



# Yorkview Elementary School

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## Yorkview May 2024 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Congratulations to Yorkview students and staff for a fantastic Jump Rope for Heart Event on Friday. Thank you to Mrs. Grantham and her class for organizing announcements and a wonderful event. We surpassed our record and raised over \$10,000! Yorkview is 6<sup>th</sup> in Canada. Thank you to families for your generosity!

The month of May also begins with Education Week and Mental Health Awareness Week to help our students appreciate the love for learning and develop their skills on understanding concepts that relate to mental health & well-being. The theme of this year's Mental Health Week is **Be Kind**. This is a theme that we have been using throughout this school year, emphasizing that a little kindness goes a long way both at school and in the community.

As we prepare for year end, we do want to share that the Provincial wide EQAO assessment for our Grade 3 students will be taking place again this year. Our Grade 3 students will be writing the assessment during the week of **May 21st – May 24th**. Parent letters will be sent home to all of our Grade 3 families on Monday, May 13 with information regarding the assessment.

A very special Thank You goes out to our teachers at Yorkview, who continue to offer students enriching opportunities to learn and grow!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Open House/Family Fun Math Night on May 14, 2024 starting at 5pm.

Kind regards,

*Ms. G. Stafford*

Date	Activity
May 1	National Jewish Heritage Month National Asian Heritage Month Speech & Hearing Month
May 3	Jump Rope for Heart
May 6-10	National Child and Youth Mental Health Week; Education Week
May 7	Forge FC Soccer Gr.4 and 5
May 14	Kindergarten Orientation Open House/ Family Fun Math Night
May 16	Yorkview Track and Field Meet
May 17	Raindate Yorkview Track and Field Meet
May 20	Victoria Day Holiday
May 21-24	Gr. 3 EQAO
May 21	School Council 6pm
May 23	Staff Meeting
May 27-29	Gr. 3 EQAO catch-up
May 31	Silly Sock Spirit Day

**“Be kind, for  
everyone you  
meet is fighting a  
battle you know  
nothing about.”**

WENDY MASS, “THE CANDYMAKERS”



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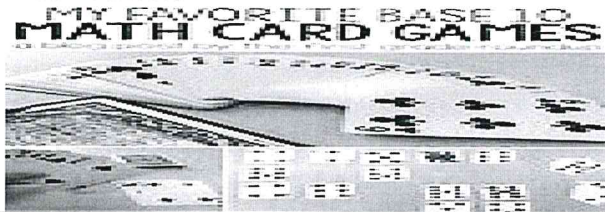
## Yorkview Open House/Family Fun Math Night



Date: May 14, 2024

Time: 5-7pm

Come join us for food, a visit to the classroom, math games, Math Swag Take Home and draws for Math Games!



## PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

### MOVING? Let Us Know

In order to assist us with making the best decisions possible with respect to class organization and student placements for Yorkview School for the

2024/2025 school year, we would appreciate if you would let the office know if your family is planning to move in the next few months.

We thank you in advance for keeping us informed! School and classroom organization begins at the beginning of May so sharing this information with us now is very helpful for our planning for next year!

## OUTDOOR PLAY & SELF REGULATION

You might have noticed that a lot of changes have been going on in our kindergarten play area and the butterfly garden. Outdoor education programs give children the skills they need to remain emotionally regulated and resilient, while also promoting the mental and physical well-being needed for children to succeed. We are seeing an increase in research about how outdoor education programs are beneficial to children. Bringing experiences outside and giving children clear goals can help with many aspects of self-regulation.



## ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

All electronic devices, such as cell phones, digital game devices, computers and cameras are not to be used while the student is on school property before, during, or after school activities without the permission of school personnel and only for educational purposes. If a student carries a cell phone, they are responsible for the cell phone at all times. At no time will students use electronic devices for digital, audio or video recording without permission from the teacher. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen property.



## HEALTH LESSONS

Yorkview students will begin a unit on Human Development and Sexual Health between May 15th and June 16th 2024.

The Ontario Curriculum indicates, "Parents are the primary educators of their children with respect to learning about values, appropriate behaviour, and ethnocultural, spiritual, and personal beliefs and traditions, and they are their children's first role models. It is therefore important for schools and parents to work together to ensure that home and school provide a mutually supportive framework for young people's education" (page 13). This unit offers you, as the most significant influence of your child's values and behaviours, the chance to discuss the classroom lessons and consider them in light of your own family beliefs.

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## HEALTH LESSONS

All parent information, including a recording of a presentation can be found at:

[hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/programs/humandevelopment/](http://hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/programs/humandevelopment/)

Parents will need to complete an exemption form, in Parent Portal, if they want their children exempted and email it to Yorkview school. Paper copies and/or phone calls will also be accepted. Please feel free to contact the school if you have questions or concerns regarding this upcoming unit.

## GET OUTSIDE AND ENJOY THE WEATHER

1000 hours outside is a global platform for those who wish to reclaim childhood, reconnect families and live a fuller life. The average child spends 4-7 hours on screen time and gets a limited amount of unstructured free play outside every day.

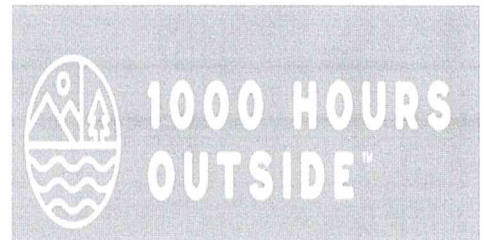
Since the weather is getting better (sort of), check out this initiative:

[https://www.1000hoursoutside.com/#google\\_vignette](https://www.1000hoursoutside.com/#google_vignette)

Families can sign up to receive a tracker that kids can colour as they increase their hours. For a list of local free outdoor ideas, check this out:

<https://activeparents.ca/spring/>

Let's get our children outside and let them play, build creative games, make new friends, cement old relationships, etc.



## MENTAL HEALTH MONTH:

### A CALL TO BE KIND

The World Mental Health Month aims to address mental health issues in an empathetic way, with a unifying voice, helping everyone to feel hopeful by. We all have the capacity to be compassionate, and we know that doing so can make an enormous difference. This year's Mental Health Week is centered on the healing power of compassion. In a world plagued by suffering, we emphasize that kindness is equally intrinsic to our humanity. Join us from May 6 to 12, 2024 to explore how compassion connects us all.



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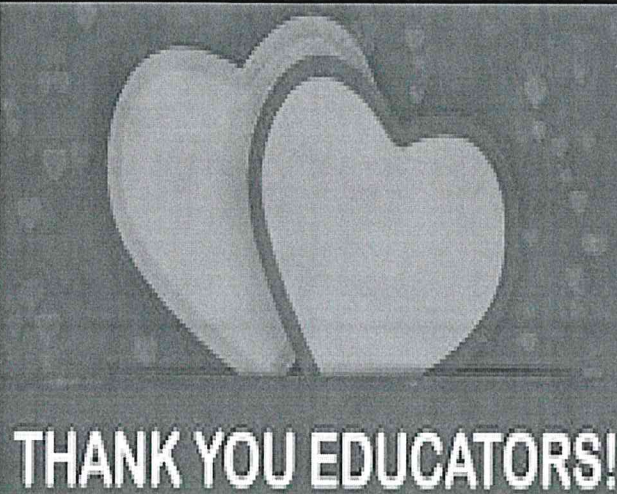


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Education Quality and  
Accountability Office



### OFFENCE DECLARATION FOR RETURNING VOLUNTEERS

End of year trips are fast approaching and we will need volunteers. If you would like to volunteer at our school or accompany your child's class on a school trip, you must complete a vulnerable sector criminal background check. A criminal background check is required for all school volunteers in Ontario.



Parents play an important role in the development and education of their children, and in the success of the school community. At Yorkview School, we welcome and encourage the participation of parents and community members, and are grateful for the countless hours our volunteers have contributed in previous school years.

Once you have completed the process, you are on file with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board as being a school volunteer. All returning volunteers will receive an Offence Declaration form that must be filled out and returned to the board office each year. Completing the Offence Declaration will ensure that you can continue volunteering.

### ACTIVE PARENTS

Active Parents is a go-to resource for parents in the Halton and Hamilton regions looking to find great kids' activities, parenting support, local deals, and kid-friendly events. They provide all the information parents are searching for into one easy-to-use website, saving them hours. They introduce parents to new businesses, local events and memorable destinations they might not otherwise existed!

[activeparents.ca](http://activeparents.ca)



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## CLASS BUILDING FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

The planning process for 2024-2025 school will be starting pretty soon. Over the next couple of months the staff at the school will spend many hours developing class lists based on a detailed set of criteria, focused on student learning and success for the following year. We take this process very seriously and do our best to plan for the success of all of our students at Yorkview.

As in the past, we wanted to remind families that we do not take requests for teachers. I will look into exceptional circumstances written in a letter to myself before June 1, 2024. With this process we take the following into account.

- learning partners
- ability groups – learning groups
- needs of students
- separating some students due to relationship issues depending on the number of classrooms.
- balance of gender/ non binary
- behavioural needs/ dynamics between students
- combined classrooms are not streamed (for example, a  $\frac{2}{3}$  split is not high achieving grade 2's and low achieving grade 3's) – combined class resource

Thank you for your understanding and trusting the Yorkview staff as we build classes for the next school year.

