



Yorkview Elementary School

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Yorkview January 2024 Newsletter



Dear Parent/Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has had a chance to relax and enjoy some quality time with family and friends over the holiday break. Thank you for all of your holiday wishes and generous support before the Winter Break. Your kindness is truly appreciated by our staff. The start of school, after a significant break, always provides a good opportunity to re-establish a focus on learning. January will bring a fresh start for each of us and is always a time when we try to set goals and prioritize for the year.

We are excited as classes are being partnered with the Indigenous schools that we provided some clothing donations to prior to the winter break. Teachers will be working with students to create class letters to send in order to begin a friendship. We look forward to our new partnerships!

Our former Superintendent of School Achievement for Family of Schools Five, Jane Macpherson retired the first week back in January. We wish her health and happiness on her next journey!

We have a new Superintendent of School Achievement for Family of Schools Five, Angela Mercier. Looking forward to showing her all the fantastic initiatives and learning that is currently happening at Yorkview.

As always, if you have ideas, concerns or need clarification on an issue, please contact me.

Kind regards,
Ms. Stafford

Date	Activity
Jan 1	Happy New Year
Jan 8	Welcome Back
Jan 11	Pizza Day
Jan 12	Photo Re-takes
Jan 16	Popcorn School Council 6pm
Jan 18	Pizza Day Staff Meeting
Jan 23	Popcorn
Jan 25	Pizza Day
Jan 26	PA Day
Jan 27	Family Literacy Day
Jan 29	Public Health Dental Screening JK, SK, Gr.2
Jan 30	Popcorn



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. 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.

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.

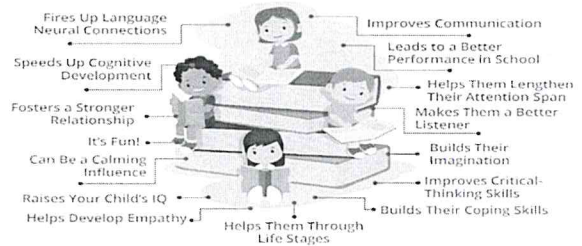
Please remind your children of this, as many feel that they do not have to wear what they come to school with during outside nutrition breaks. Please consider taking some time to label your child's clothing in case they misplace them.



FAMILY LITERACY DAY

Family Literacy Day is on Saturday January 27, 2024.

Benefits of Reading to Your Child



OUTDOOR PLAY EXPECTATIONS

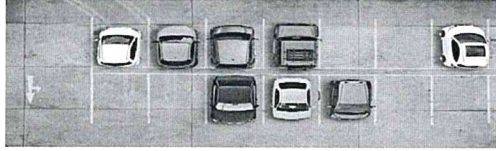
Outdoor play must be safe and respectful!! Please speak to your child about keeping their hands to themselves. Aggressive play is rough and it causes injuries to children. While at school, there is no need to play games that involve grabbing, pushing, shoving, or hitting. Likewise, snowball throwing 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.



ON TIME & READY TO LEARN

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.

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)
- 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

YOU ARE
KIND.
YOU ARE
SMART.
YOU ARE
IMPORTANT.