



# Yorkview Elementary School

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## Yorkview October 2025 Newsletter



Dear Parent/Guardians,

We hope everyone has enjoyed the first month back at Yorkview. We had many wonderful events occur in September and students and staff have had a great start to the 2025-26 year.

Yorkview is such a special place to learn and grow. We are proud of our beautiful school and have high expectations for each and every student. Our students are kind, compassionate, and eager to learn. Together with our dedicated staff, we strive to make connections with students to help them feel valued, accepted and safe.

Classrooms are buzzing with activity and students are excited to share their learning. I have seen teams of students working on Terry Fox presentations and learning about releasing Monarch butterflies. We had the Terry Fox run and appreciated the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Orange Shirt Day by reading or being read to meaningful texts in order to ensure the past does not repeat itself.

Thank you to Mrs. Gourley for heading the Terry Fox run. We aimed to raise \$2500 and surpassed our goal at \$4950. Thank you everyone for your donations that will support cancer research. We will be having an extra recess for students this month as a reward for reaching our goal. Thank you to Ms. Weiman and Mr. Ritter for heading the Cross Country team. We are excited for the students to experience the board meet this Wednesday Oct. 8, 2025.

Welcome to Mr. DiFrancesco our new Grade ¾ teacher. We are excited to have him as part of the Yorkview team.

We encourage parents to stay connected and informed by following our school website.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our Meet the Educator evening on Oct 14, 2025 from 5-6:30pm.

Kind regards,  
*Ms. Stafford*

Date	Activity
Oct 2	Pizza Day
Oct 3	First day of classes after re-organization Fresh From the Farm fundraiser and spirit wear store open
Oct 7	Fire Drill
Oct 8	HWD SB Cross Country Meet Gr.3-5
Oct 9	Pizza Day
Oct 13	Board Holiday Thanksgiving
Oct 14	Picture Day Meet the Educator 5-6:30pm
Oct 16	Hold and Secure Drill Pizza Day
Oct 17	Fresh From the Farm fundraiser and spirit wear store closes
Oct 23	Pizza Day Lockdown Drill
Oct 24	PA Day
Oct 30	Pizza Day
Oct 31	Halloween Parade 9 a.m. out back on the hardtop Fall Fest

If you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything.

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FROM "BACK TO THE FUTURE"

# HWD SB

BE YOU. BE EXCELLENT.



## PARENT PORTAL

Parent Portal is a login-protected space that collects useful tools and information for HWDSB families including your child's grades, attendance and schedule.

The Parent Portal can be accessed at <https://ps.hwdsb.on.ca>. It is very important to fill out all of the available forms found in the portal so we have the most up-to-date information needed for your student. In Parent Portal, you can connect to your child's school online, anytime, anywhere. Available in the following languages: English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Urdu, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, and Serbian. The new Parent Portal supports busy families who want to:

- View your grades and attendance (secondary)
- Complete school and board forms online
- Report an absence from school
- Pay for school items or events using School Cash Online

## Secure Schools

Our school will be practising Secure School Drills. These drills consist of 6 Fire Drills, 1 Hold and Secure, 1 Shelter in Place, 2 Lockdowns and 1 Bomb Threat. Additional information will be sent home via school messenger as required.

## Yorkview School Council 2025-26

Congratulations to our Co-Chairs Mary Philips and Stacey Farcas, our Secretary Lynnden Dzaman and our Treasurer Bianca Pentsa. Voting Members are Rebecca Ganann, Amanda Kerigan, Natalie Zagal, Abby Spyrou and Alicica Jury. Thank you to everyone for your time and commitment to Yorkview. Our meeting dates are Nov. 20, Feb. 19, Apr. 23 and possibly May 21 if needed. We meet in the staffroom from 6-7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

## Food for Celebrations

A friendly reminder to refrain from bringing food items into the school to share with others. For example: birthday cake/cupcakes. If you wish to celebrate stickers or pencils etc. for each student or a book for the class to enjoy is a suggestion. For classroom celebrations (i.e. Halloween), Party in a bag is implemented which is where students bring treats for themselves from home in a bag provided by the school to enjoy. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Yorkview Lynx Spirit Wear** online store is open. Information was sent home on Friday, Oct. 3, 2025. Orders are due by October 17, 2025, delivery will be within a few weeks of the due date. Unfortunately late orders can not be accepted.

Information sent home via School Messenger and paper copy.

**A reminder that NO pets are allowed on school property during the day. This is by law and must be followed for student safety.**

**The parking lot is for staff only during the morning and afternoon bell times, please use the side streets for parking. Thank you for your support.**