



Yorkview Elementary School

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Yorkview June 2025 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to take this time to thank our Yorkview families for a great school year. As I say this, it is hard to believe we are in our final month of the school year. Thank you for the continued partnership.

I also want to thank the staff for their dedication to your child's learning. Staff have created engaging and fun lessons and school activities throughout this year. They have worked very hard to move our students forward and provide targeted instruction in both mathematics and language. To our Yorkview students, I am proud of each of you for your accomplishments not only academically but your kindness traits towards each other. Yorkview is a great place to be!

Some of our staff will be moving onto other adventures for September. Thank you to Mrs. Ascensio for providing a wonderful environment in Kindergarten for students to learn and grow. Thank you to Ms. Fernando for providing students with Physical Education, Drama, Library and Music classes. A final thank you to Mrs. Gardiner for your years of service and dedication to Yorkview students. We wish you health and happiness in your retirement. Wishing everyone much success for next year.

Many special events continue in the remaining weeks at Yorkview please review dates in the adjacent column.

After all the excitement and focus, I truly hope that over the summer break, our Yorkview families have time for relaxation and time to reconnect with family and friends.

Kind regards,
Ms. G. Stafford

Date	Activity
June 1-3	Shavuot
June 3	Track and Field Day Yorkview
June 4	Raindate Track and Field Yorkview
June 6	PA Day
June 6-10	Eid-Al-Adha
June 19	Staff Meeting
June 15	Father's Day
June 19	HWDSB Track and Field Meet
June 20	Grade 5 Visit Dundas Central, Grade 1,2 RBG Trip
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 23	HWDSB Track and Field Meet Raindate
June 24	Yorkview Play day
June 25	Grade 5 Celebration Term 2 Reports Home
June 26	Assembly Last Day of School
June 27	PA Day

A person's most useful asset
is not the head full of
knowledge, but a heart full
of love, an ear ready to
listen, & a hand willing to help

HWDSB
BE YOU. BE EXCELLENT.

VOLUNTEER DIRECTIVE

If you are planning on joining your child on any class trips, year-end trips, or helping in the classroom, school or on sporting events as a volunteer, you **MUST** have an updated Vulnerable Sector Screening (Police Check). Police Checks are done online or at the Police Station at a cost. It could take approximately 6 - 8 weeks for this process to be completed. Having this extra support in the school/classroom next year can be very beneficial to our students' success. Please call the office for more information or see our School Website for all the details! Thank you for your support.

PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

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 began at the end of May so sharing this information with us now is very helpful for our planning for next year!

MOVING?
Let Us Know

PRIDE MONTH

In 1995 Canada's supreme court finally considered sexual orientation a prohibited ground of discrimination in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. LGBTQ+ members who faced, hate, exclusion, and often lived in fear for their lives long fought for these rights and believed in a better future. Thanks to the LGBTQ+ folks and allies who persevered, today we celebrate Pride month! Pride is the promotion of dignity, equity and increased visibility for 2SLGBTQIA+ peoples. It is a celebration of life, rights, dignity, equity and difference.



As a school community we will be flying the Pride flag. Why are we flying the flag? The month of June is Pride month. Flying the Pride flag not only signals that our schools are safe spaces for everyone. By raising Pride flags, HWDSB schools can symbolically show their solidarity with Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ people, while recognizing there is still important, ongoing work to support human rights, equity, and inclusion of all identities from these intersectional and marginalized communities.

Grade 5

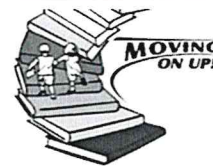
Every June, we say farewell to our grade 5 students as they conclude their elementary schooling and head off to middle school. We wish them all the best in their transitions and remind them of the foundational skills they have learned in the last 6 years with us as they embark on the next chapter of their educational journey. This is a time to celebrate the successes and growth that have been made, along with the wonderful memories that have been shared as a class.



REPORT CARDS

As we prepare to communicate student achievement for term 2 through the Report card, students will be sent home with reports on Wednesday, June 25th. Parents will have an opportunity to reflect on student progress and next steps by completing a feedback form with their child that is to be returned by the last day which is Thursday, June 26th. Friday, June 27th is a PA Day, so there is no school as our students begin their summer holidays for the year.

CLASS BUILDING FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR



We have started class building for the 2025-26 school year. Over the next few weeks, we will be finalizing student moves based on the detailed set of criteria listed below. Our major focus when making these decisions is 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.

Class building criteria:

- 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 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.

LITERACY FOCUS

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

Grades K to 6: Goal #2: Improving the reading achievement of all students and closing the gap for those historically underserved.

In keeping with the Board's strategic direction on reading/writing, we will be including a Reading Section in our monthly newsletter. Hope it helps as you read with your child(ren) at home.

Tips: How to Keep Your Kids Reading Over the Summer

An important reason kids need to read over the summer is to keep their skills sharp. Just like learning a new sport, if you don't practice regularly, you'll get rusty. In education, we call it the summer slide. That's when kids lose some of their academic skills from lack of practice. Then we need to spend the first few weeks of the new school year relearning them.

The best way to stop the summer slide is to keep your kids reading. You don't need to do spelling drills or give them a list of comprehension questions. All you have to do is make reading a fun part of daily life.

1. Show off your own reading habit
2. Ask your child about their reading
3. Create an inviting spot for reading
4. Visit the local library and get a library card
5. Make a special time for reading every day
6. Start a family book club
7. Find books that match your child's interests
8. Keep a stash of books in the car
9. Create a fun summer reading challenge
10. Read to your children - even if they are in middle school
11. Ask your local bookstore about their summer reading program
12. Utilize audio books or listen to books online

<https://www.fishyrobb.com/post/tips-to-keep-your-kids-reading-all-summer>

MENTAL WELLNESS

5 everyday tips for a mentally healthy summer break

By School Mental Health, Ontario

To help you prepare for a summer break that supports your family's mental wellness, here are five everyday tips for taking care of your mental health:

Get Outside

Seek out sunshine and fresh air every day. Being outside in the sun, in green spaces, or in nature helps us to reduce stress and boost hormones that promote happiness. Consider getting out for a walk each day and taking a book or activity outside. Dress for the weather and enjoy the outdoors!

Get Active

Walk, stretch, run, hike, bike, swim, dance, jump rope, play a sport, or whatever else you like to do! Try to get moving for at least 60 minutes every day, or as much as you can. Exercise is important for our physical health and it can also help improve our mood, reduce stress, and help us sleep better at night. Find fun ways to exercise with others to stay motivated. Remember to go at your own pace.

Sleep Well, Eat Well

Children and teens need 10 hours of sleep each night for their bodies and minds to rest and restore. When we get lots of rest, eat a healthy diet, and drink lots of water, it helps our mood and we can think, learn, and act better. Try cooking together; this can be a fun way to share traditions, recipes, and favourite cultural foods.

Be Creative and Have Fun

Taking part in activities we enjoy can increase our feel-good hormone, dopamine, that boosts positive emotions. Spending time away from electronics can help encourage free time to play, have fun, and be creative. When we develop our talents and hobbies it can lead to feelings of accomplishment that boost our feelings of well-being. Have fun enjoying cultural music, dance, and art together.

Keep Connected

Connecting to family, friends, and neighbours is important for our mental health. Schedule time with family members to check-in with each other, talk, and have fun together. Reach out to keep connected to loved ones and friends. Friendly chats with neighbours and volunteering to help others when we can, are also great ways to support our well-being, as well as those around us.

Take care of yourself this summer – unplug and be in the moment, stay active, be outside in the sunshine and warm weather, keep connected and enjoy a mentally healthy summer break.

<https://smho-smso.ca/5-everyday-tips-for-a-mentally-healthy-summer-break/>

