



WOODLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL



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February / March 2016 Newsletter

We are now officially half way through the school year! Time is sure flying by! First term report cards will be sent home on February 17th. As you read your child's Term 1 report card, we hope that you receive a clear indication of your child's strengths and areas for improvement. The report card has a tear off section for both student and parent comments. Please sign and return it **with the envelope** to your child's teacher. Students and parents are encouraged to work together and set specific, realistic academic and personal goals for Term 2 and to monitor these goals throughout the term.

The school has been busy these past few weeks. The students have participated in the Richmond Hill Performing Arts Workshops and GROW Interactive Learning Presentations, both of which explored personal goal setting. They had a cozy day in the gym to watch the movie Elf and the grade 4's and 7's had the opportunity to visit the Swan Lake/Vivian Outdoor Education Centres. In addition, we welcomed guest Baba Williams to the school to share his drumming presentation. The students were able to actively participate in using their own drums; it was an incredible experience.

School Council members and parent volunteers have been busy working with our grade 8 students selling cookies, hot chocolate and Rafiki (Me to We) bracelets to raise money for the grade 8 graduation. Thank you for supporting the efforts of our student leaders in the school. Thank you Mme Valenzuela and Mme Pearl for your guidance.

Congratulations to the Junior Coed volleyball team who won the Area Pennant for the west region of YRDSB. We wish them all the best as they advance to the Regional Tournament on February 4th. Thank you to coaches Mr. Catenacci and Mme Beaulieu for their dedication to the team and to all of the parents who have driven students to the games and cheered them on!

Music is alive here at Woodland PS. Mme Campbell, Mme Cherid and Mr. Nieuwold volunteer their time to work with the students in the choir as well as assist them in their development of instrumental music. We thank them for their time! Student leadership is also strong here at WPS. Thank you for the many staff members who support so many other student lead activities...Library Club, Yearbook Club and Photographers. **THE STAFF AND STUDENTS AT WOODLAND PS ARE AWESOME☺**

"Celebration of Black History/African Heritage Month has been a part of Canadian society since the 1950's. Lieutenant Governor Hal Jackman declared February as Black History month in Ontario in 1993.

During the month of February we deliberately reflect upon the legacy of African history in all its various forms, and we join all Canadians in celebrating Black History/African Heritage month. By contemplating on persons of African heritage, famous and not so famous, who have been of significant influence through their ideas, words and actions, we appreciate the place of African history in the history of the world." (Cecil Roach and Camille Logan)

The Family Day holiday is on February 15th. We hope you take some time out of your busy schedules to do something fun with your children! Life can become hectic and it is important to put time aside for family and yourself.

Be good to yourselves and each other. *Mme Tonya Vokey-Young, Principal*

Message from our Trustee Mme Susan Geller

Although winter still feels far from over some days, we are now halfway through the school year. With report cards coming home, this is a good time to review progress and celebrate what your children have learned both inside and outside of the classroom. This is also a good time to set goals for the months ahead.

One of our goals set out in the Board of Trustees' [Multi-Year Plan](#) is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture of caring and learning." Developing this supportive culture includes engaging parents/guardians and other members of the school community in public education and working together to create safe and supportive school environments that enable students to thrive.

As parents/guardians, there are many ways you can get engaged in your child's education and support their learning, including talking with them about school, communicating with teachers, attending school events or school council meetings, and volunteering in the school. However you get involved, know that you are making a difference.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish you all the best an enjoyable and successful second term.

School Council Corner

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

All parents are invited to attend. 7:00 - 8:30 pm in Woodland PS Library

Mark Your Calendars: Family Dance Thursday June 2nd, 2016

This event is so successful because of our awesome volunteers. To become involved in the planning or volunteering at the dance please contact Hilary Jacob (Parent Volunteer) at jacob.hilary@gmail.com

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 area radio or television after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information. **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.**

Maple's Closet Diva Ball

Maple High School is proud to be hosting the 10th annual Maple's Closet Diva Ball events on April 13th and 20th, 2016. Maple's Closet has helped provide graduation attire to over 400 grade 8 and 12 students. Our objective is to provide a graduation dress, suit and accessories to every female or male York Region student in need. We accept donations of gently used formal wear and accessories for the event. **We are in need of the following items:**

- Prom / Graduation dresses
- Shoes
- Purses / Clutches
- Toiletry / Make-Up bags
- Jewelry
- Suits
- Dress pants
- Shirts
- Ties
- Belts

Each guest receives a takeaway package as a thank you for his/her participation. We also accept donations of new/unused:

- make-up
- nail polish
- men's socks
- toiletries (combs, soap, brushes, etc.)



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If you would like to make a referral of a York Region student to Maple's Closet, please complete each section of the referral form found at <http://goo.gl/forms/PzeENIX3ZQ> by **March 11, 2016**. If you would like further information, contact Maria Luongo-Cassar at Maple High School (905-417-9444) or at maria.luongo-cassar@yrdsb.ca.



If you would like to make a donation, please contact Maple High School. Donations (dresses, suits, and accessories) would be appreciated by **Wednesday, March 30th, 2016**.

Diva Ball / Maple's Closet

Female students referred to Maple's Closet are invited to attend the Diva Ball event, which will be held on **Wednesday, April 13th, 2016**, from 9:00 am - 11:30 am at Maple High School. Males referred will be invited to Maple's Closet on **Wednesday, April 20th, 2016**, from 9:00 am - 11:30 am.

The students will enjoy a variety of activities and refreshments as they choose formal attire and accessories for graduation night. Students will be able to participate in activities such as etiquette, make-up application, jewelry making, hairstyling, tying a tie, etc., provided by the Maple High School community.

FEBRUARY 2016 WOODLAND PS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 PA DAY	2	3 Cookie Fundraiser	4 WPS Junior Coed Volleyball Team Regionals	5 Pizza Day	6
7	8 School Council 7-8:30 pm Library	9 Hot Chocolate Fundraiser	10 Cookie Fundraiser	11	12 Pizza Day Winter Wonderland Dance	13
14	15 FAMILY DAY	16	17 Cookie Fundraiser	18	19 Pizza Day	20
21	22	23	24 Cookie Fundraiser	25	26 Pizza Day	27
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MARCH 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Cookie Fundraiser	3	4 Grade 7 Scientist in School	5
6	7	8	9 Grade 8 Scientist in School - Systems at Work Cookie Fundraiser	10	11 Pizza Day	12
13	14 MARCH	15 BREAK	16 MARCH	17 BREAK	18	19
20	21	22	23 Cookie Fundraiser	24	25 Pizza Day	26
28	27	28	29 Cookie Fundraiser	30	31 Pizza Day	