



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

- Sep 20 School Council Elections
- Sep 21 PA Day
- Sep 25 Meet the Teacher 6:00pm-7:00pm
- Sep 29 Depave
- Oct 8 Stat Holiday
- Oct 13 Depave

Safe School protocols will be practiced throughout September. These include Fire, Lockdown, Hold and Secure, Shelter in Place, and Bomb Threat Drills. We shall inform you of more specific information through your child's agenda.

Principal's Corner

Welcome to another fantastic year of learning and growing at Yorkview! We are thrilled to be back and very much look forward to working with you to support the development of students.

We are in the "continuous learning and improvement business". That requires of all of us a "growth mindset" and a willingness to adapt as the school takes on new challenges. New to us this year is Mrs. Knott (Resource Teacher), Ms. Cross (Reading Specialist Teacher), Ms. Stegmaier (EA), and Ms. Turco (Grade 4). We also welcome back Ms. Terziev who changed assignments (Grade 2/3). Other assignment changes from last year include Mr. Puppa (Grade 5) and Mrs.

Caldwell-Puppa (Grade 1). In the Pre-School, we welcome Ms. St.Louis to her new position as Program Coordinator. Each of these people bring to their new positions a passion for learning and the required skills to improve student learning and achievement. Indeed, we are proud to be working with all of our staff and community partners.

As educators, we want to work with you. Presuming positive intentions and using clear channels of communication are helpful to building common understandings. If you have a concern about something, it is important to follow the appropriate communication channels. If your concern relates to a classroom matter, contact the teacher

directly. If it is a school-wide issue, contact myself. This will help us to understand your issue better and lead to a faster resolution.

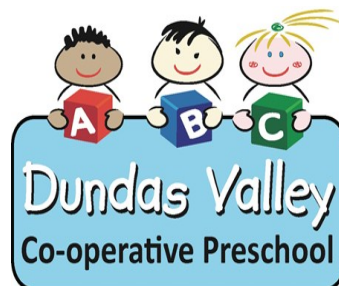
We value the safety of everyone in our building so it is important to know who is in the building at all times. We also value quality instruction and want to reduce classroom interruptions. When arriving at the school, please help us by reporting to the office. Thanks.

Last, we hope to see many of you at our September events: School Council, Meet the Teacher, and Depave Paradise. Clearly, we will have an exciting and busy start to our year.

M. Degner, Principal

DUNDAS VALLEY CO-OP PRESCHOOL

Dundas Valley Co-op preschool is an enriching and nurturing environment for children 24 months to five years of age, located directly in Yorkview school. It is a great weekly activity for your child, helping them get ready for kindergarten too. Our program development and supervision is conducted by registered ECE teachers. Licensed by the Ontario Ministry of education. Flexible scheduling with both duty and non-duty spots available. Registration is open. Contact Brianne at 289 788 9009



First Week Packages: important forms for you to complete will be coming home the first week. These ensure your child will be safe both at school and on community outings. Please complete all forms and return to your child's teacher by Monday, September 10th.

An individual plan of care needs to be confirmed or developed to support each child who has a prevalent medical condition. Epipens, inhalers, and medications need to be brought to the office. Thank-you.

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

HWDSB website:
www.hwdsb.on.ca

HWDSB Twitter account:
www.twitter.com/HWDSB

HWSTS website:
www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca

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

School Council Election and Parent Candidate Nomination Process

First meeting: Thursday September 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Parents /guardians that have a child enrolled at Yorkview school are welcomed and encouraged to attend School Council meetings

The ministry of Education requires all Ontario schools to have school councils. The role of a school council is to advise the principal and staff of recommendations for the school improvement plan and further the effective environment for students.

If a parent/guardian would like to be a voting and serving member on Yorkview School Council, they must be elected to the role. Submission of a nomination form is required (see below). On Thursday September 20th, we will hold our first School Council meeting for this school year. At this time, we will review the number of candidates that have put their names forward to serve on the Council. If there are more than 20 names, we will hold an election; the process will be reviewed at the meeting. If there are less than 20 people who wish to serve, all names will be acclaimed.

Individuals putting their names forward must be at the meeting on Thursday, September 20th if they would like their name to stand. From the Yorkview School Council, an executive consisting of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary will be determined. The whole school community will be notified of the new Yorkview School Council.

Nomination Form for Yorkview School Council Meeting – Thursday, September 20th 2018

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative On Yorkview School Council.

I am the parent/ guardian of _____ in grade ____.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in the executive position circled below (optional)

*Chair

*Treasurer

*Secretary

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form to the principal before the first meeting. Thank-you.



**September 29th
Depave Day!**

Welcome back, it's time to Depave Paradise at Yorkview! The planning committee has been meeting throughout the summer and are excited to announce the dates for our upcoming schoolyard transformation project!

Depave Date: Saturday September 29th 2018

Time: 10am

Where: Yorkview Elementary School 86 Cameron Ave

What: We're Depaving 170+m2 of asphalt from the schoolyard to replace with rain gardens, native trees and shrubs

What to wear: Please wear closed toe shoes or steel toe boots, bring your work gloves and safety glasses if you have them. Please bring a refillable water bottle and dress for the weather! We have steel toe caps to go over your closed toe shoes. We will provide all necessary tools and safety equipment.

Donations needed: Please contact scliffsavon@gmail.com if you are interested in donating snacks and/or drinks for either the Depave or Planting Day

What is Depaving? Using pry bars and community spirit, we lift and haul away asphalt to replace with green space, planting trees and native plants in its place.

Timeline: The week of September 24th the chain link fence will be removed and the asphalt cut into manageable strips thanks to the generous donation of time and machinery from Jan Gelderman of Groundhog Excavation.

Volunteers are needed! We invite you to join us on Saturday September 29th 10am at 86 Cameron Drive, in the schoolyard to help remove the asphalt. We'll be using pry bars and people power to lift the asphalt and put it into dump bins to be recycled.

This is a family friendly event and all are welcome. We will have a kids corner with activities and a rehydration station to keep everyone well hydrated and fed and music to keep us moving along! We will provide tools, gloves, pry bars and steel toe caps. **We are looking for 4-6 extra wheelbarrows for the day.**

This space will be transformed into our environmental learning space on Saturday October 13th at 10am. Join us to add soil, compost, plant and mulch the new garden space as well as build and install garden beds.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email or call Laura from Green Venture at laura.anderson@greenventure.ca 905-540-8787 ext. 158 or Samantha Cliff at scliffsavon@gmail.com

For information and updates visit our website depaveyorkview.ca

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.



Courtesy Transportation Requests: If your Kindergarten child lives 1km or further, or your grade 1-5 lives 1.6km or further, they are eligible for the school bus. All other riders must be approved through the courtesy process. Applications can take up to a month for approval at the start of the year as routes and riders are finalized across the system. Thanks for your understanding.

Active & Sustainable School Transportation

Even though we addressed all points in our school's Active and Sustainable Transportation Plan last year, we aim to continue to promote awareness of student health and safety using the 5E's approach: Evaluation and planning; Education; Encouragement; Engineering; and Enforcement.

Evaluation and Planning: developing consistent and reliable data collection, and integrating plans and projects.

Education: includes providing information and training to parents and students, eg., bike safety, health effects of idling cars, etc.

Encouragement: supporting events that promote walking and biking to school, eg., Yellow Days, Bike to School Week, etc.

Engineering: continue to seek ways to establish safe pathways for students, e.g. insuring clear signage and pavement markings.

Enforcement: the enforcement of by-laws and signage and reward those who follow the rules.

Rationale for participating in the Active and Sustainable School Transportation Certification process

Only 8% of Canadian children & youth meet the minimum physical activity requirements of 60 minutes per day of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity¹

Thirty-two percent of Canadian children & youth are overweight (20%) or obese (12%)²

Health benefits of physical activity and reduced sedentary behaviour (decreased motorized transport) associated with walking or cycling to school include the following:^{3,4,5}

- 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

For more info, contact Brian at gauthier.brian@gmail.com



Allergy Alert:

Within our school community there are students and staff who have potential life threatening allergies to foods, predominantly nuts. Others suffer from allergic reactions to perfumes, spray colognes and body sprays. We respectfully ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within the school community to avoid sending nuts of any kind or wearing perfume/cologne to school.

Safe and Timely Arrival and Departure

For the safety of our students and for the establishment of regular instructional time, you are asked to please observe the following:

- Parking at the front doors of the school is prohibited. The area is also a "No Stopping" zone, which means "No Drop-Offs" as well. This area must be kept clear at all times, as it is a Fire Zone. If you stop or park your car here, you will be asked to move it. Repeat offenders may be subject to a ticket by By-Law officers. Thank-you in advance for your co-operation.
- Please do not drop off your child in the parking lot. This can be a congested high traffic area during peak times and is not suitable for pedestrians. Please park your car in the lot or on the street and escort your child to the sidewalk. Thank-you.
- All students in grades 1-5 enter the building through the back playground doors or, if late, through the front doors.
- Instructional time begins at 8:25am. Students should arrive no earlier than 10 minutes in advance so they can be supervised by staff outside. This includes kindergarten.
- School ends at 2:45 pm, all grade 1-5 students exit via the back playground doors unless accompanied by an adult, in which case they can exit through the front doors. Staff are on duty on the back playground at dismissal until 2:55pm. If your child stays longer, you are expected to supervise them.

Thank-you for your co-operation

Yorkview Staff September 2018

JK/SK	Ms. J. Moore
JK/SK	Ms. C. Tuinstra (Ms. Muller on leave until November)/ Ms. K. Tower
JK/SK	Ms. L. Dunnigan/ Ms. K. Henry
Grade 1	Mrs. Caldwell-Puppa
Grade 1/2	Ms. T. Fink
Grade 2/3	Ms. K. Terziev (Ms. Grantham on leave until November)
Grade 3/4	Mrs. B. Gardiner
Grade 4	Ms. Turco (Mrs. Mullins on leave of absence)
Grade 5	Mr. R. Puppa
LRT (Special Education)	Ms. K. Knott
Reading Specialist (0.5FTE)	Ms. J. Cross
Phys Ed. (primary prep coverage)	Ms. K. Dichazi
Librarian (primary Arts prep coverage)	Ms. Gelderman
French Teacher (0.5FTE)	Mon. Nicole
Educational Assistant	Ms. S. Rush
Educational Assistant	Ms. N. Stegmaier (Mrs. Walker on a full year leave of absence)
Caretaker	Mr. J. Eckert (Ms. Pittard on leave of absence)
Caretaker	Mr. G. Griffith
Office Administrator	Mrs. L. Cochlin
Principal	Mr. M. Degner