

Yorkview Elementary

September 2019

Staffing Updates

Another year of learning and growing at Yorkview has begun! I hope the first days of the 2019/2020 school year have been positive for your family. The Yorkview staff have been hard at work trying to make the experience a memorable one. The first week of school is always exciting....and tiring. I'm sure everyone will sleep well tonight😊

Schools are in the business of continuous learning and improvement. This requires risk taking and hard work from both students and staff. The Yorkview staff are providing the opportunities and we trust that you will encourage your children to take advantage of them.

There are a few staffing updates I would like to make you aware of. Ms. Henry is absent and will be replaced by Ms. Moskwa in Kindergarten. Ms. Knott will be working Days 1-3 and Ms. Miscione will be working Days 4&5 as our Learning Resource Teacher. Ms. Muller will be working Monday-Wednesdays and Ms. Blaskivich on Thursdays and Fridays with Ms. Tower in Kindergarten. These changes are in place until further notice. All staff have been working tirelessly to provide a comprehensive program, advancing the students both socially and academically. I know you join me in welcoming our new staff members and will be grateful for the continuity in programming as well as the time they spend working with your child.

"You miss 100% of the shots you never take"
Wayne Gretzky

Encourage your child to take risks in their learning!



BECOME INVOLVED

Meet the teacher Night is your opportunity to formally meet your child's teacher but not for an interview. Teachers will be in their classrooms to introduce themselves and formally establish their relationship with you, your child's first teacher. Drop in. Meet the Teacher Night is **Thursday September 12th from 6:00-7:00PM.**

School Council provides an opportunity for to give advice to the principal on matters relating to all students in the school. Please look at the letter on our school website with nomination details. Our first School Council Meeting is **Monday September 23rd at 6:30-8:00PM in the staffroom. All are welcome!**

DUNDAS VALLEY CO-OP PRESCHOOL

Program Coordinator Brianne St. Louis

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. Our program runs Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9am-12pm. 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.



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.



**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 cooperation of all families not to send food with nut or nut products 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 as this is our fire route and the fines on the school could be hefty.

Please do not drop your child off 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 on the street and escort your child to the sidewalk or the back playground.

All students in grades 1-5 enter the building through the back playground doors or, if late, through the front doors. The expectation is, for the safety of all students in the building, that students and/or parents report to the office upon entry if late. Students or parents should not be going directly to classrooms as it is disruptive to classes and we don't want parents in the halls with other students. We want to support all children in developing independence so a back playground drop off is the preferred method of school entry. Instructional time begins at 8:25am. Students should arrive no earlier than 15 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 where they should be met by parents or walk home. Students are not allowed to exit through the front doors of the school unless alternate arrangements have been made with staff. Staff are on duty on the back playground at dismissal until 2:55pm. If your child stays longer, parents or guardians are expected to supervise them. Thank-you in advance for your co-operation.

Yorkview Staff September 2019

JK/SK	Ms. S. Muller and Ms. C. Blaskivich / Ms. K. Tower
JK/SK	Ms. L. Dunnigan/ Ms. J. Moskwa
Grade 1	Mrs. Caldwell-Puppa
Grade 1/2	Ms. T. Fink and Ms. L. Lukkarinen
Grade 2	Ms. S. Gelderman
Grade 3	Ms. K. Grantham
Grade 4/5	Ms. B. Gardiner
Grade 4/5	Mr. R. Puppa
Learning Resource Teacher	Ms. K. Knott and Ms. C. Miscione
Phys Ed. (primary prep coverage)	Ms. K. Dichazi
Librarian (primary Arts prep coverage)	Ms. Gelderman
French Teacher (0.5FTE)	Mon. Nicole
Educational Assistants	Ms. C. Condilis and Ms. R. Dykes
Caretaker	Ms. B. Pittard
Caretaker	Mr. G. Griffith
Office Administrator	Mrs. L. Cochlin
Principal	Ms. M. Rodney