

Yorkview News

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Principal's Corner...

October has come and gone guickly. You received Progress Reports which captured your child's development of learning skills and work habits over the first couple of months of school. General progress in all subjects was in-

cluded, as well as an early indication if any additional help is needed. You have a chance to meet with your child's teacher(s) on November 7th or 8th to discuss progress and learn specific next steps needed. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you over our interview days. We know that the best outcomes for students always occur when home and school works together. Book your interview today by speaking with your child's teacher in person or over the phone.

Hopefully you will get out to a School Council meeting this year or read the updates on the school website. At these meetings we take time to review our School Improvement Plan, which includes information about what we teach and how we teach it. We also receive updates from our YMCA program and Dundas Valley Preschool as well as discuss upcoming events or matters of interest to parents in the community. Our next meeting is Monday November 25th at 6:30 in the staffroom. See you there!

Ms. M. Rodney, Principal

Reminders

Friday November 8th is a PA Day

If you drive your child to school, please remember that the parking lot is for staff and parents who drop their children off at the YMCA before and after school program only. All other parents are reminded to use street parking - staying on the appropriate side of the street to allow traffic to continue to flow and buses to park.



Please walk your child to the yard as the parking lot is busy and out of bounds.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY Thursday, November 7th



The lost and found will be cleared out at the end of each month and unlabelled and unclaimed items are going to be donated to charity so please check it regularly if you are missing items.

Thanks for your continued support and co-operation.

Don't forget you can help support your school fundraising efforts all year long by donating your Grow For Green points at Holland Park Garden Gallery to Yorkview School and by clicking on "support a fundraiser" when you buy from Mabel's Labels.

https://mabelslabels.ca/en CA/fundraising/support/

Fundraising Support | Mabel's Labels Raise Funds With Kids Labels

Mabel's Labels fundraising program is a simple and practical way to raise funds for your school, daycare, team, camp or organization. All while making parents happy by keeping kids gear out of the lost and found!

Grades 3-5 will be honoring Hamilton veterans at the Dundas Cenotaph. Parents are welcome to join us.





It's Time to Stand Up, Speak Out, Help to Break the Silence!

Prepare for Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week, November 18-22, 2019

Did you know?...about 30 per cent of students are bullied on a regular basis. ...about 20 per cent of students admit to bullying others on a regular basis. ...85 per cent of the time, that bullying happens when there are other people watching. ...when someone intervenes bullying stops within seven seconds. ...increased adult presence at high-risk times can reduce bullying by up to 50 per cent.

Bullying is typically a form of repeated, persistent, and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem, or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

For more information on strategies for parents and students who are experiencing bullying issues go to: https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Bullying-Prevention-Handbook.pdf

During Bullying awareness week, we will be focusing on defining bullying and the importance of the bystander in helping stop bullying.

Cold Weather and Outdoor Play

Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise and time spent outside affords students an opportunity to break free from the structure of the classroom.



With the Canadian climate, time spent outside could mean anything from applying sunscreen to donning extra mittens and a hat, depending on the season. In the winter, it's important children come to school prepared for the cold. Boots, mittens or gloves and hats should be worn to school and it's a good idea to provide extra mittens, socks, etc. in the event they are needed. All students must have a pair of indoor shoes to change in to for the start of the school day.

As always, Principals can use their judgment in determining whether or not students remain inside during recess given the weather conditions. However, the City of Hamilton's Public Health and Community Services Department recommends individuals stay indoors when the temperature drops below minus 15 degrees Celsius without wind chill.

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board asks Principals to follow this recommendation and ensure children are not outside when it is that cold.

