



# Yorkview Elementary School

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## Yorkview March 2026 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 Dancethon 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 the 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 the spring and realize that Daylight Savings Time is approaching! Please remember to spring forward your clocks by 1 hour on March 8th which will bring longer daylight to look forward to! We also have March Break approaching the week of March 16th. 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 1-19	Days of Fasting, Ramadan continues
March 1-31	National Social Work Month
March 19-20	Eid al Fitr Celebration
March 5	Dancethon
March 6	PA Day (No School)
March 8	Daylight Savings Time
March 12	Staff Meeting
March 14	Sikh New Year
March 16-20	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 26	The Great Big Crunch
March 28	Earth Hour
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.

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## REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



It is never too late to register for Kindergarten for September 2026, but please do so ASAP. Students who will turn 4 years of age by December 31, 2026 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 can be completed online. If assistance is required, please call the school at 905-628-8212 or visit [www.hwdsb.on.ca](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca).  
<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/>

## LOST & FOUND

Students are often leaving their coats, jackets, sweaters, gloves and hats on the school grounds. If those items do not have the student's name inside they are picked up and brought to our lost and found located in the front office.

During the school year when the pile gets high we display them on a table for students/parents to check and anything not claimed is donated.

We will have a table set up March 9 -March 13, please pop in or have your child check the lost and found, items will be donated on Friday, March 13, 2026.



## 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 28th, 2026 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 28th 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?



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# Facts Of Lice



## What are head lice?

Head lice are tiny bugs that live only on the scalp of human beings. They are the size of a pinhead. They do not have wings so they cannot fly or jump, and they are not found on cats, dogs, or any other household pet. The bites from head lice cause itching and scratching. Scratching may cause sores which can get infected.



Adult Louse  
(Not the real size)



Eggs on the hair.

Lice lay eggs on the hair. These eggs are also called nits. Live eggs are dark. They can also be the colour of the hair they are on. Nits are half the size of a pinhead. They stick to the hair and do not fall off if you touch them. After the eggs have hatched, the shells are white. These empty shells stay on the hair, as the hair grows.

## How are lice spread?

Anyone can get head lice. School children get lice more often than adults. When children play, their heads often touch. Lice crawl from head to head. Head lice are spread by direct head to head contact only.



## How do I check for lice?



Use a bright light. Use a magnifying glass if you have one. Spread the hair with a comb and look at the scalp. Lice crawl very fast, but they do not fly or jump.

Look for eggs on the hair close to the scalp. Lice like to live in warm spots. They are often found on the hair behind the ears or where the hair meets the neck. Look for open sores and scabs on the head. Check all the people that live in your house.

## What do I do if someone in my family has head lice?

If you find lice, tell close contacts such as family members, friends and classmates so they can be checked for lice. Everyone in the house with lice will need to be treated at the same time.

## How do I treat head lice?

There are many head lice products. Some of these are Nix and R&C Shampoo. Homemade remedies are not recommended. There is no evidence that they work. Talk to a health professional about the best product to use. Read all instructions carefully and follow them step by step so that the product will work. Some products say that only one treatment is needed. **But, no lice product kills all of the eggs, so a second treatment 7 to 10 days after the first treatment is needed. This will kill the newly hatched lice.** Do not use conditioners, gels, hairspray, oils or mousse for the duration of the treatment. Use only plain shampoo.

**Important... read this!**

### Call your doctor or pharmacist before you use any product if...

- < anyone has allergies of any kind, especially to mums, chrysanthemums, ragweed, synthetic pyrethroids, etc.
- < anyone has a seizure disorder
- < you are pregnant or breastfeeding and you need treatment or you need to treat other people
- < your child is under 2 years old
- < you find lice on eyebrows, eyelashes or beard
- < the skin of the scalp is broken or infected
- < head lice continue to re-occur

## How do I get rid of all the eggs?

Removing eggs after the treatment makes it easier to see new lice.

- < Sit under a bright light.
- < Let your child watch television, a video program or read to keep busy.
- < Comb the hair to get rid of tangles. Hold a small lock of hair and comb the other hair out of the way. Pin long hair away from the piece you are working with.
- < Slide each egg off the hair using your thumbnail and fingernail. Put the eggs in a bag to throw away when you are done. After taking all the eggs off a lock of hair, move to the next section. Pin back long hair or make small ponytails to keep the clean hair away from the hair you have not done yet. Keep sliding eggs off until you remove all the eggs.
- < Check the hair 2 times a week for 4 weeks to make sure all the eggs are gone.



## Do I need to wash or clean anything else?

Some parents may wish to wash combs, brushes, pillow cases and towels in hot water and dry in a dryer for 20 minutes to kill lice and eggs. These objects do not play a major role in the spread of head lice.

## Who do I call if I have questions?

City of Hamilton Public Health Services – 905-546-CITY (2489)  
St. Joseph's Consumer Health, Extension 905-573-7557 - tape number 1435

## Visit our Web Site for more information and other head lice links at....

[www.hamilton.ca/phcs](http://www.hamilton.ca/phcs)

[www.hsph.harvard.edu/headlice](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/headlice)

[www.cps.ca](http://www.cps.ca)

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