



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

- Feb 6th - Wear Yellow/ Walk to Work Day
- Feb 11th—Valentine's hot lunch
- Feb 12th—Report Cards go home
- Feb 12-14 Valentine Cake Raffle
- Feb 14—Fire Safety Assemblies
- Feb 18th—Family Day (No School)
- Feb 25—School Council Mtg
- Feb 27—Checkers Tournament (Grades 4&5)
- Mar 1—PA Day

Principal's Corner

Winter has come to Yorkview and it's been ...cold! While we want students enjoying the outdoors every day, the freezing temperatures at the end of January made that impossible. Please continue to send your children with appropriate outdoor clothing as we will be outside unless the temperature is -15 C , or -20 C with wind chill.

With the cold weather, we must continue to be especially mindful of safety each morning and afternoon when dropping off and picking up. The safest environment is created when everyone follows the signs in our parking lot. There is no Kiss 'N Ride. When in the parking lot motorists should park their vehicle and not try to drop off near the front door. If a parking space is not available, there are always spots on the street. Our school is also in No Idling Zone. This reduces both environmental pollution and the negative effects upon the children from exhaust fumes. Most people are surprised to learn that children are more vulnerable to breathing in polluted air than adults. For their size, children breathe more air each minute than an adult and their reduced height makes them much closer to exhaust fumes. This is especially the case for babies or toddlers who visit the school in strollers or are carried around in portable car seats, but we also have kindergarten students outside the front playing daily.

This month's newsletter contains reminders of school routines and procedures. Please take the time to review them carefully. Your cooperation helps provide the necessary structures for students to learn and grow! Thank –you.

M. Degner, Principal

The School Resource Team

For students who have special learning needs that require support, a team is formed at the school to develop a plan. The team approach brings different expertise to the table and parents enhance the effectiveness of the team by sharing insights and information. The team can consist of any of the following people:

1. School Staff: Principal, LRT (Special Education Teacher), Classroom Teacher, Early Childhood Educator,
2. System Staff: Special Education Consultant, Psychoeducational Consultant, Special Assignment Teacher, Social Worker, Speech and Language Pathologist,
3. Community Partners: Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist, and Physiotherapist.

For more information, please talk with your child's teacher.



Our Lost and Found is located at the front office. Please check it for items before the end of each month. Due to a lack of storage space we donate unlabelled clothing to charity regularly.

Bell Times at Yorkview are as follows:

8:10-8:25 Playground Supervision
8:25 Entry
10:05 Nutrition Break 1 Begins
10:45 Nutrition Break 1 Ends
12:25 NB 2 Begins
1:05 NB 2 Ends
2:45 End of Day Dismissal
2:25-3:00 Playground Supervision

To minimize disruptions to the learning in classrooms, and to keep students safe, we ask all our families to respect these times.

Mark your Calendar!

Yorkview's Valentine Cake Raffle is happening again this year.

All money raised from the sale of raffle tickets will go towards subsidizing the costs of student trips and to a charity yet to be determined.

If you wish to donate a cake for this event, please contact Mrs. Gardiner .



HWDSB

Kindergarten

Registration is
NOW OPEN!

www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten





Basketball at Yorkview

The Yorkview Basketball League is underway, and it includes 6 coed teams made up of grade 4s and 5s. There are three games per week, during last nutrition break. Each team will

advance to the playoffs, and the Championship game is scheduled to be completed before March Break. Spectators are welcomed.

Interested in Volunteering at Yorkview?

Volunteers are key to a strong school community. They bring interests, skills, and a desire to make a child's school experience even better. If you wish to become a volunteer at Yorkview, you will need to provide a Vulnerable Sector Screening and sign a current offence declaration. We want everyone at Yorkview to be safe and completion of the screening and the updated declaration is one way we can protect our students. We are especially looking for volunteers to read with students, supervise on trips, and help out with events (eg..Dance-a-thon, Walk to School Days, etc.) For more information, please contact the office.

All visitors to the school are asked to please report to the office upon arrival. Thank-you!

Due to Ontario Fire Code Regulations, students must keep all personal belongings (shoes etc) in the classroom, not in the hallway, after school.

Learning Partnerships with Mohawk College

This year Yorkview is again hosting 4 nursing students who will be completing a practicum. We will also be providing a placement for 1 educational assistant student. These people are here to further their professional learning and will be strengthening our school community through their work on student well-being and resilience. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Crepsac, Ms. Battaglia, Ms. Khatra, Ms. Thaler, and Ms. DeJong to our school.

School Council Update

Our Parent Reaching Out Grant (PRO Grant) application to the Ministry of Education was approved. We will be planning an evening of fun time for families to spend with each other and learn more about math. Of all the subjects at school, math is the one that seems to cause students the most difficulty. In an effort to work collaboratively with school staff, our hope is to give you more information about how you can support your child through those math struggles. We have a generous budget and intend to provide families with materials they can take home and use. If you are interested in helping out with this event, please contact a member of School Council or Principal Degner.

The next Yorkview School Council meeting will be on February 25th from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Everyone is welcome. If you are unable to attend, our meeting minutes are posted on the Yorkview School Website: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/yorkview/school-il.council/meeting-minutes/> If you have any questions, please contact a member of School Council listed on the website.

