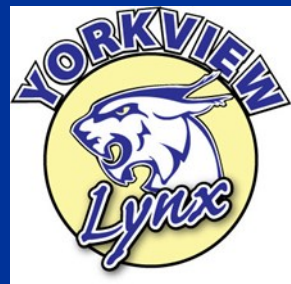




Yorkview School



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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

- Dec 7 PA Day
- Dev 13 SC Fund-raiser: Holiday Market
- Dec 17 School Council Meeting 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Dec 19 Holiday Assembly Rehearsal at 9:00am; Performance at 1:30pm (Families welcome to attend either time)
- Dec 21 Last Day of School
- Jan 7 First day of school

Principal's Corner



As we enter this busy month, it is important to highlight a few routines for families. Winter can often lead to very crowded hallways as time students need to take off clothing is often lengthened by snow pants, boots, etc. To help us out, we are asking all parents to not accompany their child down the hallway to the classroom. This also frees up the teachers from hall conversations and allows them to focus on the students.

Secondly, students will be going outside every day unless the temperature dips to minus 15 degrees without windchill. Please make sure your children have the proper outdoor clothing.

In the event of inclement weather, families can find out if school is open by 6:00am by accessing the HWDSB website, HWDSB Twitter, and numerous media outlets, including CHCH TV and CHML Radio. It is important to note that when buses are cancelled due to poor weather, HWDSB will almost always cancel school as well. HWDSB will NOT post a weather alert on its website to signal that schools are open.

Our caretaking staff clear/salt/sand walkways from the city sidewalk to the school, steps, walkway around the portapak, and areas outside entrances and fire exit doors. The City of Hamilton is responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks directly in front of schools. If you have a concern, please make sure you address the right authority. If

it is a school responsibility, contact me. If it is a City of Hamilton responsibility, please wait 24 hours and then contact 905-546-2489.

Last, our Holiday Assembly draws a crowd much larger than our gym can hold. On December 19th, please help everyone out by attending either the morning rehearsal or the afternoon performance.

Finally, I'd like to thank the staff, students and families for their commitment to learning and for their ongoing demonstrations of care and respect for everyone. This is what makes our school a special place. Happy holidays to you all!

M. Degner, Principal



Holiday Toy and Food Drive

Please help with the collection of:

- New unwrapped toys for all ages
- Non-perishable food—canned goods, cereal, juice baby food, syrup, powdered milk, etc
- Diapers and hygiene products

Thank you for helping make someone's holiday shiny and bright!



Lost and Found

Please make sure you check our lost and found for any missing clothing. We do our best to check items for labels and return them to their owners. Space at the school is limited. At the end of each month unclaimed items are removed from the school and donated to charity.

**ALL VISITORS
PLEASE
CHECK IN AT
FRONT OFFICE**

A reminder to please stop at the office upon arrival. Not only will this reduce the number of interruptions to teaching, but also it helps us to monitor the safety of everyone in the building.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation!

Make Your Voice Heard ...

The Ontario Ministry of Education is seeking feedback from all stakeholders on the education system. There are several topics of interest to the ministry right now, including improving student performance in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); preparing students with needed job skills; improving provincial testing; financial literacy; managing use of technology in classrooms; creating a new Health and Physical Education curriculum; and developing a Parents' Bill of Rights. But it is also a chance to share concerns about any topic, as well share stories of teaching excellence.

There are many ways to provide feedback, but everyone is encouraged to check out the link for the website below for more details:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/for-the-parents?>

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The Fundamentals of Math

The Ontario Ministry of Education recently released a resource called *A Parent's Guide to the Fundamentals of Math* (http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/parent_guide_math_en.pdf)

The document provides an overview of essential skills and concepts required in mathematics in Grades 1 to 8. It also provides information on how parents can support their children's math learning at home.

Making sure that students have a strong understanding of the fundamentals of math is one of the best ways to prepare them for success, now and in the future. What students learn today will help best position them to solve everyday problems and to increase their employability in tomorrow's economy.

At Yorkview, improvement in math is a key feature of the school's improvement plan. All teachers are math teachers, even if they the subjects they teach are French, Health and Physical Education, or the Arts, and by working collaboratively with other educators and parents, we hope to inspire in our students a love for the authentic learning of mathematics. The 5 fundamentals are found in all strands of the math curriculum and are brought to life through real-world connections and applications. For example, students are developing proficiency in operations while they are performing shopping skits in French or working with numbers in collecting data in Health and Physical Education or problem solving while creating artistic designs in the Arts.

Parents, too, play an important role in supporting their children with mathematical literacy. Fundamental math skills are reinforced through playing games and cooking together. It is important that children experience the importance of math in everyday life. More information of how you can help your children at home with math can be found here: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNumEn.pdf>



News from Dundas Valley Co-op Preschool

The Preschool celebrated Halloween this year with A fun party for children and parents alike. The event was attended and we look forward to our Gingerbread House Fundraiser at St. Joseph's Villa on December 6th from 5:30pm-7:30pm and our Christmas Party on December 20th between 9:00am-12:00pm. For me details go to:

www.dundasvalleypreschool.com



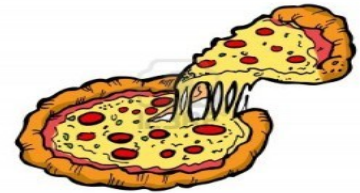
School Council Update

We shall be running a Holiday Market in the gym on December 13th. Students will be given time to visit and shop for gently used items priced between 25 cents and \$5.00 that can be used as holiday gifts for sibs, parents, grandparents, and friends. Items will be gift wrapped by volunteers.

If you wish to help with the set up of this event, the selling or helping out at the gift wrap station, please contact Megan Medlock at Megan.medlock@gmail.com.

School Council would like to thank everyone who supported the Depave in September/October. We are very pleased with the gardens and look forward to the next stage of development: the construction of an outdoor learning area in the spring.

The next council meeting is scheduled for December 17^h at 6:30. It will feature a chance to meet the school's Reading Specialist, as well as the usual business and updates from the YMCA, Pre-School, staff, and principal. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Deadline for Ordering Pizza for Term 2 is Monday, Jan 7th

Payment can be made through School Cash Online NOW

If you want to volunteer to help distribute pizza, please contact Megan Medlock at

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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

All parents are welcome to join our School Council Meetings. Our next meeting will be Monday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m.

