



# Yorkview Elementary School

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## Yorkview April 2024 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is extremely hard to believe that April is upon us. Although the calendar says April, many days it continues to feel like winter. I don't know about you but I am tired of winter coats and boots and truly looking forward to wearing some lighter clothing. Let's hope that Spring will appear soon in temperature and not just in name and date! As a season, Spring is a time where we get a sense of rejuvenation, a belief that things will be brighter, and warmer, and a renewed energy to put our best foot forward.

Parents, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your support this year. Your partnership is always appreciated.

We are now into the final three months of the school year and these three months tend to be especially busy with activities. Please check the newsletters, calendars and website for regular updates.

Kind regards,  
*Ms. Stafford*

Date	Activity
April 1st	Easter Monday (NO SCHOOL)
April 8th	PA Day; Total Eclipse Day
April 12th	International Day of Pink
April 15th	Jump Rope For Heart Kick Off Assembly
April 16th	School Council Meeting
April 17th	Grade 1-5 Field Trip Dundas Central Play
April 18th	Staff Meeting
April 19th	Springfest in the afternoon
April 22	Earth Day
April 23th	Garden Day
April 26th	Creative Hairstyle Spirit Day
April 29th	SK Vision Screening Volunteer Appreciation Tea

### Thought for the Month:





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On Friday, April 12, 2024, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board schools and worksites will recognize the International Day of Pink. Unlike Pink Shirt Day, which is meant to combat all forms of bullying, we celebrate International Day of Pink in Peel to specifically combat homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia. International Day of Pink began when a high school student in Cambridge, Nova Scotia, was bullied with homophobic language because he wore a pink shirt to school. The next day, hundreds of students at his school stood up to bullying and wore pink to school to show their support for equity and inclusion. On this day, students, staff, and families from across HWDSB are encouraged to wear pink and participate in a number of activities.



## EARTH MONTH

April is Earth Month and we can't think of a better way to celebrate than by working together towards a sustainable future for everyone!

Earth Month encompasses the international celebration of Earth Day on April 22, 2024, the most celebrated environmental event worldwide. Initiated in 1970, this event has been considered the birth of the environmental movement. Each year, more than six million Canadians join 500 million people all over the world to address local environmental issues.



This year's Earth Day theme is Planet vs. Plastics, and its focus is to advocate for widespread awareness on the health risk of plastics and rapidly phase out all single use plastics.

Here are at least six ways students and their families can help take action towards a healthy and green future for everyone.

- Organize a clean-up around your school's neighbourhood and investigate the effects of litter on wildlife.
- Spring into spring and encourage walking and rolling to school.
- Run a recycling drive at home and divert plastic from finding its way to the landfill.
- Research some STEM activities that we can use to repurpose plastic.
- Participate in some of the family-friendly programs and activities offered in the region and engage in environmental learning about Earth Day.
- National GOOS Paper Day is April 6! GOOS stands for Good On One Side and is an important initiative to make sure both sides of paper are used before recycling it.

Whether the focus is on eliminating the use of single-use plastics like plastic bags and plastic water bottles, learning about one of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), or focusing on the connection between climate change and Indigenous knowledge, HWDSB is excited to create learning opportunities and activities that students can share with their families to invest in our planet and make a real difference.

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