



Yorkview Elementary School

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Yorkview May 2025 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Congratulations to Yorkview students and staff for a fantastic Jump Rope for Heart event on Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs. Grantham and her class for organizing announcements and a wonderful event. We have raised over \$5,000! Thank you to all students for participating and jumping to support the Heart and Stoke Foundation! Thank you to families for your generosity! Our celebration begins with the Jumpsations assembly and a June Play Day for students.

The month of May begins with Education Week. This year's theme, "Igniting Minds, Inspiring Futures" focuses on helping our students find their spark and continue to have a yearning for learning. Mental Health Awareness Week's theme this year is, "Unmasking Mental Health". We will be encouraging mental health strategies for students by focusing on Let's Quack about mental health. Look for the kindness ducks! Junglesport is arriving this month as well and we look forward to all students being challenged as they complete the course in the gymnasium.

A very special **THANK YOU TO YORKVIEW STAFF** as we appreciate them this month during Educator Week. Thank you for providing all students with enriching opportunities to learn and grow everyday!

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 20th – May 24th**.

Mrs. Gardiner will be retiring at the end of June. We celebrate her years of service and wish her a happy and healthy retirement!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Open House with the Scholastic Book Fair on May 13, 2024 starting at 5pm.

Kind regards,

Ms. G. Stafford

Date	Activity
May	Asian Heritage Month
May 2	Jumpsations Assembly
May 5-9	Junglesport Education Week Educator Appreciation Week National Child and Youth Mental Health Week
May 13	Kindergarten Orientation 4-5pm Open House/Scholastic Book Fair 5-6:30pm
May 15	Staff Meeting
May 19	Victoria Day Holiday
May 20	School Council 6pm
May 20-24	Gr. 3 EQAO
May 26-28	Gr. 3 EQAO catch-up

"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/Scholastic Book Fair



Date: May 13, 2024

Time: 5-6:30pm

Come join us for food, a visit to the classroom and the Book Fair!

**SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR**

PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

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

2025/2026 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.



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 limited amount of unstructured free play outside every day.

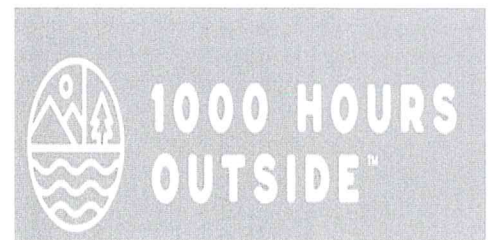
Since the weather is getting better (sort of), check out this initiative:

https://www.1000hoursoutside.com/#google_vignette

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.



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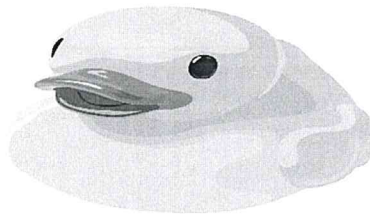
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THANK YOU EDUCATORS!

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH: UNMASKING MENTAL HEALTH

This year's Mental Health Week is centered on unmasking mental health by having open and honest conversations that connect us all. In a world plagued by suffering, we emphasize that kindness is equally intrinsic to our humanity. Join us from May 5-9, 2025 to explore how compassion connects us all. **WE WILL BE ENCOURAGING MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGIES FOR STUDENTS BY FOCUSING ON LET'S QUACK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH.**



Our Yorkview mascot was officially named Lucky in April and we look forward to Lucky becoming a welcomed addition to Yorkview.



EQAO

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OFFENCE DECLARATION FOR RETURNING 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.

CLASS BUILDING FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The planning process for the 2025-2026 school year will be starting 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 ½ 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.