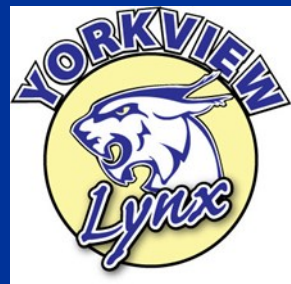




# Yorkview School



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APRIL 2018

## 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

Mar 30 : Good Friday  
Holiday—no school

Apr 2: Easter Monday  
Holiday—no school

Apr 5: 10:45am-2:30pm  
Dance-a-thon

Apr 10: Author Andrew  
Larsen visits

Apr 11: International Day of  
Pink

Apr 11: 9:00 a.m. Jump  
Rope for Heart Assembly

Apr 18 Yellow Shirt Walk to  
School Day

Apr 18: 6:00 p.m. Talent  
Show

Apr 24: 8:10 a.m. to 9:00a.m  
Volunteer Social

## Principal's Corner

There are several events planned this month. School Council's annual Dance-a-thon will be held on Thursday, April 5th. Please support this event. This is School Council's largest fundraiser of the year and all money raised is returned to the students through the purchase of exciting programs and much needed equipment and technology or donated to Ronald MacDonald House. As a school, we are grateful for this year's purchases, including iPads, physical education equipment, and a day with Groove Education.

The rest of the month is just as exciting: floor hockey finishes up and speedstacks begins in the gym at first nutrition breaks. April 11th is International Day of Pink. This is the day when adults and students alike

join together to wear pink and stand up to bullying. The first of our two scheduled Yellow Shirt Days is on April 18th. On this day, we want as many students as possible to walk/bike to school. Our Talent Show follows later that evening, and the next day many students will walk to Dundas Central to be treated to a Wonderful theatrical event. On April 24th we will thank our many volunteers with a social event in the library and I hope to see many of you there! Finally, a spring at Yorkview would not be complete with the Annual Battle on the Tabletop Chess Tournament on April 26th. Thanks to everyone for their hard work in providing such amazing opportunities for our students.

We have had some staff changes this month. We said good bye to

Ms. Barrieau at the office as Mrs. Cochlin returned from vacation. Everyone is glad Ms. Henry is back at work for the mornings, and we welcome Mrs. Wilkinson to work the afternoons, but we say goodbye to Mrs. Feudo who did a great job in Mrs. Henry's absence. We also say good bye to a very capable group of students who contributed much while they worked here. Mrs. Clark completed a student teacher placement, while Ms. Birkby and Ms. Vanwyk completed their ECE placements at Yorkview. Finally, our 4 incredible nursing students—Aleks, Tess, Rebecca, and Krista—are leaving us this month. We are grateful to all of these people and wish them well in their future. Their experiences here have strengthened my commitment to attracting future Placements as we become a hub for learning excellence.

### Yorkview's Active and Sustainable Transportation Plan Update

Last year, the City of Hamilton, Public Health, and Yorkview entered into a partnership to promote biking and walking as safe ways for students to come to school. To date, our School Council has obtained a grant to purchase another bike rack. The Hamilton Helmet Initiative was promoted throughout the school to provide families with affordable ways to purchase bike helmets for students. Our newsletter has featured articles on the need to get students out of cars and walking/biking to school. Our Environmental Stewardship Committee has conducted a walk around of the site and advocated for a mid-block crosswalk and crossing guard to be provided at the front of the school. We are waiting for the City to conduct a survey to determine need. The committee has also managed to secure an agreement with the City to get speed reminders posted on McKay and Cameron. On April 18th and June 20th, we are encouraging as many students as possible to wear yellow and walk/bike to work. All of this work is done to promote greater health outcomes for children. If you wish to know more or get involved, contact: [yorkviewASST@gmail.com](mailto:yorkviewASST@gmail.com)

## Yorkview Spirit Days

We ended May at Yorkview showing our school spirit by dressing up in our Spring finest, for Fancy Day. What a fun time that was! And now with Spring, here come the colour spirit days...

For our School Council Dance-a-thon on **Thursday April 5**, we encourage everyone to wear white, or other bright colours that will **Glow In The Dark** as we dance! April begins with **International Day of Pink on April 11**, where everyone is encouraged to join communities across the world and wear that colour to celebrate diversity and raise awareness to stop all kinds of bullying. Finally, **Wear Yellow Day(s)** will be monthly, now that our weather is more mild: **Wednesday April 18, Wednesday May 16, and Wednesday June 20** are all days where students, parents and staff are encouraged to wear yellow clothing and use active transportation to and from school. Watch for reminder notices from your Spirit Team for these upcoming events, and **SHOW YOUR YORKVIEW SPIRIT BY PARTICIPATING!!**



Spring is here and our preschoolers have been in the mood to celebrate! The children have been enjoying decorating the classroom and playing outdoors now that the weather has warmed up. Back in January we enjoyed a fun-filled night at the Mickey Mouse Disco, and thanks to everyone's support the co-op raised a whopping \$1600! Many thanks go out to the staff, volunteers, guests and businesses that helped make this event a great success. We look forward to doing it again next year!

Speaking of next school year, we are currently accepting registrations 2018/19. Registration packages can be found on our website, [www.dundasvalleypreschool.com](http://www.dundasvalleypreschool.com). We ask that if anyone is interested in a 5-day morning program to please indicate your preference on your application. Please spread the word and get in touch asap if you are interested in enrolment. Spots will fill up fast!

We will be welcoming a new Lead ECE teacher next year, as Sue is moving on to new and exciting endeavours after a stellar 40+ years as an educator in our community. We are very happy for Sue, but she will be greatly missed by all of us who have been guided by her passion, experience and love of early childhood education. We wish her all the very best!

Lastly, the children will be holding a Trike-A-Thon in the parking lot outside of Yorkview in late May to raise funds for McMaster Children's hospital. We will be taking donations now through May and they can be dropped off in the classroom. Any amount helps!

Thank you, and have a very "hoppy" Spring!

"Come play and learn with us!"  
[www.dundasvalleypreschool.com](http://www.dundasvalleypreschool.com)

### 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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### *Battle of the Tabletop*

The annual Battle on the Tabletop chess tournament will take place on Thursday, April 26, starting at 3:00 p.m. in our Yorkview gym. Any current Yorkview students that know how to play chess are welcomed to participate. Permission forms and more information will be sent home with interested participants. The Yorkview Chess Club will start up in April also, to help students learn how to play and help them prepare for the single elimination tournament.

### **Jump Rope for Heart**

It's almost here, and we are bringing out our skipping ropes to prepare! Our Jump Rope for Heart event will take place on Wednesday, May 2, immediately following our second nutrition break (1:05pm), until the end of the day (weather permitting, of course). Students will bring home pledge forms following the April 11, 9:00am assembly, where we anticipate seeing if our grade five Heart Heroes will be able to outlast the teacher jumpers!



### **Yorkview Dance-A-Thon** **Thursday, April 5th** **10:45am-2:30pm**

A fundraising event organized by School Council



### **Cool Little Kids—An Anxiety Prevention Program**

**Info Session: Apr 17th 6:30-7:30**

**Education Centre, 20 Education Ct**

- If you are a primary caregiver of a child JK-Grade 2
- If your child is described as Shy, Withdrawn, or Worried
- Learn practical strategies that will help build your child's confidence

RSVP by Apr 12th 905-527-5092 X2923

Email: [coollittlekids@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:coollittlekids@hwdsb.on.ca)



### **Families Worrying Less Together— A Program for Primary Caregivers of Kids Whose Worries Get the Best of Them**

**Info Session: Oct 10th**

- An evidence-informed program based on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- A program for primary caregivers of students in Grade 3-6; children do not attend

RSVP by Apr 17th 905-527-5092 X3555

Email: [FWLT@HWDSB.on.ca](mailto:FWLT@HWDSB.on.ca)



### **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

All parents are welcome to join our School Council Meetings. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 30th 6:30 p.m.–8:00pm.

