



## WOODLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### November Newsletter

Dear Woodland Families,

The leaves have all fallen, and we are rummaging through closets for hats, mittens, and warm coats. Fall has truly arrived, however, our staff and students are in full academic bloom. With progress reports around the corner, students are working hard at developing their critical thinking skills and staff are busy teaching, assessing, supervising clubs, coaching and doing a fine job of keeping our students engaged and learning.

Congratulations to our X-Country runners and their proud coaches. The kids did a fabulous job and the weather cooperated! Thank you for your Terry Fox donations, we were able to raise \$386.05 for the Terry Fox Foundation. We have had two Character Matters Assemblies to acknowledge Respectful and Responsible students, and we have so many of them. It is wonderful to celebrate the accomplishments of our students and recognize their efforts in contributing to a positive learning school environment.

Our talented singers, poets and artists are preparing for the Remembrance Day service on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am where we will welcome guest presenter, Elise Belanger (CFB Trenton) who served as a medic in Afghanistan. As you can see, we are truly a community of learners and doers, both in the classrooms and out.

We have planted a Maidenhair tree in memoriam of our former staff member Denise Bourre (Woodland PS 2003 to 2010) who passed away last spring. We miss her and her positive enthusiasm around the school and in the York Region community.

It is hard to believe how quickly time passes, soon we are going to be shovelling the snow, shopping and decorating for the winter holidays. Please remember that all students are expected to go out for every recess unless the weather conditions are so poor that it would be detrimental for them to be outdoors. We always monitor the weather and, in extreme conditions e.g. wind chill; we keep the students indoors or shorten the recess breaks. Students are to come to school ready for winter and prepared to be outdoors up to 40 minutes after lunch. Please make sure that your children are dressed properly for our invigorating Canadian winter days!

Be well,

**Tonya Vokey-Young**



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



**Woodland PS Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30 am in the school gym. Parents are welcome to attend.**

**Woodland Community of Students and Parents**

We are starting a food drive for the Markham Food Bank. It is approaching a time of year where those who are less fortunate than us often need our help.

Why now? Markham Food Bank website says: **“17 % of Markham’s population is poor, having an income of less than \$25, 000 a year.”**

**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 in our Woodland community to help 50 families. **WE NEED A LOT OF FOOD>>>> AND YOUR HELP!** We will have the box up from Nov 16- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> and if everyone brings in a few items every week (easier on the students), we can collect a mountain of food!



## Safe Arrival Program

Please remember to call the school if your child is going to be absent or late. When leaving a message, please state your child's full name (spell last name) teacher's name and the reason for the absence. If future absence is planned, please send your child's teacher a note (or write it in agenda and make sure your child shows it to the homeroom teacher) indicating the dates and times of the expected absence.

In the event your child is absent and we have not been notified, the office will attempt to reach your home, work, cell and emergency contact(s). Failing that, we must contact the York Region Police. We rely on you to help us account for all the children quickly and efficiently each school day.

## Allergy Awareness Especially Halloween Candy!

There are a number of students at Woodland with life-threatening nut allergies. We ask your 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.

***MANY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN BRINGING IN HALLOWEEN CANDY! PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY CANDY THAT HAS "MAY CONTAIN OR CONTAINS NUTS OR NUT BY PRODUCTS."***

## Character Traits

CourageEmpathyFairnessHonestyInitiativeIntegrityOptimismPerseveranceRespectResponsibility

Character Education is about doing/being your best. Each month, we will focus on one character trait. Please help us to reinforce these traits at home.

*September-Respect, October-Responsibility, November-Courage/Confidence, December-Compassion/Empathy, January-Optimism, February-Initiative/Independence, March-Honesty, April- Fairness/Tolerance, May-Integrity, June-Perseverance.*

## School Bus Cancellation Notice – Message to Parents

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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.

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:



## School Bus Cancellation Notice – Continued

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- **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	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	105.9	107.1 FM

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**A bus cancellation message will also be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB and YCDSB on twitter.**

### **Indoor/Outdoor Shoes**

Please make sure your child has a pair of indoor shoes for **the classroom and the gym (yes, even Grade 7 and 8 students)**. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe and the school clean by keeping the mud and slush outside!

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## School Council Corner

**School Council Members for 2015-2016 are:**

Joanne Spillman (Chair), Adriana Ordonez (Treasurer), Stephanie Bell (Secretary), Chris Vaughan (Community Volunteer), Jyoti Parmar, Genevieve

Seabrook, Sheliza Jetha, Kathryn Quirke, Praveen Arora, Jennifer Lui, Marnie Lofsky-Batner, Paulina Marcus, Tewfik Zitouni, Hilary Jacob, Jackie Argue, Katherine Sheridan and Janet Morse. ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS.

### QSP Update

**Bravo Students and Families! Sales for QSP were over \$8000.00.** (QSP orders can continue to be placed on line and will be considered for the current school fundraising).

Our Classroom Calendar for... **November** 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Get ready for winter!</i>						
1	2	3 VIP Gr.3	4	5 VIP Gr. 6	6 Bill Crothers Applications Due Pizza Day	7
8	9 Girls Volleyball Armadale Tournament	10 Diwali - Celebration	11 Cookie Day Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30 am @ WPS	12 Thornlea Guidance Presentation 8:45 Gr.8	13 Pizza Day	14
15	16 Bully Awareness & Prevention FOOD DRIVE KICKOFF	17 Bully Awareness and Prevention Grow Presentation	18 Cookie Day Bully Awareness & Prevention	19 Bully Awareness & Prevention	20 Bully Awareness and Prevention Spirit Day 50's 60's Pizza Day	21
22	23	24	25 Cookie Day Cookie Dough Orders Come In	26	27 PA Day	28
29	30 Character Matters Assembly	<p><b>Upcoming Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Food Drive Nov.16th to Dec. 6th</li> <li>Every Wednesday Grade 8's and Mme Vokey Young will be selling cookies as a fundraiser for Grade 8 Graduation.</li> </ul>		<p><b>Special Reminders:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November Character Matters Trait-Courage</li> <li>December Character Matters Trait-Compassion and Empathy</li> <li>December 18th last day of school before break</li> </ul>		



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	8	9 Grad Cookie Sales	10	11 Pizza Day	12 
13 	14 Chanukah Ends	15 Pizza Forms going home	16 Grad Cookie Sales	17	18 Pizza Day	19 
20 	21 Maun-agiyaaras Winter Break	22 Winter Break	23 Mawlid-un-Nab Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa 
27 	28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30/31 Winter Break			

Happy  
Holidays

Please see the last page of the newsletter for a Special Program offered in the winter for families/students with Learning Disabilities, ADHD or ADD.



# Winter 2016 Programs

## Winter 2016 Social Skills Program

Registration is Open!

**Last Day to Register is December 18, 2015**

This program is designed for children diagnosed with a Learning Disability and/or ADHD ages 5-16 years. There is an emerging awareness that many children with learning disabilities and/or ADHD have social deficits. Some children need to be explicitly taught social skills, which would lead to self-esteem and self-confidence.

**In Richmond Hill:** Monday classes starting January 11, 2016,  
Wednesday classes starting January 13, 2016

**In Newmarket:** Tuesday classes starting January 12, 2016



**\*First time participants must provide a copy of child's psycho-educational assessment\***

For more information or to register please contact Nina Safary, Program Coordinator, at 905.884.7933 ext.21 or email [resource@ldayr.org](mailto:resource@ldayr.org)

**Locations:** 11181 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill or 484 Water Street, Newmarket  
**Members Cost \$200      Non-members Cost \$250**

**For more information on dates please contact us at 905.884.7933 ext.21 or email [resource@ldayr.org](mailto:resource@ldayr.org)**

## Adult Support Group 2015/2016

**Location:** 11181 Yonge Street, Room B13 (located in basement), Richmond Hill  
**Time:** 7:00-9:00 PM \*first time participants, please arrive at 6:45PM\*

September 9, 2015	December 9, 2015	March 9, 2016	June 8, 2016
October 14, 2015	January 13, 2016	April 13, 2016	
November 11, 2015	February 10, 2016	May 11, 2016	

**For more information on dates please contact us at 905.884.7933 ext.21 or [info@ldayr.org](mailto:info@ldayr.org)**

## Parent Support Group 2015/2016

**Location:** 11181 Yonge Street, Room B07 (located in basement), Richmond Hill  
**Time:** Tuesdays at 9:30am - 12:00pm\*first time participants, please arrive at 9:15am\*

October 13, 2015	January 12, 2016	April 12, 2016
November 10, 2015	February 9, 2016	May 10, 2016
December 8, 2015	March 8, 2016	June 14, 2016

**For more information on dates please contact us at 905.884.7933 ext.21 or [info@ldayr.org](mailto:info@ldayr.org)**

## TUTOR SERVICES

Our Tutor Program is a unique, exciting program servicing the York Region area. You will have the opportunity to tutor children in SK to Grade 8 and work closely with their parents ensuring that they are involved in the learning process. Volunteers must be 16 years or older (under 18 with parental consent), and be able to commit to a minimum of 10 hours per month for 9 months.

This is an excellent opportunity for those who have a passion to work with children. Training, support and references provided. Improve your resume while supporting a great cause.

**For information, please contact Tutor Program Associates at 905-884-7933 ext. 24 or [volunteer@ldayr.org](mailto:volunteer@ldayr.org)**