



Yorkhill Newsletter

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ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

March 2015

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March 20, 2015 marks the official start of spring and I'm sure everyone will happily join us in saying, "Good bye ,Winter!" and "Hello, Spring!" It will be wonderful to see the snow melting, the daylight hours increasing and the temperatures climbing above the freezing mark.

As part of saying good bye to winter, Yorkhill will finally have an opportunity to enjoy the twice postponed Winter Carnival, now scheduled for the afternoon of March 12th, 2015. It should be an excellent way for our students to transition into their March Break, which starts on Friday, March 13th, 2015 and ends on Friday, March 20th, 2015. We welcome students back to school on Monday, March 23, 2015. Whether you are remaining in the city for the March Break or have plans for travelling, we hope everyone finds some time to rest and relax.

A large thank you is in order for the members of our School Council who are in charge of fund-raising. They successfully organized the school's annual "Dance-a-thon", held during February. Each class participated in the "Dance-a-thon" throughout the course of the day. We are thrilled to share that the school raised \$2, 406.95, which will be used to purchase laptops and iPads. In addition, School Council has also organized a fun-filled "Family Movie Night" for the evening of March 12th. See further details about the movie in this month's newsletter. We greatly appreciate all the work the School Council does to enrich the life of all our students.

Lastly we would like to remind our school community that the Junior—Intermediate play takes place on Monday, April 13th. Don't forget to pre-order your tickets today! Our students are very excited to perform for you, so let's fill the theatre and show our support! We express a sincere thank you to all of the individuals who are volunteering their time to help prepare our aspiring actors.

Sincerely,

Nereo Bonomo
Principal

Karen Birnie
Vice Principal



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Vice-Principal

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Yorkhill School Council

2014—2015

Yorkhill School Council

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Louise Lewis

SCHOOL COUNCIL PROUDLY PRESENTS

**DISNEY'S
BIG HERO 6**



**AT
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH
YORKHILL ELEMENTARY GYM**

DOORS OPEN—6:30 PM

SHOWTIME—7:00 PM

And don't forget your...

Blankets/Pyjamas

See you at the movies!

School Council Meeting Dates


Wednesday April 1 2015

Wednesday May 6 2015

Wednesday June 3 2015



If you are moving, and therefore not returning to Yorkhill in September, please inform the office as soon as possible so that we can adjust enrolment projections for 2015-2016.



Eco Club News

Litterless Lunch Tuesdays & Lights Out Mondays

The Eco-Team's Litterless Lunch Tuesdays and Lights Out Mondays are well underway. Our team is made up of Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 students. Each of them has trained diligently to understand the differences between a litterless lunch and a garbagenous lunch. It is a pleasure to see our youngest students being leaders and our older students having a chance to mentor and guide our younger students, as well as playing a leadership role themselves.

We encourage parents to continue sending litterless lunches on Tuesdays and to reinforce the message of conserving energy at home.

Re-usable Bottles

The month of February concluded with a campaign to encourage the Yorkhill community to use re-usable bottles. Here is a link to a 1 minute video that many teachers used to introduce the information to our students: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glAPkpeKvfe>

Students were encouraged to think about the impact on the earth caused by plastic bottles. They were then challenged to bring a re-usable water bottle to school on Friday, February 27. Classes who brought the most re-usable bottles received certificates. Be sure to check out the students' ideas on how using reusable bottles can save the planet. Their ideas are on display in the front foyer.

Consider sending your child to school every day with a reusable bottle. Not only is it good for the planet, it is more economical too.

Together we can make the world a better place,

The Eco-Team

Pediculosis (head lice)

Each year, cases of pediculosis (head lice) are found throughout our schools. In an effort to reduce the numbers of cases found and decrease the inconvenience to parents/guardians and students, the York Region District School Board requests your assistance. As your child returns to school after the holidays, please inspect his/her hair and scalp for pediculosis. Periodic inspections during the year will help prevent the spread of head lice. Head lice are tiny (1/8" or 3mm long) wingless insects with flattened bodies. They cling to the hair by means of six legs. They live mostly behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. The female lays tiny, yellowish-white eggs called nits. They resemble dandruff but are attached to the hair by a cement-like material and are very difficult to remove. It is usually the eggs that are noticed first. If head lice are found, do not return your child to school until treated. This will prevent the spread of pediculosis. Children are only allowed to reenter the class when all the nits are removed from the hair.

For more information, please call the Public Health Nurses at York Region Health Services *Health Connection* line, 1-800-363-5653, (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.). If you would like another copy of the York Region Health Services Department pamphlet "The Facts of Lice", you may request a copy at the school or find the document at: www.cps.ca or at www.healthcare.ubc.ca/lice/intro.



Does My Child Worry Too Much?

Facilitated by: Barb Rabin, M.S.W., M.Ed., RSW
School Social Worker and Family Life Educator | JF&CS

Strategies to Help Your Anxious Child

Topics will include:

- What is Anxiety?
- Worry vs. Anxiety.
- Common fears children have.
- Parenting styles that may contribute to anxiety.
- Signs of anxiety.



Wednesday April 1, 2015 | 7:00pm
Yorkhill Elementary School | 350 Hilda Ave

Please RSVP to: Yorkhill.es@yrdsb.ca

Register online!

www.jfandcs.com



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Bounce Back & Thrive!

For parents/caregivers of children one to eight years of age.

Bounce Back & Thrive (BBT) is a 10 week evolving evidence-based resiliency skills training program for parents with children under 8 years. BBT skills help parents help their children build the resilience necessary to handle life's inevitable bumps in the road and make use of opportunities to grow and learn.

This ten week series led by York Region Public Health Nurses (RNs) is designed:

- To help you and your children “bounce back” from everyday stresses and hard times
- To relieve stress and calmly solve problems and conflicts
- To help your children handle disappointment, anger & frustration
- To help your children feel good about themselves, confident and hopeful about the future.

Location: Anne Frank Public School
431 Ilan Ramon Blvd., Vaughan L6A 0X2

When: Every Monday starting March 23 to June 8, 2015
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

(Please note that there will not be a class on Monday April 6 & Monday May 18th due to the statutory holiday's)

Light refreshments will be provided.

SPACE IS LIMITED!

To register and for further information contact:

Oksana Majaski, Community Resource Facilitator

Email: Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca **Phone:** 905-738-5497 ext. 213

This program is brought to you by Anne Frank P.S. in partnership with York Region Public Health and York Region District School Board.





MAPLE HIGH SCHOOL

Presents

Parents as Partners

An information sharing evening about our youth today

Thursday March 26, 2015

4:30 - 6:30 @ Maple HS

Light Dinner: 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Seminar: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

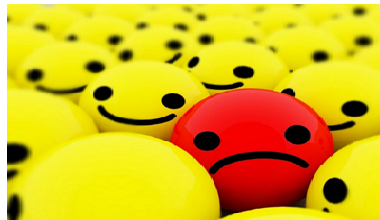
Topic: Mental Health and Wellness

Parents will learn about stress and anxiety in teens and how to help you child manage their stress and develop resiliency.

All parents are welcome!

RSVP by March 12th, to maple.hs@yrdsb.ca (please indicate if you will be joining us for dinner)

This event is for parents only; arrangements for the care of accompanying children are available*



This school community event is made possible through the collaborative partnership with Maple High School, Maple HS School Council and York Region District School Board.

Important Dates for March and April 2015

YES Touchstone Focus

March: We take pride in our work

April: We use words to solve problems

Home Connections:

- ◆ What do the above Touchstone statements mean to your child and to you?
- ◆ How have you demonstrated these qualities and attitudes?
- ◆ Why are the above traits important?

MARCH 2015

- March 4 Sub lunches
- March 6 Movie Night Order Forms Due
- March 11 Sub Lunches
Electricity Safety Presentations on gym
- March 12 Grade 1 and 2 FI classes at Mathémagie
Winter Carnival in the afternoon
Family Movie Night at 6:30 pm
Disney's Big Hero 6 @ Y.E.S. in gym
- March 13 Professional Training Day
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- March 16 to March 20 March Break
- March 23 School reopens
Tobacco Education Presentations
For Grade 7 and 8 students
- March 25 Sub Lunches
Chef à l'école for Grade 6/7 and
Gr. 7/8 classes
- March 27 Pizza Lunches
- March 31 11am: Touchstone Assemble in gym

APRIL 2015

- April 1 Hep B (Gr. 7) and HPV (Gr. 8 girls) spring
Vaccination clinic
6:15 pm: School Council Meeting
7 pm: School Council Presentation: "Does My Child
Worry Too Much?"
- April 3 NO SCHOOL - Good Friday (Western)
Passover/Pesach begins
- April 5 Easter Sunday
- April 6 NO SCHOOL- Easter Monday
- April 8 Subway lunches
- April 10 <> Holy Friday (Eastern)
- April 11 Passover/Pesach ends
- April 13 6:30 p.m. Junior—Intermediate Drama Club at the
City Playhouse Theatre: "WONKA 'S WORLD – CHAR-
LIE 'S CHOCOLATEY ADVENTURES "
- April 14 <>Vaisakhi
- April 15 Subway lunches
- April 17 Pizza lunches
- April 21 <> Ridvan begins
- April 22 Subway lunches
Grade 3 students at Heritage School House
- April 24 Pizza lunches
- April 29 Subway lunches
- April 30 Touchstone Assembly at 11:00 am in gym
- May 1 Pizza lunches

Please note that sometimes, due to unforeseen circumstances, the date or time scheduled for an event may require changing. We will communicate any such changes to you as soon as possible.