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
December/January Newsletter

 It is hard to believe that we are about to say goodbye to yet another year! Everyone has been working diligently and the results are obvious—the progress reports are full of positive learning skills comments. Thank you Woodland staff and congratulations to the students and parents!

 It has been a very busy few weeks! The intermediate volleyball teams have made us proud, and we thank the coaches Mr. Catenacci and Mme Beaulieu for their time and dedication to the team. During the Remembrance Day Ceremony, we had special visitors Corporal Elise Belanger and Master Corporal JP Carbanau share their thoughts and experiences. Thank you to Mme Valenzuela and all of the students who participated in organizing and presenting at this service. We have also had the first GROW presentation and our QSP/Cookie Dough campaign was a huge success; thank you Hilary Jacobs!

 We have several clubs that are currently running in the school: yearbook, choir and student council. Our most recent Character Assembly was recognizing *COURAGE & CONFIDENCE* and was organized by Mme Pirbhai's class who did a wonderful job. It is fantastic to see our students taking roles of responsibility and leadership.


 In the spirit of giving, sharing and our next Character Trait of *COMPASSION & EMPATHY*, we once again will be collecting non-perishable food items. The last day to donate is *December 17th*. We thank you for your generosity.


 There is no doubt that all of us at Woodland P.S. have been working hard, and we are looking forward to a well deserved break. The Woodland staff would like to extend warm holiday wishes to all our families. For those families who celebrate, we wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Kwanzaa. May you share happy times with family and good friends as you celebrate the promise and hope offered by the New Year! We look forward to seeing all students back to school on January 4th, 2016 well rested and ready for learning!

 Be well,

 *Tonya Vokey-Young, Principal*

Message From Our Trustee Susan Geller

 It is that time of year when our schools brim with energy and excitement for the many diverse celebrations taking place across our region. I am always happy to join the festivities happening in our schools and appreciate the efforts of our students, staff and community members to bring the holiday season alive.

 As we wind down 2015, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and guardians for their support of our students and staff over the past few months. A school community is only as strong and welcoming as the people who make up that community. Our students, staff and community members have continued to demonstrate respect, character and commitment in their work and interactions over the last few months. As a trustee, I consider myself very fortunate to work with such supportive communities and staff members.





On behalf of all of the trustees and staff of the York Region District School Board, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy holiday season.



All the best for 2016!



Being on time is an important life skill to develop and perfect. Let's work together to achieve this for Woodland PS.



WOODLAND ONLINE PAYMENTS COMING SOON!



Our school will be accepting online payments through School Cash Online. School related expenses such as hot lunches, field trips and fundraisers will be online soon for you to make payment. Watch for more information coming soon. A letter will be sent out shortly explaining how to register. Please look for this in your email account.



Woodland Community Food Drive Continues until December 17, 2015



WHAT IS NEEDED? HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Canned goods & Non perishables staples: peanut butter, jams, soups, pastas and sauces, cereals, crackers, cookies / cake/cookie mixes, fruit / vegetables in cans (creamed corn was mentioned), granola bars, apple sauce, tuna/salmon in a can, Kraft Dinner, Juice (tetra paks), canned milk.



Other ideas: Cosmetics soaps/toothbrushes/toothpaste, Diapers in larger sizes, Baby food/ formula



We are trying to collect enough food to help 50 families.



WE NEED A LOT OF FOOD>>>> AND YOUR HELP! We will have the box up from Nov 16- Dec 16th and if everyone brings in a few items every week, we can collect a mountain of food!



Allergy Awareness During the Holiday Season



There are a number of students at Woodland with life-threatening nut allergies. We ask for your **c o n t i n u e d** cooperation in keeping the school a nut-free environment and not send food to school with your child containing nuts of any kind, or imitation nut butter products i.e. Wow Butter. We ask families not to send in food products for special occasions like birthdays, holidays etc. Do not send in items that say **MAY CONTAIN OR CONTAINS NUTS OR NUT BY PRODUCTS.** "





Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 15, 2016



Kindergarten registration will commence on January 15, 2016 for the 2016-17 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2016, 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 Information Sessions and Registrations 2016-2017



Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools on January 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2016 (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.



FI registration will begin January 15, 2016 for parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2016. Please visit or call your home school to 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 the designated FI program location to register between January 15 and February 12, 2016. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.



YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan



This program 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 enroll. 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.



School Bus Cancellation Notice – Message to Parents



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.



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.



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	1580AM
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 www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB and YCDSB on twitter.

School Council Corner


Upcoming meeting dates: February 8th, April 4th and May 2nd 2016

All parents are invited to attend. 7:00 pm in Woodland PS Library

School Council Social Media Presentation November 30 2015

This event, organized by the School Council and sponsored through the Pro Grant Funding was a tremendous success. Chris Vollum brought new insight to parents in regards to Social Media. As parents, we may resist using technology to the same degree in which our children do. Chris encouraged us to alter our perspectives a little and try to look at ways in which using social media apps can be used to influence others in positive ways. It was a learning session that had realistic suggestions in supporting our children's use of technology.

The Learning Disabilities Association of York Region Workshops



MEDIA ADVISORY

Winter 2016 Social Skills Program

York Region, January 11, 2016

Our Social Skills Program is an 8-week long program designed for children ages 5 to 16 diagnosed with LD and/or ADHD. Participants are divided into age appropriate groups of up to eight (8) children. This program assists in the development of social skills and social problem solving strategies. It also helps to promote self-esteem and self-confidence. Our Social Skills Program provides a supportive environment to encourage friendship, positive social/emotional behaviours and positive conflict resolution.

What: Social Skills Program

Where: LDA York Region – 11181 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario
Newmarket location to be announced.

When: Registration closes December 18, 2015, sessions begin January 11, 2016.

Cost: \$200.00 for members, \$250.00 for non-members

For more information please visit www.ldayr.org or contact LDAYR by email info@ldayr.org or phone 905-884-7933 ext. 23.

About LDAYR
The Learning Disabilities Association of York Region (LDAYR) promotes increased awareness of respect for persons with learning disabilities and ADHD among the community at large, professional groups and relevant educational, social, recreational, medical, legal and employment sectors. By providing support, guidance, education, resource materials and opportunities for sharing of information and concern, the LDAYR assists persons with Learning Disabilities and their families to meet their evolving needs throughout their lifetime. The Association plays a leadership role in actively advocating for greater research in the field of Learning Disabilities and for legislative initiatives that will benefit the learning disabled.

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Strategies for Life: Youth and Adults with Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorder

York Region, January 19, 2016

An eight part series, that focuses on the academic and socio-emotional effects of Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorder. Young Adults ages 17-20 are welcomed as we identify unique challenges that they may face. Students work towards developing resiliency as they progress into their next stage of life beyond high school.

What: Strategies for Life: Youth and Adults with Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorder

Where: LDA York Region – 11181 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario

When: Sessions begin January 19, 2016.

Cost: \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 for non-members

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Young Adult Forum 2015-2016

York Region, *Continuous*

Join the LDAYR's monthly Young Adult Forum for those between the ages of 19 to 25. Expand your understanding of Mental Health and become the agent of change in your life! Every month there will be different speakers presenting on various issues surrounding Mental Health. The presenters will offer various strategies, resources and steps to overcome different challenges.

What: Young Adult Forum

Where: LDA York Region – 11181 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, Ontario

When: Sessions once a month: December 16, 2016. Please call 905-884-7933 extension 23 or check website at ldayr.org for further dates.

Cost: Free

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Our Classroom Calendar for...

DECEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Grad Cookie Sales	3	4 Pizza Day	5
6	7 Chanukah Begins RH Centre Performing Arts @ WPS	8	9 Grad Cookie Sales RH Performing Arts @ WPS	10 Progress Reports	11 Pizza Day RH Performing Arts @ WPS	12
13	14 Chanukah Ends	15 Swan Outdoor Ed Mme Cytrynbaum Mme Pirbhai	16 Cookie Sales Swan Outdoor Ed Mme Oh & Mme Romanescu	17 Pizza Forms Home Swan Outdoor Ed Mme Atonfack	18 Pizza Day Swan Outdoor Ed Mme Lusan	19
20	21 Maun-agiyaras Winter Break	22 Winter Break	23 Mawlid-un-Nab Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa
27	28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30/31 Winter Break			



Return to school January 4th 2016

JANUARY 2016 WOODLAND PS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Return to School	5	6 Gr 8 Cookie Day	7	8	9
10	11 Pizza Orders Due	12	13 Grow Presentation Gr 8 Cookie Day	14 Immunization Grade 7 & 8	15 PA DAY Gr 1 French Immersion & Kindergarden Registration opens	16
17	18	19	20 TSS Guidance Visit for Grade 8 @ WPS Gr 8 Cookie Day	21	22 Pizza Day	23
24	25	26	27 Gr 8 Cookie Day	28	29 Pizza Day Character Matters Assembly	30
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