



Yorkview Elementary School

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Yorkview December 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parent/Guardians,

Oh, how I love this time of year in the elementary school. It is so nice to see the excitement in the eyes of the children. I love hearing the laughter, the singing and the wonderful stories. It truly is one of the most wonderful times of the year.

As we head into the holiday season and bring term one to a close, we would like to thank the families of Yorkview for your continued support. We also want to thank our dedicated staff who put their hearts into creating engaging learning opportunities, providing caring classrooms and playgrounds both outside and inside. Together we are strong, so thank you all for everything YOU do!

It is hard to believe that we are near the end of the year and our holidays are quickly approaching. November was a busy month with a beautiful Remembrance Day Service, Progress Reports going home, reading interventions continuing and field trips.

Thank you! It was so wonderful to see that many parents participated in parent-teacher interviews. Thank you for making time to discuss your child's progress. We want the lines of communication open between home and school as we work as a team to help support all students. Remember that you can reach out to your child's teacher any time you have a question or concern.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers for a joyful holiday market. The students will always remember.

During the busyness of the coming month, try to remember time is one of the best gifts we are given. Enjoy family time over the winter break. Take time to snuggle up and read together, play board games, drink hot chocolate, get outside and just enjoy being together!

On behalf of the Yorkview staff we hope that you have a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Kind regards,
Ms. Stafford

Date	Activity
Nov 27-Dec12	Food Drive
Dec 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
Dec 4	Start of Advent
Dec 7	Pizza Day Hanukkah begins
Dec 8	Holiday Market
Dec 10	International Human Rights Day
Dec 14	Pizza Day Staff Meeting
Dec 15	Hanukkah ends
Dec 21	Pizza Day
Dec 18-21	JOY Week
Dec 18	-wear your favourite colour
Dec 19	-wear your favourite sweater
Dec 20	-wear your favourite socks
Dec 21	-wear your favourite hat Sing Song per 1
Dec 22	-wear your favourite pajamas -movie day per 3 and 4
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Kwanzaa begins



FEELING SICK

Being sure that a child is well enough to go to school can be tough for any parent. It often comes down to whether the child can still participate at school. Having a sore throat, cough, or mild congestion doesn't always mean kids can't handle class and other activities. However, we greatly encourage you to keep your child home if they have symptoms like a fever over 100.4°F/ 38°C; pain from earache, headache, sore throat, or recent injury; diarrhea; vomiting; or trouble breathing. Please be aware we have had eye infections, impetigo and hand, foot and mouth in the school. A child who has the sniffles but hasn't slowed down at home is likely well enough for the classroom. But one who coughed all night and had a hard time getting up in the morning is encouraged to take it easy at home.



ATTENDANCE



As the weather changes and we get more settled into school, we are beginning to notice a number of students showing up for school late or not attending. It is important to note that students who attend school regularly tend to be more engaged in their learning, feel more connected to the school and have better academic outcomes than students who miss a lot of school.

Did you know?

-If your child is 20 minutes late every day, he/she will have missed 12 days of school instruction by the end of the school year.

- If your child misses two days of school per month, he/she will have missed one-month worth of instruction by the end of the school year.

FOOD DRIVE

Starting November 27 until Dec 12 our school started collecting food items for the Salvation Army. Again the generosity of Yorkview families is overwhelming. We have already packed a full van this week of donations.



Please continue to give what you can. Every single donation helps, and together we hope our combined donations will make a real difference for those in need. Together we can stop hunger!

Please check all food labels to make sure that any items given are not expired.

OUTDOOR PLAY EXPECTATIONS

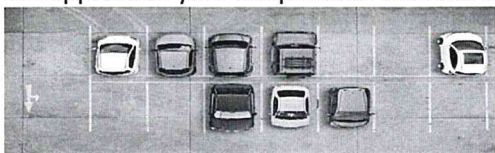
Outdoor play must be safe and respectful!! Please speak to your child about keeping their hands to themselves. Aggressive play is rough and it causes injuries to children. While at school, there is no need to play games that involve grabbing, pushing, shoving, or hitting. Likewise, snowball throwing is not permitted, as it is not safe as we never know where it might land or what object might be caught up in it. Students are not permitted to throw snow during outdoor times. Every year, we also tend to have issues with the building of snow forts. We will be having conversations with students to see if there is a way to work around this issue and hopefully we can reach amicable solutions.



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.

We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.



WINTER WEATHER

We ask that all students are sent to school with proper winter wear each day. Please review our weather conditions for outdoor recess below.

Weather Conditions

Students will play outdoors when:

- Temperatures are above 15°C with consideration given to wind chill factor
- There is light precipitation (e.g. snow flurries, drizzle)



LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found will be placed on a table by the office the week of Dec 18-22. Classes will be brought by to look and see if they have any items. Please be sure to pop by if you would like to take one last look for items. On Dec 22 we will be donating the remainder of the items.

- Snow is on the ground, depending upon how different play areas are affected

Playground/Field Conditions

Students will be permitted to use the field and asphalt play areas when conditions are suitable for safe play.

Safety considerations included:

- Fields that are not muddy or icy and asphalt play areas that are not icy
- Snow that is not deep enough to inhibit students walking/running

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

With winter weather upon us, please make sure students are dressed appropriately for outdoor activities. On days where cold weather and snow are in the forecast, boots, mittens or gloves, a warm hat and a winter jacket should be worn. Snow pants may also be needed for children who will play in the snow.

Please remind your children of this, as many feel that they do not have to wear what they come to school with during outside nutrition breaks. Please consider taking some time to label your child's clothing in case they misplace them.

