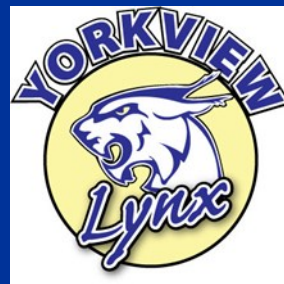




Yorkview School



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SEPTEMBER 2016

OUR CODE

OF

CONDUCT

- Always keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- Watch what you say and how you say it.
- Respect the safety and property of everyone.

Dates To Remember

- Nov 2/3 Interviews
- Nov 6 Picture Retakes
- Nov 7 Lockdown Drill
- Nov 20 School Council
- Dec 1 PA DAY



Principal's Corner

November is an exciting time for students at school. Not only is the month ushered in by Halloween but Progress Reports are out and interviews are booked. Please take time to discuss the Progress Report with both your child and his/her teachers. It is important for everyone to have a shared understanding of strengths, needs, and next steps.

November also features Anti-Bullying and Awareness Week from Nov 13-17. I look forward to visiting classes to see firsthand the learning students will be doing around making friendships, solving conflicts, and recognizing signs of bullying and how to respond.

We have already seen many acts

of kindness and caring in the school, including the Terry Fox Run, Halloween for Hunger, and student-driven Halloween Bake Sale. There is also the help provided every day to younger students by the lunchroom monitors and the work done each morning and afternoon by safety patrollers. I am eager to expand upon these character building



initiatives this month with 'Giving Grows Character' moments. These are celebrations of those people who give without being asked, presented by those who have witnessed and been changed by such giving. It is a chance for one student to say to another, "You DID make a difference! Congratulations and thank-you!" "Giving Grows Character" moments might be shared with the whole school through the PA system or just with the class in a class meeting. It will be meaningful and fun!

Lastly, please don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour on Sunday, November 5th.

Sincerely,
Mark Degner

In September, I was privileged to receive this wampum belt at the Ed Centre from HWDSB staff of Indigenous origin. It is called 'The Dish with One Spoon'. It represents our treaty with First Nations Peoples with respect to the sharing of land and resources in a responsible and respectful way in perpetuity. Next time you are in, look for it!



A Few Reminders

School Hours

Supervision on our playgrounds begin at 8:10 a.m. We ask that students not arrive earlier unless a parent is with them. The entry bell rings at 8:25. Nutrition Breaks are 10:05-10:45 and 12:25-1:05. Students eat in their own classrooms for the first 20 minutes. The dismissal bell

rings at 2:45 p.m. Please keep interruptions to a minimum. Thank-You!

Milk Program

Mrs. Cochlin will be selling white and chocolate milk daily. The cost is 75 cents. You may also buy milk in advance. Please check your child's



agenda or call the school for the details

Nut Safe School

Peanuts/nuts and nut products can cause serious anaphylaxis in some children. We do have children in our school who are allergic to peanuts/nuts. Please refrain from sending these products to school.

Safe Arrival:

Please notify the school if your child is going to be late or absent for the day. Our telephone answering machine is on 24 hours a day for your convenience.

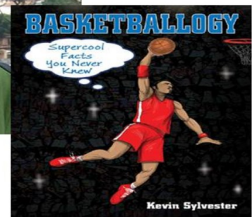
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Learning LAB (ages 6 - 12)

The Learning LAB will match children with a volunteer to read, inquire and create. Each week will offer a new challenge for the children and their volunteers to work towards. The program also provides literacy and numeracy related activities and games for fun learning. Drop-in participants are welcome. The Learning Lab is open to children who are in Grades 1 - 6 and are able to read.

Tuesdays 4-5pm
Sundays 2-3pm

October 10 - December 5, 2017
Dundas Branch 55 Cootes Drive
905-627-3507



Join Canadian writer and cartoonist, Kevin Sylvester for a fun-filled afternoon as he brings his new book, *Basketballogy*.

Sylvester has written and illustrated a number of best-selling children's books including the very popular "Neil Flambe" caper

Fun for Ages: 8 - 12 years



Dundas Branch

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News from Dundas Valley Co-op Preschool

Fall is finally here! The children have been coming to school wearing a few more layers and are enjoying dressing up weather bear in his warmer clothing! We had a wonderful turn out at the open house and we were glad to see many former members stop by, as well as new friends from the Yorkview community who came in to say hel-

lo. We also enjoyed a fun trip to Frootogo farms and brought back some lovely pumpkins from their patch which are on display in the classroom in preparation for the children's Halloween party. Keep an eye out for a delightful children's costume parade come Halloween day.

In addition, the social committee has been working hard to prepare for the upcoming Gingerbread House decorating night on December 11th, held each year for past and present co-op families to come together and get into the festive spirit! Another upcoming event worth mentioning now is the highly anticipated "Mickey Mouse Disco" which is coming up in January. Our family focused dance party will be open to the community at large and feature great music, raffles and games –not to be missed! We'll have more details for you soon. Lastly, the co-op still has spaces open and we encourage everyone to spread the word about our wonderful program.

"Come play and learn with us!"

School Council Update

School Council held its first meeting and elections on September 25. We have already been busy with several events around the school. Following the Terry Fox Run in September School Council provided apples for all the children in the school to enjoy. In October we hosted an information table at Meet the Teacher Night and ran a raffle to encourage families to sign up for School Council email updates. The raffle winners were contacted by email– congratulations to all the winners!

Pizza Thursdays also got underway in October. Thank you to everyone who paid using School Cash Online.

Order forms for Yorkview School Spirit Wear went home earlier this week. Please go to SchoolCashOnline.com to place your order before November 10th.

Be sure to check your children's agenda the end of November for details on our upcoming Holiday Themed Fundraisers in December.

To stay current on all the School Council activities at Yorkview go to Yorkviewpc.com and make sure you subscribe to receive regular updates.

FREE ACADEMIC TUTORING!



OFFERED BY MCMASTER
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Smart Steps is a tutoring organization aimed to assist students grades 1-8 in the Hamilton community.

As a McMaster University student run organization, we aspire to provide children with more opportunities to advance their academics.

Contact: 647 867 7345 or smartstepsmcmaster@gmail.com

More info on Facebook Page
[@smartstepsmcmaster](https://www.facebook.com/smartstepsmcmaster)

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

All parents are welcome to join our School Council Meetings. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m..





Practicing Secure School Protocols at Yorkview

During the months of September and October students and staff have been busy practicing HWDSB protocols to keep everyone safe in an emergency. We are required to conduct 3 fire drill each term. We are also required to have 2 Lockdown drills, 1 Hold and Secure drill, 1 Shelter in Place drill, and 1 Bomb Threat drill. Parents have been asking what are the drills? So here's a quick run down on each one:

Fire Drill—most obvious of the bunch. School is evacuated at the sound of the alarm. Staff take their classes to their predetermined evacuation points and take attendance. Principal insures everyone is accounted for. Everyone returns inside building when instructed by principal (drill) or by fire department (in the event of a real fire). Sometimes the Hamilton Fire Department supervises the drill.

Hold and Secure Drill—used when there is a hazardous situation not related to the school happening in the community (eg., police arrest at a house down the street). This is usually communicated to the school by the police. All outside doors are locked and nobody leaves or enters the school building until further notification from the police. Normal operations continue inside the school. Police advise school when Hold and Secure is over.

Shelter in Place Drill—used when there is an environmental or weather-related hazard. Caretaker turns off heating/air conditioning to prevent air from getting inside the building. People can enter and remain in the building with doors and windows closed. Normal operations continue inside the building. Fire/Police advise school when Shelter in Place is over.

Lockdown Drill—used when the school is exposed to a MAJOR incident or a threat of violence in or near the school. School bell is rung several times to alert everyone and staff and students are directed over the PA system to "Go Into Lockdown". Doors are locked, lights off, windows shut, and students and staff are grouped together on the floor away from windows and doors. Police are called and take over the situation. If staff and students are outside while the lockdown occurs, they do not return inside the building but evacuate to our designated evacuation site: St. Augustine's School. Lockdown is over when police advise school.

Bomb Threat Drill—used when there is a bomb threat. School is evacuated like a Fire Drill and the police are called and take over the situation. For this drill, the School Community Liaison Office from the Hamilton Police Department is present.

At Yorkview, we take safety seriously. Practicing these drills insures we can respond in a way that keeps everyone safe. We invite you to support us by doing the following:

Please reinforce with your children the importance of both following directions during a crisis and sharing any information they may have prior to a crisis situation.

Please refrain from trying to call the school or student cell phones during emergencies.

Please make sure your emergency contact information is up to date so we can reach you in a crisis.

Thanks.

Lockdown Drill November 7th, 9:45am-10:00am

Brrr....it's getting colder

Colder weather will soon be upon us, so please insure your children come prepared. We go outside every day at nutrition breaks, and sometimes during physical education classes, or for daily physical activity (DPA). It is important your child wears outside footwear and has a pair of indoor shoes to wear for when classes come back inside. Please make sure your child also has a warm jacket and mitts. Thanks!



Thanks to all of you who have given your time to support our students on trips and in the classroom. We are also fortunate to have an amazing team of pizza helpers and fundraisers, as well as a committed School Council.

If you are interested in learning more about how you might be able to give your time to support our students, please contact the office. We have packages for you to complete and would be happy to talk with you about volunteer opportunities at Yorkview.

MASSIVE CHARITY GARAGE SALE

Organized by 100 students from DVSS, Dr. J. Seaton.
Dundas Central, Sir William Osler, and Spencer Valley

Saturday, November 4th

8:00am—11:00am

Dundas Valley Secondary School Gym

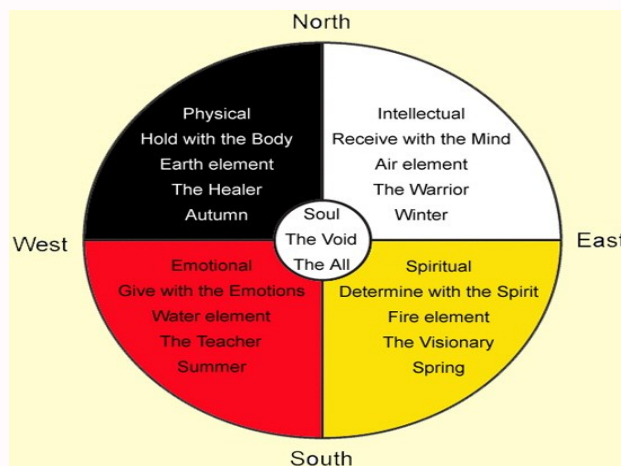
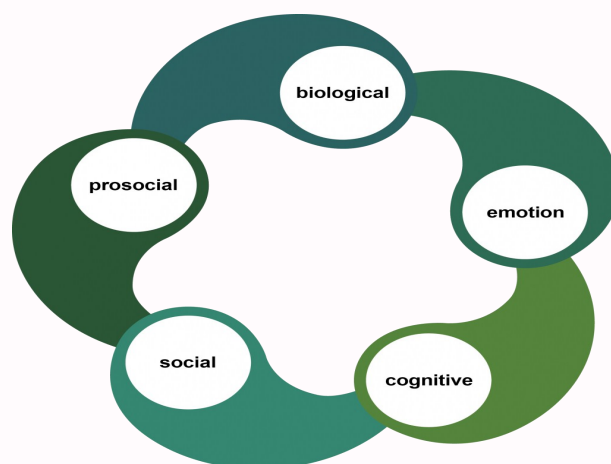
OVER 40 TABLES OF AMAZING DEALS!

Money raised in support of Boys & Girls Clubs of Hamilton

Self-Regulation Across Cultures

According to Dr. Stuart Shankar, “Neuroscience is giving us new understandings about the Self-Reg wisdom naturally embedded in all cultures.” Dr. Shankar and the researchers at the Mehrit Centre are deeply interested in what can be learned from Indigenous peoples in Canada. “Many Elders have told us that Shanker Self-Reg® has many similarities to the holistic worldview of Indigenous cultures. In particular, the interconnectedness of the social, emotional, mental and physical well-being of people, as is represented in a multitude of ways across Indigenous cultures (one example of which is the Medicine Wheel), is reflected in Dr. Shanker’s Five Domains of Self-Reg.”

Take a look for yourself:



At Yorkview, staff are learning about mindfulness and self-regulation as we improve student well-being.