



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

June 4: Depave Planning Committee Meeting 6:30pm

June 4: Mary Poppins Trip (Gradee 1-5) Sponsored by School Council

June 8: PA Day—no school for students

June 14: School Council 6:30pm

June 20: Walk to School Day (Yellow Shirt Day)

June 21: HWDSB Track Meet

June 27: Grade 5 Farewell Celebration

June 28: Last Day of School

Pizza Day is on Thursdays

Principal's Corner

The school year will quickly be coming to an end. We began the journey by collecting data and identifying goals and priorities. The School Improvement Plan initially focused on student well-being before focusing on precise steps for us to take in Language and Math. Looking back, it has been a lot of work, but it is also clear to me that every student has something to celebrate this year.

Much thanks must go to the staff this year for their continuous learning and commitment to improving the educational experiences of all our students. Yorkview is lucky to have such dedicated professionals.

School staff include more than just teachers, early childhood educators and educational assistants. Caretakers and our Office Administrator play a crucial part in daily operations and support. Thank you to them for their work this year.

The support of parents and caregivers also has much to do with our students' success this year. Many of you attended conferences, helped set up homework routines at home,

volunteered in classrooms or on trips, or helped with pizza or special events. Thank-you so much for partnering with us and helping to make our school such an open and comfortable place for learning.

We are a strong community that works hard for the benefit of the students. This is evident at our School Council and Depave Planning Committee. Thank-you to these people for their leadership, guidance, and expertise. Our school is so lucky to draw upon the wealth of talent and experience within our community.

Unfortunately, the end of the school year also means some people are leaving us. We say our goodbye to Sue Andersen, the Coordinator of the Dundas Valley Community Pre-School. Sue will be retiring after 35 years of service to children and families. Also retiring this year is our Learning Resource Teacher, Ms. Sardo. She has not only devoted countless hours to teaching reading but enriched our school with talent shows and Greek plays. We wish both educators a well-deserved

rest in September and all the best in their next stage of life.

Both Ms. Tuinstra and Ms. Feudo in Kindergarten, and Mr. Martins in Grade 2/3 are not expected to return next year. Nor are Ms. Corcoran and Ms. Clapham—two exceptional EAs who will be missed by staff and special education students alike. We thank these professionals for their contributions to Yorkview and wish them well in their assignments at other schools.

The year end also brings new beginnings. We would like to welcome Ms. Knott to Yorkview into the role of Learning Resource Teacher and Brienne St. Louis to the position of Coordinator at the Dundas Valley Pre-School.

There are still a few positions that need to be filled due to leaves. The final school organization for next year will be listed on the school website upon completion of HWDSB's hiring process.

Mark Degner, Principal

Yorkview Active and Sustainable Transportation Update

Walk to School Day and Bike to School Week were both well supported by Yorkview families. Our aim is to reduce traffic congestion, improve physical health of students, and reduce car pollution. Thanks to everyone involved.

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Grade 1	15W 28	17W 58	17W 58	15W 28	17W 38 28
Grade 2	7W 28	7W 28	7W 18	6W 18	7W 18
Grade 3	9W 18	7W 38	5W 78	6W 38	3W 38
Grade 4	3W 38	1W 38	3W 18	4W 18	6W 38
Grade 5	4W 38	1W 48	8W 28	7W 18	2W 28
Grade 6	9W 28	12W 28	9W 58 18	9W 18	8W 38
Grade 7	6W 48	5W 78	5W 78	4W 58	6W 38
STAFF	38	46	48	2W 18	2W
TOTAL	68 students	77 students	81 students	63 students	17 students
	34%	37%	41%	34%	40%

5 Day Average Participation: 38%

HWDSB MetroLink Bike to school

*First day of school for
the June 2018-2019
calendar year is
Tuesday, September
4th.*

*Staff will be meeting
students at the back
at 8:25am and
bringing them to their
new classrooms.*

Heat Events

The City of Hamilton Public Health Department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and community partners of a heat event. A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days with a 40°C or higher humidex reading. Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on our website and the following precautionary steps will be taken for students:

- Limit physical outdoor activities
- Ensure access to water
- Close drapes and blinds
- Move students through cooler areas of the school
- Monitor students for symptoms of heat stress



News from Dundas Valley Co-op Preschool

We have had a wonderful, fun-filled few months at preschool, and the warm weather has us all thinking about the end of the school year and the beginning of summer! Last week we held our annual trike-a-thon to raise money for McMaster Children's Hospital. The children biked, scooted and walked up to 10 laps around the kindergarten playground, some children even managed more! The kids enjoyed a celebratory freezie at the end of their ride as a thank-you for their hard work. We hope to continue this fantastic fundraiser in years to come.

We will be sending off our "graduates" next month, many of whom will be moving on to JK in September. Sadly, we will also be saying good-bye to Sue, our amazing, dedicated and ever-patient supervising educator who will be retiring after 40+ years as an Early Childhood Educator. She will be extremely missed! You are invited to join us in celebrating Sue's incredible career during an open house event on June 16th at the Dundas Legion (280 King St. W) from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. We wish her all the very best!

And finally, registration is ongoing for this September, please spread the word! We look forward to seeing many new faces in the fall. Please visit our website for more information: <http://www.dundasvalleypreschool.com/>

School Council News

Much has been achieved this year by our School Council. There are basically 4 areas in which the Council acted this year. The first related back to the the School Improvement Plan. Data from teachers indicated that math is an area of need in the school. As a result, a grant was submitted to engage parents in supporting their children in math for next year. We expect this to be funded. Data also showed a need to support efforts to improve student well-being and Language skills. Council purchased 3 exercise bikes for students, physical education equipment, and 10 iPads. It also subsidized \$10.00 per student towards a trip and established a student assistance fund to help those in need.

The second area supported the school's Active and Sustainable Transportation Plan. The aim of this plan is to reduce traffic congestion and pollution while promoting student health and safety. Council was able to purchase through a grant a bike rack that has been installed at the side of the school. The Council also registered the school for Bike to School Week and supported efforts by families to reduce car use.

The third area addressed by Council was the back playground. An Environmental Stewardship Committee was formed and a partnership was developed with Green Venture to remove some of the asphalt and replace it with an outdoor learning environment. Some grants have already been approved and plans are underway to begin the Depave near the end of September.

Last, Council undertook a review of its own structures and procedures, and a formal set of by laws was adopted to guide future councils.

Much of what council was able to achieve this year is due to the support and guidance of our new Principal. Mr. Degner has done a remarkable job during his first full year at Yorkview. This strong partnership between school administration and the parent community bodes well for our students and our school.

We are indebted to the work of our members and look forward to another productive year.

Samantha Cliff and Brian Gauthier, Co-Chairs.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

All parents are welcome to join our School Council Meetings. Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 14th 6:30-8:00

Before and After School YMCA Survey

Our school has a Before and After-School program for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6. If you completed the Before and After-School survey earlier this year, and you provided consent to release your information, we will be providing your contact information to our existing child care operator. For more information on the Before and After-School Program you can reach the program at **YMCA**. If you require information on the City of Hamilton's child care subsidy program you can call 905-546-4870 or check their website

<https://www.hamilton.ca/social-services/early-years-and-child-care-services/financial-support-child-care> .