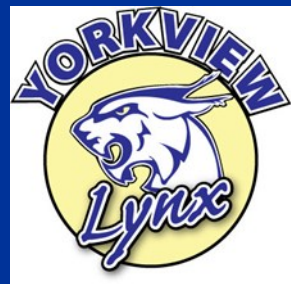




# Yorkview School



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## 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

- Jan 17 - International Children's Centre Trip (Grade 2)
- Jan 19th DVCP Mickey Mouse Disco
- Jan 22nd School Council Mtg 6:30-8:00
- Jan 30-31 Dental Screening (K and Grade 2)

## Principal's Corner

Welcome back! The holidays always present a great opportunity to give of oneself to friends and family. I hope everyone had a wonderful time and feels restored!

As we begin 2018, I'd like to thank all of our parents who came in to help with our Holiday Assembly. I saw many of you cutting out paper Christmas trees in the weeks building up to the event. I'd also like to extend my gratitude to parents from School Council who continue to consult our community on a broad range of issues and provide invaluable input at meetings. A special note of appreciation must also be extended to our fundraising and pizza teams. These people work tirelessly for the benefit of all. Then

there are other members of our community who give time to pull weeds from the creative playground or replant a planter in our front yard. These people have been doing this for years—and they do it because they care. Thank-you!

A strong school community cannot be built without caring relationships between staff and students as well. After seeing the Holiday Assembly and witnessing the success of the Toy and Food Drive, it is obvious to me those relationships already exist here.

So it is with gratitude and a sense of new possibilities that I look forward to 2018. I have high hopes for our School Council as it finalizes by-

laws. Clearer processes will lead to better decision making that is aligned with our school improvement plan. Likewise, support for a new partnership with Green Venture to do a DePave project is a strong indication of our determination to continue to improve conditions of our learning environment. January also marks the arrival of 2 student DECEs and 4 student nurses who begin placements with us. Our learning will be enriched by our interactions with these people.

It's exciting to begin the New Year at Yorkview! I know everyone looks forward to building upon the foundation of caring and respect as we work with greater precision to improve student achievement.



## DUNDAS VALLEY CO-OP PRESCHOOL PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL... MICKEY MOUSE DISCO !!



Fun for the whole family!!  
Dancing, Food, Raffles & Games  
Invite your family and friends!

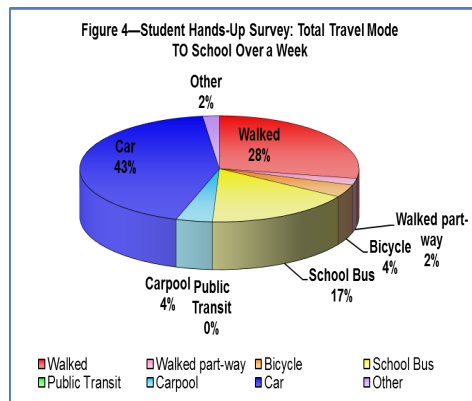
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup> 2018  
Doors open 6PM  
\$25 per family or \$7 per person  
YORKVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL GYM



What is the role of a teacher? According to an 11 year old child in Mexico, “the teacher is to students what rain is to the field.” For a 10 year old in Portugal, “a good teacher not only gives lessons but gives us new ideas and explains our doubts.” These are inspiring definitions of our role. Whatever you believe the role of the teacher is, one thing is clear: good teachers do make a difference. But to make that difference they need the support of their colleagues, administration, and community. Let’s make 2018 the best year ever for our students!

## Active and Sustainable Schools—School Travel

Active & Sustainable School Transportation (ASST) emphasizes the importance of walking, cycling, and public transit. More students using ASST means less cars on the road, less pollution, improved safety, and increased physical activity. School Travel Planning (STP) is a community-based approach that aims to increase the number of children choosing ASST to get to and from school. Last year, City of Hamilton staff conducted an audit of our neighbourhood and co-developed an action plan with us. Work on crosswalks, installation of no-idling signs and bike racks, guaranteed fire-route access, and education and awareness about increased walking and biking to and from school were all recommended. Students were surveyed in classes and over 40% identified as being driven in cars to and from school each day.



We are working to change this and need your support. Reducing sedentary behavior has many health and environmental benefits:

- Promotes healthy growth and development
- Improves fitness
- Improves academic performance
- Provides social opportunities with friends and family
- Improves self-confidence
- Reduces stress and anxiety
- Helps maintain a healthy body weight
- Reduces greenhouse gas and air pollution

Where do I find out if school is closed because of weather?

HWDSB website:  
[www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca)

HWDSB Twitter account:  
[www.twitter.com/HWDSB](http://www.twitter.com/HWDSB)

HWSTS website:  
[www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca](http://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca)

Local Media Outlets:  
CHCH TV, CBC Hamilton,  
Hamilton Community  
News,  
Hamilton Spectator

## Benefits of Depaving

- Daily access to green space for students
- Integrate nature and environment into their education while increasing biodiversity on school grounds
- Reduces non-point source pollution and flooding through collection and filtration of water
- Educates about the effects of stormwater runoff and benefits of permeable surfaces
- Creates a sense of community through community space renewal and beautification
- Fosters behavioural change and community engagement.



## School Council Update

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU

Our Holiday Fundraisers were a huge success thanks to you. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the Toy Raffle. Thank you to the members of the School Council who donated items for the Toy Raffle. Thank you to the teachers who were so patient as students chatted excitedly about the Toy Raffle, and helped our younger students fill out ballots. Congratulation to the 23 students who won a prize.

Thank you to everyone who baked for the bake sale, and to everyone who purchased goodies from the sale. Thank you to Lily Ernst ([sweetlittlebaker.com](http://sweetlittlebaker.com)) and Azra Zahirovic ([realsweetsbakery.ca](http://realsweetsbakery.ca)) who donated the cakes for the Cake Raffle. Thank you also to the wonderful team of volunteers who worked so hard to make the Toy Raffle and Bake Sale a success.

Term 2 Pizza will start in January, you can go to [SchoolCashOnline.com](http://SchoolCashOnline.com) today to place your order. Deadline for ordering is Tuesday January 9th, 2018.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

All parents are welcome to join our School Council Meetings. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 22nd at 6:30 p.m.. **Please RSVP if you require child-minding.**





## **Active & Sustainable School Transportation**

### **Yorkview School Council's Environmental Stewardship Committee**

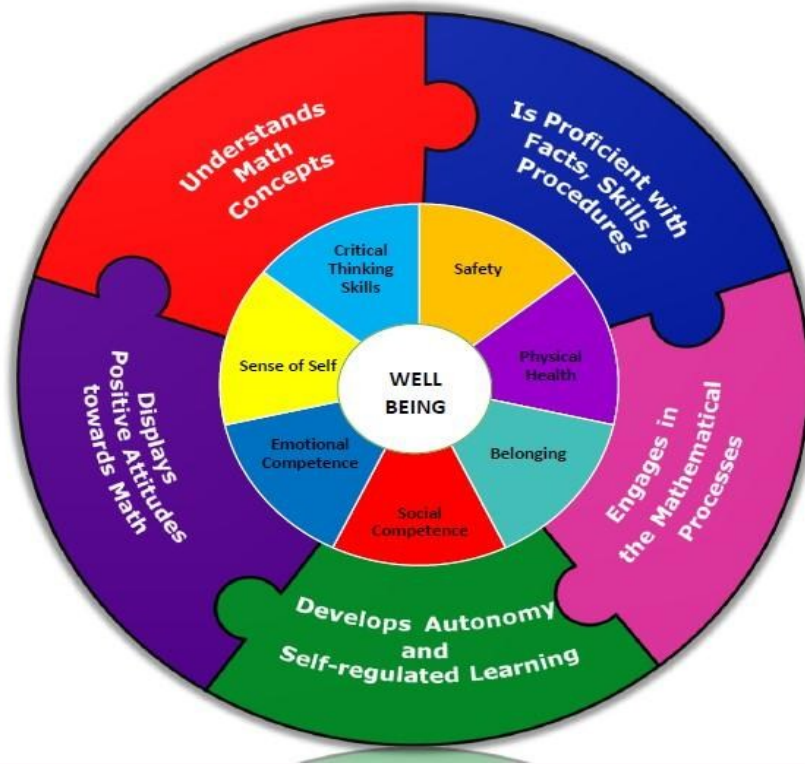
Yorkview School is inviting any interested parents to join our Environmental Stewardship Committee. The purpose of this community is to improve the natural environment around our school and promote health and well-being across our student population. We have two key initiatives identified to help us achieve these goals. One initiative is to begin implementing the action items from our Active and Sustainable School Transportation Plan. This would include working with community officials to promote active transportation to and from school like walking and cycling, as well as ensuring routes are safe and accessible.

Our other initiative is to work with the non-profit organization Green Ventures on a project where some of the old, cracked asphalt in our playground would be removed and replaced with a natural, outdoor learning environment. This is a very exciting community based project that will have a huge impact on Yorkview and our surrounding community! You can find more information at: <http://greenventure.ca/community/programs/depave/>

Everyone is welcome to join this committee. You can request more information or join by emailing [samantha.cliff@performance.ca](mailto:samantha.cliff@performance.ca)

# School Improvement Plan Update

At our PA Day in December staff reviewed the Ministry of Education's Renewed Math Strategy and the HWDSB Vision of the Learner. The diagram below represents our model of the math learner in 2018. Three areas in particular are being targeted by HWDSB for professional development: Understands Math Concepts, Is Proficient with Facts, Skills, Procedures, and Engages in Mathematical Processes.



At Yorkview, we will participate in that system-wide learning and continue to support student well-being. Our staff are committed to work in grade teams to examine instructional practices in three areas:

- Ongoing formative assessment
- Anticipating student responses
- Noticing and naming the learning

We want to understand our learners even better as we develop differentiated instruction, small group instruction, and targeted independent practice. We believe a school-wide focus by staff working collaboratively is the best way to drill down to identify specific learning gaps in math. Staff meetings, PA Day sessions, and release time to meet with instructional coaches will be used to support our efforts.

You can support this work by asking staff what are your child's strengths and weaknesses in math. Knowing what strategies work best for your child will be important as you continue to provide support at home.