



# Yorkview Elementary School

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## Yorkview November 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parent/Guardians,

As we begin to prepare for a change in season and daylight savings, our hope is that families enjoyed the end to October with the Halloween weekend. It was great to see students dressed in costumes! We have now officially completed two months of school and it has been a very busy, but exciting two months. There is a lot of great learning going on in all classrooms and we thank the Yorkview staff for their commitment to student learning and to our continued work on our Reading and Math goals.

At Yorkview, the month of November signals a period of reflection as it marks the student Progress Report period of 2023. It is the perfect time for students and guardians to receive a formal update of "how things are progressing". The goal of this interim report card is to provide an opportunity to identify both the student strengths and areas for improvement early in the school year. It provides parents with a snap shot of their child's progress. Student Progress Reports will be coming home November 13, 2023. Teachers will be arranging interviews in 15 minute intervals. We look forward to seeing you and discussing student progress.

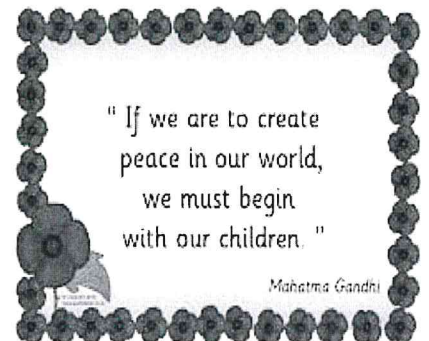
November also brings a time for Remembrance and reflection of Canada, the opportunities we have living in this country and to remember the soldiers who lost their lives for us to have peace. Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on November 10, 2023 at 10:45am in the gym. We will have chairs set up in the back of the gym for those parents/guardians that can attend. Please be aware that seats are limited.

Yorkview is partnering with 2 schools in Nunavut to donate clothing for students. We are having a Clothing Drive from Nov 20-24. Please look for the flyer being sent via school messenger. We look forward to building this partnership and enabling students to form friendships with students in the schools.

As the weather changes please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for outside.

Kind regards,  
*Ms. Stafford*

Date	Activity
Nov 2	Pizza Day
Nov 9	Pizza Day
Nov 10	Remembrance Day Assembly Krispy Kreme Pick up
Nov 13	World Kindness Day/Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week Progress Reports sent home
Nov 15-17	Teacher/Parent Progress Report Interviews
Nov 16	Pizza Day
Nov 17	PA Day Interview Day (students no school)
Nov 20	Fresh from the Farm Pick Up After 12
Nov 20-24	Clothing Drive
Nov 21	School Council 6-7:30pm
Nov 23	Pizza Day
Nov 30	Pizza Day



## PARENT PORTAL UPDATES



Parent Portal is a login-protected space that collects useful tools and information for HWDSB families.

All information about phone numbers, addresses and contacts for every child is managed now by parents/guardians through the Parent Portal. Please be sure to review and update these records so we can accurately contact you, other guardians and/or emergency contacts should the need arise. If you need help accessing your Parent Portal account, please contact [yorkview@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:yorkview@hwdsb.on.ca)



## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

With School Cash Online, you can pay all your child's school fees with the click of a button, wherever, whenever. Trips to the school to drop off cash or sending your child with money will be a thing of the past. School Cash Online also enables you to keep track of your child's school items and activities.

It's easy to register, add your children, make payments, check current balance/account history, print or view receipts, and receive notifications about upcoming events. Once you sign up for an account and connect the student(s) you will be paying for, the account will move with the student(s) as they progress to other HWDSB schools.

If you have not yet registered for School Cash Online or need help doing so, please visit us at the School Office or call Mrs. Aitken for support.

## EQAO RESULTS 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

EQAO Results The percentage of students who met or exceeded the provincial standard is represented in the bar graph. For more detailed information on how the school performed please visit the EQAO website at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)

### Percentage of Fully Participating Students at or Above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4) for the 2022–2023 school year

Mathematics 56%    Reading 88%    Writing 75%



### **ATTENDANCE SUPPORT:**

This week our tips for supporting your child’s attendance at school focuses on ways to involve the school. See below for some strategies you could try.

- Know that there are supports in your child’s school. Connect with them as soon as an issue starts. Connecting earlier is better than when your child has missed a lot of school.
- If your child wants to leave school, try to have them connect with a caring adult in the school first to see if things can be worked out. If they still need to leave we will call home to see if they can be picked up or for permission for them to walk home.
- Reach out to your school Principal for help if your child is not coming to school for whatever reason. Let’s talk!
- A welcoming school approach has proven to be quite effective. Ensure your child is familiar with their school Principal and other caring adults in the building.
- Have a mental health plan created with your child and school staff. We can try to find a safe place in the school when your child might need some quiet time away from his peers.

### **INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS (IEPs)**

Classroom teachers, with the help of Mrs. Gourley and valuable input from our educational staff, spent some time updating IEPs and a revised copy was sent home on October 17 , 2023.

We kindly ask that you take some time to review your child’s IEP, and sign and return the consultation form that will be attached to the IEP.

This IEP is an important part of your child’s learning journey and we truly appreciate you taking the time to go over and share your thoughts.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

At Yorkview, we have made it a priority to set aside time on November 10th for the whole school to pause and consider the significance of Remembrance Day. Unlike most special occasions, this one is not a celebration. Remembrance Day is about showing our respect and gratitude to the serving and previous members of our armed forces who have sacrificed for our country. On November 11, we observe a moment of silence to honour the courage, valour and sacrifice of the heroes who have served – and continue to serve – Canada during times of war and conflict. Find your moment – honour those who have served and show thanks for their sacrifice.

### **YORKVIEW VOLUNTEERS**

As the year continues Volunteers are needed for many school events. Please be aware that a Vulnerable Police Check must be provided to the school in advance of attending a school event and can take time to process. If you would like to volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

**GRAFFITI ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Unfortunately, we also have had a lot of graffiti this past month on the school building, playscape and signs. Please be aware we are working with partners in the community to decrease this issue and have it removed.

If you observe any of these poor choices please feel free to contact the school and report to police.

Thank you for your support.

**DOGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Many families love to include their family dog in the walk to and from school. This is just a reminder that dogs are not allowed on any HWDSB properties. Signs are posted in several locations around the property. Please note that if you choose to include your dog in the walk, establish a meeting place just off of school property to meet your child so that this can happen.

Saying this we are also noticing dog poop on many areas where students play and in our Kindergarten area, which is locked at night and on weekends. Please know that our students use these areas to play every school day and even though the caretaker does walk around in the morning it is difficult to get all the poop. This is creating very unsanitary conditions for our students and becoming a concern. Animal Services have been contacted.

Thanks for your understanding.

**PARKING**

A reminder that the parking lot is for staff and board employees. Please park on the streets adjacent to the school and walk onto to the school property for drop offs and pick ups.

**CELL PHONES**

A reminder cell phones are not to be used during school instructional time. Please ensure your child understands that if cell phones are brought to school, they need to be left in their backpack.

**PROGRESS REPORT CARDS**

Reporting student progress is an essential part of the communication and partnership process between home and school. Teachers have been working hard at completing progress reports for their students. Progress reports will be sent home on November 13th . Teachers will be reaching out with any concerns and likewise, should you wish to discuss your child's progress with their teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange a phone call or virtual meeting as needed.

The report card provides a "snapshot" of student learning that reflects grade-level expectations and standards, student achievement of and progress toward independently meeting expectations, and indications of where help and support are needed.

What does Progressing VERY WELL, WELL and WITH DIFFICULTY mean?

- Progressing Very Well: demonstrates ongoing, consistent improvement towards meeting or exceeding the provincial standard by the end of the term/year.
- Progressing Well: demonstrates ongoing, consistent improvement towards meeting the provincial standard by the end of the term/year.
- Progressing with Difficulty: demonstrates that the student will require improvement and/or assistance to meet the provincial standard by the end of the term/year.

This year HWDSB is once again having parent/teacher conferences. November 17th is a P.A. Day that has been established for Parent/Teacher conferences. Notices will be sent home with information on how to set up the interview with your child's teacher. Please adhere to the guidelines and timelines that have been established to secure an interview time. The interview is an opportunity to sit down with your child's teacher to ask questions, celebrate successes, raise concerns and assist your child in establishing attainable goals moving forward.