

# Schomberg Scoop



## School Email:

schomberg.ps@yrdsb.ca

## School Web Site:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/schomberg.ps/>

School Telephone # 905-939-7711

School Twitter account:

@yrdsb\_schomberg

OUR  
CHARACTER  
TRAIT FOR  
January  
is:  
**Initiative**

*Mrs. Cathie Pennington*  
Principal

*Ms. Debbie Mitchell*  
Elementary Office  
Administrative Assistant

*Mrs. Marianne Di Febo*  
School Administrative  
Support

School Council  
*Lyndsey D'Anna* Chair  
*Wendy Outram* Treasurer  
*Amanda Kellough* Secretary

*Becky Green*  
Superintendent of Schools  
(905)884-4477

*Mr. Peter Adams-Luchowski*  
Trustee  
(416) 906-0937



## Thank you Schomberg P.S.

Once again our Schomberg students and families built a mountain of toys and food with their contributions to support the important work of the King Township Food Bank all of which were kindly picked up by the Schomberg Fire Dept making a real difference in the lives of others. Thank you as well to our student helpers who performed their traditional "chain of helping hands" to help load the truck for transportation.

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Page 2 Weather Watch  
Page 3 Kindergarten/French  
Registration  
Page 4 Bus Cancellations  
Page 5 Tobogganing  
Page 6 Arts at Baythorn  
Page 7/8 Parents for  
Children's Mental Health



## Upcoming PA Days

Please note the following dates are P.A. Days therefore there is no school for students on these days:

**Friday, January 20, 2017 and Friday, February 3, 2017**

Plus Family Day:

**Monday, February 20, 2017**



This year, Schomberg P.S. performed Santa's Online Adventure as our school holiday production. The play was written by Denise Gagne and adapted for our school. Many Grade 5 and 6 students participated as actors, stage crew and music technicians, while every class had a few songs to perform. Even though the show had to be moved to an alternate date due to inclement weather, it was a great success. Thank you to the members of the School Council for your fundraising efforts and support of the production. Congratulations to everyone who was involved!

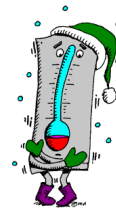
## Don't Drink and Drive Campaign

This year our students were given an opportunity to partner with the local LCBO who supplied brown paper bags for which our students could then decorate with creative Drive Safely/Do Not Drive Impaired messages for them to pass on to consumers. Well Done!



## WEATHER WATCH

Students are to come to school dressed ready for winter and prepared to be outdoors for morning and lunch recess. **We monitor the weather regularly and in extreme conditions e.g. wind chill and icy conditions on the field; we keep the students indoors or shorten the recess breaks.**



Students with heavy colds, etc., which are serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until their condition improves.

Please make sure that your children are dressed properly for our invigorating winter days; warm hat, gloves, scarf, coat, pants and boots. It is advisable for students to bring extra pants and socks. A change is often necessary due to the wet and cold weather of the winter months. To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found, please be sure to label all articles of clothing.



## To Commence January 20, 2017

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 20, 2017 for the 2017-18 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten orientation for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact the school.



## Information Sessions and Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools on January 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2017 (<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 20, 2017. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2017, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and 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 20 and February 10, 2017. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan 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 enrol. 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](http://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.

## Winter Recess Activities

Now that our school playground is starting to become a winter wonderland we are reminding our students that due to the risk of accidental injury we must continue to follow the school rule of the snow staying on the ground and so no throwing snowballs at school please.

Students need to continue to come to school dressed to play outside during recesses as part of a healthy and active lifestyle.



As you are aware, we have a wonderful little hill in our yard which provides our students with a great deal of sledding enjoyment. If you are bringing your sled from home to school it's a good idea to write your name on the back.

Please help us to remind our students of the rules for safe sledding:

- **FULL SNOW GEAR (INCLUDING SNOW PANTS MUST BE WORN to be allowed to sled**
- **ONE or two people only on a sled AT A TIME**
- **Take turns in line to sled down one at a time in an orderly fashion to avoid collisions**
- **Sit Flat on Sled – no standing**
- **LISTEN TO AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ADULT SUPERVISOR**



### Friendly Reminders when Busses are Cancelled due to Inclement Weather

When transportation is cancelled due to inclement weather schools remain open unless otherwise announced.

If busses are cancelled in the morning they will not resume operation during the day so parents transporting their children to school in the morning will also need to make arrangements to get them home at the end of the school day

We are aware of the students who regularly ride the bus and thus will be absent on such declared days unless otherwise notified so *parents of students who usually take transportation need not call to inform us of their child (ren) 's absence* due to bus cancellation.

However, **parents of child (ren)** who normally **walk to school** still need to **call the office on a ' snow day '** to inform us if their child (ren) 's will be absent as part of our safe arrival process , thank-you!

Please remember, our *Hot Lunch program* will not run on Snow Days *when busses are cancelled* so if you subscribe to these programs and are sending your child (ren) to school on a snow day please provide them with a lunch. Thank you



## Winter sun safety

It's true. The winter sun contains UV rays and sunburns do occur, even though it is cold outside.

### Winter Sun Facts:

- Snow reflects up to 80 per cent of UV rays, which bounce off the ground, so sunburns can occur in unusual areas (e.g., under the chin)
- Sports at higher altitudes increase the risk of serious sunburn, as there is less atmosphere to block the sun's rays
- "Snow blindness" can occur if your eyes are unprotected - eyes can temporarily feel gritty and watery



### Protect Yourself:

- Cover up! When outside, wear protective clothing and a hat
- Wear sunglasses with 100 per cent UVA and UVB protection. Close-fitting, wrap-around styles can offer greater protection
- Use a sunscreen and lip balm SPF 30 or higher
- Remember to apply sunscreen 15 to 30 minutes before going outdoors and reapply every two hours

For health-related information visit [www.york.ca/healthyschools](http://www.york.ca/healthyschools)



1-800-361-5653  
TTY: 1-866-252-9933

York Region Health Connection

Community and Health Services  
Public Health

[www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca)



6523\_07\_2014



## Tobogganing and sledding safety

Tobogganing and sledding are fun, popular winter activities; however, every year hundreds of children are injured on toboggans. Here are some tips to keep your children safe!

- Parents should always actively supervise children at the toboggan/sled hill
- Dress children in warm layers of brightly coloured, waterproof clothes and boots
- Use a neck warmer instead of a scarf, and cover children's head, ears and hands
- Teach children to toboggan/sled down the middle of hill and use the sides to walk to the top
- To prevent head injuries, children should wear a hockey or ski helmet; they are designed to protect the head in all directions in icy conditions
- Toboggans/sleds should be sturdy, easy to control and in good condition
- Remind children to sit on a toboggan/sled, face forward and avoid lying on their stomach — no sledding head first
- Choose a hill with a gentle slope and enough room to stop. The hill should be free of hazards (e.g., trees and rocks) and be well lit to see any potential dangers and to be seen by others
- No jumping in front of toboggans/sleds going downhill and make sure only the recommended number of children ride the toboggan/sled



For more information, visit [www.york.ca/healthyschools](http://www.york.ca/healthyschools)



1-800-361-5653  
TTY: 1-866-252-9933

York Region Health Connection

Community and Health Services  
Public Health

[www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca)



6523\_07\_2014

# WOULD YOU ENJOY **COLLABORATIVELY** LEARNING THE ONTARIO CURRICULUM THROUGH **THE ARTS?**

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an **Elementary Integrated Arts Program** at **Baythorn Public School**. If you are currently in grades four or five you may apply for the **arts@baythorn program**, where you will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music in a **cooperative learning environment**.

To learn more about the **arts@baythorn** program, you and your family are invited to attend an information evening at Baythorn Public School on:

**Thursday, January 19, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Applications will be available at **[bit.ly/arts\\_application2017](http://bit.ly/arts_application2017)** online after the January 19th, 2016 info night.

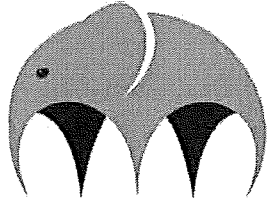
If you require further information, please call us at  
**Baythorn Public School**  
**(905) 889-7992.**

**Kate Kurek**  
Principal

The Arts Team

**Meytal Daniels**  
Vice Principal





# Parents for Children's Mental Health

SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

## Monday, January 9, 2017

### PARENTS' Support Group

Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult?

#### Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
  - find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
  - learn how to access resources in the community

When	Second <b>Monday</b> of every month NO pre-registration. Free childcare sign up <a href="mailto:parentengagement@kinark.on.ca">parentengagement@kinark.on.ca</a>  Meetings run every month all year. Chapter leader email <a href="mailto:york@pcmh.ca">york@pcmh.ca</a>	Second <b>Tuesday</b> of every month NO pre-registration <a href="mailto:info@theyorkcentre.ca">info@theyorkcentre.ca</a>  Meetings run every month except August.
Time	6:30-8:00pm	7:00- 9:00 pm
Where	Aurora Kinark Office at <b>24 Orchard Heights Blvd. Unit 101A Aurora.</b> (Entrance is at east side of grocery store) Free parking & very close to Yonge St for public transit.	The York Center at <b>11225 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill.</b> Free parking.
Next Meeting	Monday, February 13, 2017 Guest Speaker – DJ Cunningham CEO LEARNstyle (Assistive Technology consulting) "A story of inspiration"	To be announced

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit [www.pcmh.ca](http://www.pcmh.ca).

# Acronyms

The following chart contains some commonly used acronyms in the child and youth mental health sector. Please note that YRDSB and PCMH are not responsible for their content and this not an exhaustive list.

Acronym	Meaning and link where applicable
ABA	Applied Behaviour Analysis
ABI	Acquired Brain Injury
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ADM	Assistant Deputy Minister (MCYS - Areyh Gitterman)
AO	Autism Ontario
AODA	Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
AST	Area Support Teacher
Ax	Anxiety
BDD	Body Dysmorphic Disorder
BPD	Borderline Personality Disorder
CAPD	Central Auditory Processing Disorder
CAS	Children's Aid Society
CCAC	Community Care Access Centre
CFSA	Child and Family Services Act
CYW	Child and Youth Worker
DM	Deputy Minister (MCYS)
DSW	Developmental Services Worker
Dx	Diagnosis
EA	Educational Assistant
EQAO	Education Quality and Accountability Office
ESL	English as a Second Language
ETFO	Elementary Teacher's Federation of Ontario
FASD	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
IBI	Intensive Behavioural Intervention
IEP	Individual Education Plan
IPRC	Identification, Place & Review Committee
ISA	Intensive Support Amount
LDAO	Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender
MCYS	Ministry of Child and Youth Services
MOE	Ministry of Education
MOHLTC	Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
NOS	Not Otherwise Specified
OCD	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
ODD	Oppositional Defiant Disorder
OSR	Ontario School Record
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PTSD	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
Rx	Prescription
SEA	Special Equipment Amount
SEAC	Special Education Advisory Committee
SERT	Special Education Resource Teacher
SLP	Speech and Language Pathologist