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Yorkview March 2025 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We welcome the new month of March with a renewed sense of optimism as the weather begins to change and the days become longer. In the month of March, we begin our month with the Danceathon and follow up with The Great Big Crunch. Both opportunities to support our school and our nutrition program. I hope that we can all find some time this month to reflect on the important aspects of our lives and also the importance of reaching out to one another and helping each other.

I can't believe that we are already well into the start of our second term at Yorkview! As you are aware the first Report Card was sent home in February giving our caregivers an opportunity to discuss achievement with their child and focus on growth and improvement through goal setting and next steps. We value the importance of a home-school connection and appreciate the support that you provide at home to ensure your child is meeting with success in all subject areas. Spring is approaching and learning is in full swing here at Yorkview. As you may know, this is a time of year that students make the most academic and social learning improvements. Make school a priority. Very soon the weather will change with spring right around the corner. It can be challenging to keep our children focused on learning. The second Report Card will go home at the end of June to reflect achievement from February through to June. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher to discuss questions you may have around their progress and achievement in Term 1.

With March upon us, we are looking forward to spring and realize that Daylight Savings Time is approaching! Please remember to spring forward your clocks by 1 hour on March 9th which will bring longer daylight to look forward to! We also have March Break approaching the week of March 10th. We wish our families and students a wonderful March Break week to rest & recharge for the remainder of the school year.

Kind regards,
Ms. G. Stafford

Date	Activity
March 1	Days of Fasting, Ramadan continues
March 3	Social Work Week Begins
March 5	Danceathon, Ash Wednesday, Lent
March 6	The Great Big Crunch
March 9	Daylight Savings Time
March 14	Sikh New Year, Holi
March 10-14	March Break
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 20	Nowruz (Iranian and Persian New Year)
March 21	World Down Syndrome Day, International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination
March 22	Earth Hour
March 27	Staff Meeting
March 29	Ramadan ends
March 30	Eid al Fitr Celebration
March 31	Indigenous Language Day

KINDNESS IS MORE
THAN DEEDS. IT IS
AN ATTITUDE. AN
EXPRESSION. A
LOOK. A TOUCH. IT
IS ANYTHING THAT
LIFTS ANOTHER
PERSON.

- PLATO

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HWD SB
BE YOU. BE EXCELLENT.

REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN



It is never too late to register for Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year but please do so ASAP.

Students who will turn 4 years of age by December 31, 2025 are eligible for JK and students who will turn 5 are eligible for SK.

If you know of families in our area who have children of this age, please pass this information along to them. Registration will be completed online. If assistance is required, please call the school at 905-628-8212 or visit www.hwdsb.on.ca.

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/>

LOST & FOUND

Everyday students are leaving their coats, jackets, sweaters, gloves and hats on the school grounds. Those items without student's names are picked up and brought to our lost and found located in front of the school.

During the school year when the pile gets high we donate these items. During March break we will be donating any items left in our lost and found.

Please be sure to check the table or have your child check the lost and found by Friday, March 7, 2024.



REPORT CARDS



1st term report cards have been sent and we are into term two, the message you want to send is that you respect hard work. Praising kids for following through when things get difficult, for making a sustained effort, for trying things they're not sure they can do successfully; can all help teach them the pleasure of pushing themselves. DO stay positive. Find something to praise initially, even if it's only to comment on the slight improvement in your child's grades or how well they get along with their classmates. If the marks aren't stellar, but your child has worked hard and tried their very best, they deserve recognition for what they achieved. Please sign the slip and return it with the envelope to your child's teacher.

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION?

Updating contact information in schools is important for a variety of reasons. It ensures that parents and guardians can be reached in case of an emergency or for important updates about the school. It also helps schools to keep track of who is authorized to pick up a student from school.

It is also a good idea to provide the school with the contact information for at least two emergency contacts in case the primary contact is not available.

By keeping contact information up to date, schools can ensure that they have a reliable way to reach families and guardians, and families can be confident that they will be contacted in case of an emergency or important update.

EARTH HOUR

Started by WWF and partners as a symbolic lights-out event in Sydney in 2007, Earth Hour is now one of the world's largest grassroots movements for the environment, engaging millions of people in more than 180 countries and territories. Join the millions of people around the world and switch off your lights in support of nature and our planet on Saturday, March 22nd, 2025 at 8:30 pm. - <https://www.earthhour.org/> Spend 60 minutes doing something positive for our planet.

Ideas for your family to do for Earth Hour!

Earth Hour belongs to you. Celebrate your commitment to the planet with your friends, family, community or at work - in your own way. A simple event can be just turning off all non-essential lights on March 22nd from 8:30-9:30 pm. For one hour, focus on your commitment to our planet.

To celebrate, you can:

- prepare a candle lit dinner,
- talk to your neighbours, or invite people over
- stargaze, or go camping in your backyard
- play board games, or charades
- host a concert, or a sing-a-long
- create or join your own community event
- have an Earth Hour every month

The possibilities are endless!



LITERACY FOCUS

HWDSB: Student Learning and Achievement: We will improve student learning and achievement through effective instructional strategies.

Reading at Home

Talking about books and reading is an important part of your child's learning. Below are some questions to help you get started in conversations about books and reading. It is important that your child read daily at home. The questions below will support the things we are doing at school.

- Why did you choose this book?
- What do you think will happen next? Which part of the text makes you think that?
- Does this book remind you of anything that has ever happened to you?
- What have you been wondering as you read this?
- Does this book make you think of anything else you have read?
- Were there any words or phrases in your reading that you really liked? Which ones?
- What had been your favorite part of the book so far? Why?
- Was there a part of the book that surprised you? Why?
- Would you like to read another book by this same author? Why or why not?
- Can you think of someone else you know who would like this book? Why?
- Was this book too hard, too easy, or just right for you? How do you know?
- Were there any places in the book that had you confused? Did you reread to help you understand?