douglas S.S.	27	28 Girls Inc. @ 12:35 p.m.			30