



Yorkview Elementary School

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Dear families,

We are excited about welcoming back students – in person and through remote learning – to the 2020-21 school year. The pandemic has brought many changes to our school and its families, but I know that we can rise to the occasion if we work together. **We are asking that you help your children be on time and prepared to learn each and every day.** As a community when we work together, we're better. Although there will be many changes, we want our students to be engaged in their learning and excited about their own development. I encourage you to communicate directly with your child's teacher concerning any questions or issues that may arise. We are pleased to partner with you developing your child academically, emotionally and socially. Our shared efforts can provide the opportunity for students to meet their full potential. We will start the year focusing heavily on building the routines needed to keep us all safe and healthy while getting to know each other as individuals.

Thank you for keeping up with the communications coming from both the board and the school, and for completing important forms and surveys as required.

We are taking many actions to prevent COVID-19 at our school. You will notice that safety is guiding our programming choices. Here are some of the important points to remember:

Attestation

Before a student can enter Yorkview, we require that their family completes an attestation that they have read, understood, and will abide by all the expectations. Find this form on the [Parent Portal](#). ([Backup location](#) for forms and translations.)

Daily COVID-19 Screening

HWDSB COVID-19 Student Screening Checklist is to be **completed daily** before arriving at school. The checklist is found on the Parent Portal as well as on the [HWDSB website](#). **If you answered YES to any of the screening questions, or if you refuse to answer the questions, the student has failed the screening and must not attend school.** The family should contact Public Health (905) 974-9848 or their family doctor for testing. **Please contact the school using [SafeArrival](#) to report the absence.** If the student is tested for COVID-19, Yorkview would appreciate knowing the outcome of that test so you can call the office at 905-628-8212 if you are sharing the information with us.

Staggered start details

As you know, we will be opening our school with a staggered start timeline. This means that not all students will begin on the same day. Staff will have been in contact if your child was invited for a transition visit. FDK teams will let you know your JK Orientation visit time today. Please see the chart below, note which group your child falls into, and reach out if you have more questions:



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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	Staff Transition to New Assignments Remote Learning Day School Training	Staff Transition to New Assignments Remote Learning Day School Training	Students that Require Special Education Supports/Supports with Transitions and Mental Health JK Orientation Remote Learning Day School Welcome	Students that Require Special Education Supports/Supports with Transitions and Mental Health JK Orientation Remote Learning Day School Welcome
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18
GROUP A Last Name Alpha A to K (approximately ½ class)	GROUP B Last Name Alpha L to Z (approximately ½ class)	ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL (Full Classes)	ALL STUDENTS (Full Classes)	ALL STUDENTS (Full Classes)

New routines and protocols

School operations are changing significantly to ensure that we can provide a safe learning environment for students. Yorkview specific protocols are posted on our school website. These cover everything from parking lots, classroom set up, nutrition breaks, mandatory masks for students and more.

Water Bottles

Drinking fountains in all schools will be bagged and not used. Please be sure to send your child with a reusable water bottle so they stay hydrated.

Visiting Schools

This year, our school must significantly limit or even prohibit visitors to school, including parents, to support a safe and healthy learning environment. We ask families to call or email our school if they need to supply information or contact a staff member. Also, it is strongly recommended that parents do not drop off items during the school day.

Junior Kindergarten Orientation

You will be receiving an invitation for a JK Orientation session over MS Teams for Thursday September 10th at 10:00AM. This invitation will be by email, but you may join the session by phone if you do not have email, a device or audio-visual equipment. Each JK student will be invited to visit their classroom for an orientation accompanied by **ONE adult guardian/caregiver** on Friday September 11th. Your child's FDK team will be in contact with you today regarding your visitation 15 minute time slot.



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Elementary reorganization

We have had to make some slight adjustments to class assignments in order to have our Before School Program students be in the same classroom cohort. You would have received a call from me if this rearrangement impacted your child. Teachers will be receiving finalized class lists this week and will be contacting new class cohorts to welcome them into school for next week.

I will continue to send updates as we receive added information. Thank you for understanding the challenges of planning the new school year, and for sharing our commitment to safe and successful school year.

Learn more about COVID-19 precautions at HWDSB at www.hwdsb.on.ca/covid19.

If you have any questions, or think your child might struggle with school, please let me know.

Looking forward to a successful year,

Ms. Michelle Rodney

Yorkview Principal