

Yorkview School



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OCTOBER 2018

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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

- Oct 4 School Cross Country Meet
- Oct 8 Thanksgiving—no school
- Oct 10 Photo Day
- Oct 13—Depave Work Bee
- Oct 15 School Council Meeting
- Council Meeting
 Oct 22 Municpal Elections
- Oct 30 Progress
 Reports sent home
- Nov 2 PA Day used for scheduled interviews

Principal's Corner

October is a time to connect with your child's teacher to learn more about how she or he is progressing at school.

If you have a student with special needs who is on an IEP, you should have input into the development of that document. IEPs will be sent home to caregivers on or before October 16th.

All student progress reports will be sent home to caregivers on Oct 30th. If you are concerned about your child's progress at school, please do not wait until that date to talk with the teacher.

At Yorkview, we have high expectations for all of our students. We also know that the best outcomes for students are obtained when there are strong partnerships between home and school. We look forward to continuing to build those partnerships. On the Nov 2nd PA Day everyone will have a chance to have a formal interview with our classroom teachers.

October is also a time for renewing our school. Last week, about 70 people showed up to help lift asphalt and to support those doing that work. It was a fantastic community event. I would like to thank everyone, including our partners and sponsors, for their support for this project.

The next step of the Depave project happens on Saturday, October 13th. We invite eve-

ryone to come out to help us with digging, planting, mulching, and building garden boxes. Please bring a bucket, wheelbarrow, and any other garden tools. Like our first work bee, there will be a supervised children's area, music, food, and lots of good fun!

M. Degner, Principal



Cool Little Kids Program

If you are a parent/primary caregiver of a student in JK-Grade 2 and if your child is described as shy, withdrawn or worried come and learn about the Cool Little Kids Program. Learn practical strategies that will help to build your child's confidence.

This a Program for primary caregivers. Children do not attend.

Parent Information Night Oct 16 6:30-7:30 Education Centre 20 Education Court

RSVP by Oct 12th

Call: 905-527-5092 x2923 Email: FWLT@hwdsb.on.ca Families Worrying Less Together Program

If you are a parent/primary caregiver of a student in Grade 3-6 who is excessively shy, or has intense worries and fears, come learn about the "Families Worrying Less Together" program. This program will give you practical strategies to help your child learn to cope differently.

This a Program for primary caregivers. Children do not attend.

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Calling All Volunteers!

Thank-you to all volunteers. Please remember that police checks are good for 3 years. Each year, we do require all of volunteers to complete a Volunteer Agreement and Offence Declaration. These forms are available at the office. Staff will now be planning trips for throughout this term If you want to volunteer, please check in at the office.

Lost and Found

Our school Lost and Found container is located in the office. Please check this box regularly if your child has lost clothing or water bottles. We try to look through the items and get them back to students when names are on them, but the vast majority of items aren't labelled. Unclaimed items are taken away from the school at the end of each month, due to a lack of storage space. We would rather get vour items back to you, so please check the box and add labels to your child's personal items.

Active and Sustainable Schools— Yorkview's School Travel Plan

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. This requires community leadership. If you are interested in supporting this initiative, please contact Brian Gauthier at Gauthier.brian@gmail.com. Brian will continue this year as co-chair of School Council's Environmental Stewardship Committee.

Brian has registered our school to participate in all 4 Walk/Bike to School Days this year. This is one more than last year. On each day students are encouraged to walk/bike to school and wear yellow. If your child walks to the school bus, this will count as it promotes greater physical activity than if they were just driven to school.

The Walk/Bike to School Days are important educational initiatives, but our school participation also gives students a chance to win for the school up to \$250.00 for gym equipment, as well as individual prizes like, bicycle pumps and fix-it kits.

We are working to change attitudes and behaviors over the long term 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

School Council Update

Thank you to everyone who has helped to get this year off to an amazing start! School Council's first meeting was held on Sept 20, 2018. Thank you to all that came and contributed. Our **next meeting will be held at 6:30-8pm on Monday October 15th in the staff room**. We at school council want to reach out to all parents and want to hear your opinions and concerns in how we can maintain and improve Yorkview for our children and community. Positions are still available for Treasurer, Events Coordinator and Communications officer. Volunteers are always needed. **We would love to see some new faces on council, so please attend even if it is your first time.**

The first phase of Depave, removing the asphalt, was held Saturday September 29th and it was a fun and great experience for parents, community members and most importantly the children. All the volunteers demonstrated our commitment to Yorkview and to the environment. We are truly an example for the community and the rest of the schools. Thank you to everyone that participated (especially Mr. Puppa for the excellent DJ'ing I hope you got some rest afterwards)! The second phase, planting the gardens, will be held on October 13th and we hope you can join us.

Please join our mailing list by emailing our new email address <u>yorkviewSC@hwdsb.on.ca</u> and follow us on **Facebook @yorkviewdundas** and we are in the works of creating an Instagram account!

Your 2018 School Council Executive

The school council executive for the 2018/19 School year

Chairperson – Majdi Qutob
Vice Chairperson – Brian Gauthier
Secretary – Amy Taylor
Treasurer – TBD Oct 15 2018 meeting
Events Coordinator – TBD Oct 15 2018 meeting

Cheese (regular crust) pizza will be offered every Thursday starting October 18th from our local A1 Pizza store. The cost per slice will be \$1.75 and order forms and Cash Online will be available shortly.

At our next School Council meeting we will have some presentations from a parent-paid for after school Coding program, as well as parent-paid for Ukele, and Strings music programs..

Please join us. As members of the Yorkview community, we need your input to guide our school.