

Yorkview Elementary



October 2019

School Updates

I always eagerly await the start of the school year, excited about the new opportunities ahead as well as grateful for the routine it brings into our busy lives. This September has passed quicker than any other I've experienced! Staff have been busy performing diagnostic assessments on students and looking at the data provided to make programming decisions for the upcoming school year.

Please make sure the office has your most current contact information. It is important we are able to contact you if necessary.

Unfortunately the weather has not cooperated with the contractor's paving schedule so we do not have our playground completely paved yet. One positive thing that has come out of it is that students have made full use of the beautiful property Yorkview sits on by using the full playground on nutrition breaks.

We would like to remind you to attend our School Council meeting on Monday October 28 at 6:30 p.m. in our staffroom. Your input is greatly appreciated. Please contact your parent representatives if you would like to see any items added to the agenda.

Michelle Rodney, Principal

"You can't get to mastery without taking risks"
Encourage your child to take risks in their learning!



Late Arrivals

Mornings are busy times for families. Getting the kids up and washed, breakfast eaten, dogs walked, lunches packed and children off to school... it is exhausting just thinking about it. We are all late from time-to-time but did you know that if you are just 5 minutes late for the start of the school day that adds up to 3 school days over the course of a month! Unfortunately, lateness has become a habitual problem for a growing number of Yorkview students. This problem has a negative effect not only on the child who is late, but also on their peers who have their learning time interrupted. To help address this disruptive trend we are asking that you have your children at school on time. Learning to arrive on time is a life skill that will assist our students not only in their academic lives but also in their work careers. Students who are persistently late will be asked to meet with their parents and the principal to address the situation.

Did you know...

We Celebrate World Teacher Appreciation Day on Saturday, October 5, 2019

The first World Teachers' Day took place on Oct. 5, 1994. Developed by the United Nations, the day is intended to commemorate the work of teachers and their contributions to society. During the week of October 7-11, take the time to let your child's teacher know they are truly appreciated. Thank your child's teacher and let them know they are making a difference. You will be among parents and students from around the world observing World Teacher Appreciation Day.

Athletics

We sent 34 students to participate in the board cross country meet on October 7th. Thanks to all the staff and parent volunteers who helped make the board meet a great success. Special Thanks to Mrs. Caldwell-Puppa and Mrs. Gardiner for organizing the representation of our students at the board meet and the upcoming school meet on October 16th at 11:00am.

Soccer teams have been playing during nutrition breaks. Thank you to Mr. Puppa and Mrs. Gardiner for organizing our Yorkview soccer league!

Terry Fox's story teaches your child courage, empathy

Terry Fox made history when he began his Marathon of Hope in 1980. He planned to run across Canada to raise money and awareness for cancer research and he was doing it with one artificial leg. Fox lost his leg to cancer and used his story to inspire others. Terry Fox made it more than 5,000 km across the east coast, Quebec and Ontario before the cancer spread to his lungs, preventing him from continuing. On June 28, 1981 Terry Fox died at the age of 22.

On Sept. 13, 1981, the first Terry Fox Run took place at 760 sites across Canada with approximately 300,000 people participating. The first run raised \$3.5 million. To date, the Terry Fox run has raised more than \$400 million for cancer research. Thank you to Ms. Dichazi and the staff for organizing a successful Terry Fox run on September 27th. We raised over \$2000! In the past 36 years Yorkview has raised a total of \$64 299.70 for cancer research. Way to go Yorkview!

Stream of Dreams

Thank you to Mrs. Grantham and staff and all our parent volunteers who helped students learn about their local watershed and create a colourful fish mural that will have lasting impact on our school community.



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Picture Day

Thursday October 10th is picture day! Each student will receive a class picture and an individual picture if they choose to purchase one. Looking forward to seeing a big smile for picture day☺

Lice

There have been a few incidents of lice found in a couple of classes. We will have the Lice Squad in on Friday October 11th in the morning to do a check for lice. If lice are found you will be alerted and asked to treat your child. The paperwork provided will give you all the information needed. Your child will have to provide a signed copy of Verification of Treatment in order to return to learning Tuesday October 15th.

EQAO preliminary results

The preliminary results from the grade three testing from last Spring have been released. Parents have received their child's individual results. We are pleased with our results as they have remained stable (keeping in mind a difference of one or two students can translate to a difference of 10% in the scores).

Here is a brief synopsis of the school's results for all Grade 3 students at or above provincial standard (levels 3 & 4):

Reading 74%

Writing 74%

Math 65%

The testing results provide a "snapshot" of student progress and staff will analyze all the data to address student needs and program delivery.