



THE BAKERSFIELD BANNER

March 2018

Administrators' Message

February was a great month, with many memorable events at the school, including a visit from Stephen Lewis Secondary School to share with our grade 8 students and parents, National Sweater Day emphasizing our commitment to being responsible in our energy usage and Pink Shirt Day, in support of anti-bullying. Most of all, we held a hugely successful fundraiser, which culminated in a We ♥ Bakersfield School Dance. With your support and generosity, we raised over \$10,400! *Thank you!* We look forward to sharing with our community about the technologies and program enhancements we invest in for our students in the months ahead.

March is looking equally busy, with a number of special events, including a guest presentation from Paul Davis for students (in the afternoon) and parents (in the evening). Staff are in the midst of planning other special events for students, as is our committed School Council (details to follow!)

As always, we thank our School Council, and we wanted to remind our community that *everyone* is welcome to become involved in School Council. The next School Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. We wish everyone a wonderful month ahead and an enjoyable March Break.

Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls

York Region District School Board is revising its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES	LOCATIONS
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 9 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6 - 8 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill

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Year at a Glance

Mar 1, 2018—Parent Evening on Internet Safety with Paul Davis
 Mar 12, 2018-Mar 16, 2018—March Break
 March 22, 2018—School Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
 March 28, 2018—Grade 8 Grad Photos
 March 30, 2018—Good Friday
 April 2, 2018—Easter Monday
 April 24, 2018—Grade 7 Immunizations (Hep B, HPV, Menactra; boys and girls)
 April 26, 2018—School Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
 May 10, 2018—Welcome to Kindergarten Night (new JK/first time SK students)
 May 21, 2018—Victoria Day
 May 22, 2018-June 4, 2018—EQAO Administration Dates
 May 31, 2018—Fun Fair
 June 4, 2018—P.A. Day
 June 20, 2018—Grade 8 Graduation
 June 28, 2018—Early Release Day
 June 29, 2018—P.A. Day



The most comprehensive and up-to-date list of important dates is maintained on the Bakersfield P.S. Blog. It can be found on the right side-bar widget of the web-site.

We Need Your Help in Projecting Enrollment for the School!

Our school is well underway in planning for 2018 - 2019. In some respects, the work we do now in the offices is especially important, because our accuracy with anticipated enrollment helps us better plan, and optimistically, minimizes the need to move students across classes ('reorganize') in September. We've been especially fortunate over the past three years not to have had to reorganize classes, though it is important to recognize this is always a possibility in any given year, especially as enrollments decline overall in the community.

We would ask our community for its help in this work. If you know you will be moving out of the area in the months ahead, please let the office know as soon as possible, to help us be accurate with our enrollment estimates. Similarly, if you have a child who will be joining us at the school for the first time in junior kindergarten and have yet to register, we would ask you to do so at your earliest convenience. And if you meet someone moving into the community, encourage them to register sooner rather than later! Thank you for your support with our school planning.



Summer Institute

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? [Summer Institute](#) offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 11 school sites around York Region. For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](#) page on www.yrdsb.ca.

Registration opens March 7. Families can now register online, as well as in person or by mail.

Base Registration Weekly Fees:

York Region District School Board students: \$105 (4 day weeks) \$120 (5 day weeks)

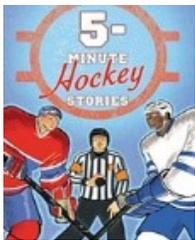
Non- York Region District School Board students: \$130 (4 day weeks) \$155 (5 day weeks)

Library Learning Commons News

'A book is a dream you hold in your hand.'
~ Neil Gaiman



2018 Olympic Winter Games: February was an exciting month with the Olympic Games in Pyeongchang. Through some engaging books, we discussed the core values of the games, the meaning of the Olympic Rings and the Olympic Flame and the goals of the Olympic movement. With the Winter Games complete we can revisit some of the winter sports through books in our LLC.



From building an ice rink in your living room, to scoring a golden goal, to the thrill of your first hockey game, this book is filled with true stories of Canada's favourite game.



Lucy has a new luge sled, but she isn't sure about this unique sliding sport. You must lie on your back and steer with your legs? The luge track's twists and turns look scary too. But with her parent's support and a bit of courage, Lucy's up for the speedy adventure.



Get ready for the 2018 Winter Olympics that introduces all 15 sport disciplines for the Winter Olympics. The book includes a history of the Winter Olympics with some amazing fun facts and trivia.

Featured Author: Kyo Maclear was born in England and moved to Canada at a young age. *Spork*, the story of a mixed kitchen utensil and Kyo's debut picture book for children, was originally created with her husband to celebrate the birth of their first child. Kyo lives and works in Toronto, on the traditional territories of the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Haudenosaunee, Métis, and the Huron-Wendat. Kyo's most recent book *The Fog*, is a clever and whimsical environmental fable about a bird who is a human-watcher.

Books, Books, Books: Please help your child to return their library books on time and in good condition! A gentle reminder at home to return overdue library books would be appreciated.

As always, happy reading!

~ Mrs. Woolfson

Monthly Wellness Tip

Handwashing

Children share many items throughout the school day and at home including books, toys, computers, puzzles, water bottles and sports equipment. Sharing can spread germs that can cause sickness, especially during cold and flu season. Correct handwashing is the best way to prevent the spread of infection.

Follow these simple steps to help stay healthy:

- Sneeze into the bend of your arm rather than into hands
- Wash hands before eating and after using the bathroom, nose blowing, sneezing, handling garbage, touching animals, playing outdoors and visiting someone who is sick
- Wash hands whenever they look or feel dirty.

Together we can take simple steps to help stop the spread of infection!

Read more about [preventing infections and proper handwashing](#) at York.ca/infectionprevention

York Region Public Health
1-800-361-5653 or TTY 1-866-512-6228



Transportation: Student Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students' bussing eligibility changes throughout their school career?

Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.



To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.