

We are a village, growing together

January 17, 2025.

Next week, we are very excited for our school-wide Mental Health focused, "Blow Away the Blues".

Students are asked to wear blue on Monday and dress in comfortable clothes! Many thanks to Ms. Vaisanen, Ms, Burns, and the Mental Health team, for organizing such an incredible week! Each and every day at CVPS, we focus on mental health and well-being. We truly care about our students and their families. We want to make sure all of our students feel supported. Please reach out if you have any concerns about your child. There are many caring adults in the building that can support!

Planning for the **2025-2026** school year is now under way. Kindergarten registration has opened up. If you have a child or if you have a neighbour who is born in 2021, they are eligible to begin kindergarten in September. Please access the online Kindergarten Registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten.

If you are moving home, please let the office know as soon as possible. If you are out of the area, you will need to register at your new school. If you wish to remain at CVPS but are out of the area, you will need to fill in a transfer form.

As always, please reach out if we can help with anything at all!

Sincerely,

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Principal Vice Principal

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?	
Monday, January 20	5	 WEAR BLUE TO SCHOOL TODAY Pizza Day for those who ordered Pokemon Club- snack recess in the library Alice in Wonderland rehearsal-lunch recess Student Council Meeting- snack recess Junior Girls' Volleyball after school @Armadale 	
Tuesday, January 21	1	 Eco Schools/Healthy Schools club meeting -snack recess Trivia Club- lunch recess Quiet Club- snack recess Grade 4-6 Coding Club- snack recess 	
Wednesday January 22	2	 snack shack 8:45 a.m. Subway Subs for those who ordered Choir- snack recess Let's Talk Day 	
Thursday, January 23	3	 Intermediate Girls' Basketball tryouts 8:00 a.m. Alice in Wonderland rehearsal-lunch recess 	
Friday, January 24	4	 Hero Burgers for those who ordered Cleaning club starts- lunch recess Intermediate Girls' Basketball tryouts - lunch recess 	

Mark your calendars:

Jan. 20 - 24 - Blow Away the Blues Week

Jan. 21 - Mental Health Presentations

Jan. 22 - Let's Talk Day

Jan 28- Junior Girls' Volleyball tournament

Jan. 30- Junior Boys' Volleyball Tournament

Feb. 1 - National Sweater Day

Feb. 3 - Grade 8 Grad Photos

Feb. 3-5 - Lake St. George - Grade 7

Feb 4 & 5 - Grade 4 & 5 to Community Safety Village

Feb. 6- Lunar New Year Performance 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 11- Earth Rangers 2:00 p.m.

Feb. 14 - Winter Carnival

Feb. 26 - Pink Shirt Day

March 6 & 7 Milne - Grade 2

March 17 & 18 - Milne - Grade 4

March 19 & 20 - Milne - Grade 7

April 23- Grade 7 visit to MSH

April 25- Music Presentation

June 4 - Track and Field Area Meet

June 23- Grade 8 graduation- CVPS

School Holidays

Family Day - Mon., Feb. 17

Mid-Winter Break - March 10, to March 14

Good Friday - April 18

Easter Monday - April 21

Victoria Day - Mon. May 19

P.A. Days

Friday, January 31, 2025 Monday, June 9, 2025

Friday, June 27, 2025

School Council Meetings - 6:30 - 8:00 pm

February 3 April 7

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May 5

June 2



BLOW AWAY THE BLUES WEEK

JANUARY 20-24

BLUE MONDAY JANUARY 20 DAY 5

YOGA KINDERGARTEN-1 9-9:30

INDERGARTEN-1 9-9:30 GR. 2-5 9:30-10:00 GR. 6-8 10:00-10:30 TUESDAY JANUARY 21

DAY 1
YOUTHSPEAK ASSEMBLIES:
GR.4-6 9:40-10:40 EMPOWERING MINDS
GR.1-3 11:15-11:55 SELFCARE TOOLKIT
GR.7-8 1:50-2:50 MENTAL HEALTH &
WELL BEING

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22

DAY 2 SNOWSCULPTURE CHALLENGE 2:50-3:30

WHOLE SCHOOL OUTSIDE

THURSDAY JANUARY 23

DAY 3
MINDFULNESS
MANDALAS

JANUARY 24

DAY 4
FRO YO FRIDAY!
HEALTHY TREAT OF FROZEN YOGURT
DANCE:

K- JUST DANCE IN CLASSROOMS WITH STUDENT LEADERS 12:00-12:50 GR.1-5 JUST DANCE IN GYM 12:00-12:50 GR. 6-8 DANCE IN GYM 1:50-3:15 NOTES

GYM CLOSURES: MONDAY PER. 1 & 2 TUESDAY ALL DAY FRIDAY PER. 4,5,6

Congratulations to our Reach for the Top Team

On Wednesday evening, Cornell Village's Reach for the Top team competed and represented themselves amazingly at their very first area tournament held at Oscar Peterson. 16 schools in our area were represented and teams played by answering trivia questions using lightning quick reflexes on their buzzers. We would like to congratulate Abhinav, Joey, Bhavik, Norah, Jasmine, Ty, Evan, Joseph, Ngozi, Yuma, Ervin and Sarina on their third place finish! They have advanced to Regionals which will be held on February 6th. Congratulations!!

Cold and Flu Season

Winter is here and with it comes the cold and flu season. We are noticing an increasing number of students who are absent due to illness, or exhibiting symptoms while at school. Please read the important information below from York Region Public Health to help you know when to send your child back to school following a fever and/or nausea/vomiting/diarrhea. This helps all of our students, staff and families stay healthy!

The following information can be found on the Public Health website (https://www.ontario.ca/page/protection-covid-19-and-other-respiratory-illnesses):

- If you are sick, stay home to prevent transmission to others, except to seek testing or medical care if required.
- You should stay home until all of the following apply to you:
 - your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you had nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea, i.e. from the last time that you had any symptoms)
 - o you do not have a fever
 - o you do not develop any additional symptoms

From your School Council

Staff Appreciation - January 31st



On November 15th, the School Council had the pleasure of showing our appreciation to the dedicated staff at CVPS, who work tirelessly to support our students. It was a small but heartfelt gesture to express our gratitude.

As we approach the next Staff Appreciation Day on January 31st, we are excited to come together once again to recognize the incredible work our staff does. We will be providing treats to thank them for their continued commitment to our students' success.

If you would like to contribute or volunteer, please reach out via email at

cvps.schoolcouncil@gmail.com. Your support is always appreciated, and together we can make this day special for those who make a difference in our children's lives.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our amazing staff!

AEGINO.	SUBWAY	HERO CERTIFIED BURGERS.
Mondays	Wednesdays	Fridays
Jan. 27	Jan. 29	Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28
Feb. 3, 10, 24,	Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26	March 7
March 3	March 5	



MOVIE NIGHT

WED. FEB. 19TH AT 6:00PM



DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE

COMING SOON:

TITLE OF FEATURE FILM AND EARLY BIRD PRICING ON SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Are you Moving?



If you are planning on moving or have moved, please be sure to contact the office so we have your updated information. If you are no longer in our area, you will need to register in the school closest to your home. If you have moved out of the area and hope to stay here, a transfer application must be completed.

CVPS is **Eco-Friendly!**



CVPS is working towards achieving an Ecoschool certification again this year! We would like to keep our Platinum Certification. Here is an update on our current initiatives:

- 1. **Battery collection pails** have been placed in the "front" area by the office main entrance and the library. Students can begin bringing in batteries. It is important to tape the 9V battery terminals to avoid fires.
- 2. **Snack pouch collection** bin is also in front of the library where ALL brands are being collected.

Writing Instrument Recycling Program

What writing instruments are accepted through this recycling program?

All brands of pens and pen caps, mechanical pencils, markers and marker caps, highlighters and highlighter caps, permanent markers and permanent marker caps



We would like to remind everyone that our school has a writing instrument recycling collection program courtesy of our School Council. Pens, markers and other writing instruments are not considered recyclable in our municipality but thanks to Terracycle and Staples, they can collect ANY writing instrument for proper recycling.

Classes will be collecting their unusable writing instruments and we're asking that families may also bring theirs in as well! Collection boxes will be in front of the library with our other (snack pouch and battery) eco-initiative recycling bins are.

Interesting tidbit: Through in-store collection at over 300 locations across Canada, Staples and Terracycle have successfully diverted over 2 million writing instruments from ending up in landfills. If all writing instruments recycled through this program were connected, they could travel up the CN Tower nearly 700 times! (Credit: Staples Canada)

Winter Walk Day - February 7, 2025

Winter Walk Day is celebrated by schools across Canada on the first Wednesday of February each year. This year, Winter Walk Day officially kicks off on Wednesday February 5th, 2025.

CVPS will be celebrating this with another Hot Chocolate/Walk to School Day on Friday, February 7th with the generous support of our School Council.

Tips for Winter Walking

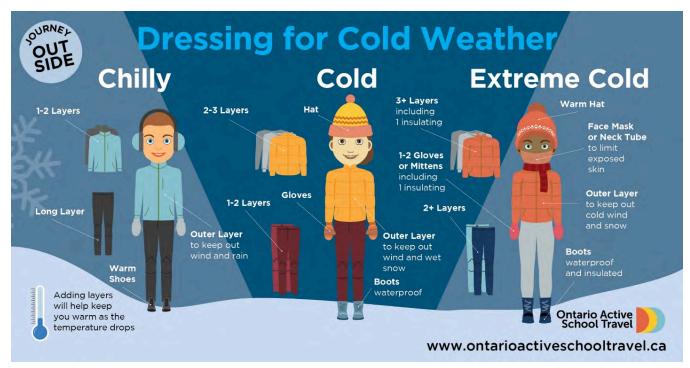
Walking to school in winter not only benefits student physical and mental health, well-being and academic performance, it's also fun!

Here are a few tips to help you stay safe and enjoy winter walks to school.

- 1. Dress for the weather. Wear layers. Don't forget your hat and mitts.
- 2. Protect your feet. Wear warm socks and winter boots. They will protect your feet from snow, rain and cold and have good grips.
- 3. Be visible. Wear bright clothes, stay on the sidewalks and make sure cars can see you when you cross the road.
- 4. Allow a little more time. Prepare your winter gear the night before and give yourself a little more time to walk to school.
- 5. Try walking like a penguin. It's fun and practical.
- 6. Enjoy the snow. Catch snowflakes, talk about what you love most about the winter.
- 7. Obey road signs. The seasons change but road safety rules remain. Stop at roads and crosswalks. Cross with a crossing guard where possible. Look out for cars.



Take some time and review winter dressing with your child.



If you are driving, please follow road rules. Remember that our school zones are busy with students and families. It is important that we all follow the rules to ensure student safety.

- Use the kiss and ride. Do not use dedicated bus lanes.
- Consider parking near the school and walking the rest of the way (obeying all neighbourhood parking rules).
- Obey all speed limits and road traffic signs in school zones.
- Focus on the road and watch for crossing guards and students crossing the road.

It's never too early to start to teach road safety. Your child will become a safe, responsible and independent pedestrian by experience and practice. Starting them as young as kindergarten will equip them with the skills they need to walk on their own in all seasons at an earlier age.

Working together, we can all help to keep students safe. For more information about how you can help to create a safe school transportation zone, please visit our <u>website</u>.

Important Winter Weather Reminders

With winter weather here, we want to share a few important reminders.

Dress for the weather

Students should come dressed appropriately for the weather and for outdoor play. Students
can stay warm by wearing layers of loose-fitting clothing, a hat, scarf, jackets, snow pants

and mittens or gloves. Students may also want to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet.

Recess

 If students are well enough to come to school, they are expected to go outside for recess. Our students benefit from spending time outside and being active. We monitor weather conditions throughout the day. If there are extreme weather conditions, we may consider a shortened or indoor recess.

Bus or School Cancellations

- When an extreme cold or inclement weather day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) is cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. Please notify the school if your child will not be attending school on those days.
 Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.
- There may be rare instances when emergency weather events occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure. Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, Board and school websites and on X @YRDSB.
- Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather and emergency weather days is outlined in the <u>Board's Severe Weather policy</u>.

From the YRDSB







KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

There are several ways you can register your child for Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year opens on Friday, January 17, 2025.

If your child was born in 2021, they are eligible to begin Kindergarten in September.

What to Expect in Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten programs are caring and welcoming where children learn through exploration, play and inquiry. Your child will engage in activities that support early literacy, math, critical

thinking, social skills and much more. Visit www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten to hear from students and educators and to learn more about our program, routines, registration and more.

We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school!

We encourage families to register online.

Please access the online Kindergarten Registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten
It is recommended that you use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.

- Online Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at <u>www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten</u>. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration. Current families can also find the program registration link in the <u>Family Dashboard</u>.
- By email Families can download the <u>Elementary School Registration Form</u> at <u>www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten</u> and email the completed form to their school email address. Email addresses can be found on the <u>school website</u>.
- **By phone** Families can request support to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation. <u>Call your local school</u>.

You may call the school office at (905) 471-1694 if you require assistance with the registration.

Once you have completed your application, the school will contact you to make an appointment to review and verify the <u>required documents</u>.

Learning Together: Experiencing the Joy of Kindergarten - 2-Day Conference

We will not be hosting a school, "Welcome to Kindergarten", evening this year. We will be inviting our new students to come and tour the school and experience kindergarten with a parent/guardian, in the spring. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the conference offered by the YRDSB. Please see the information below.

The York Region Child and Family Collaborative, in partnership with the York Region District School Board, York District Catholic School Board and EarlyON Child and Family Centres in York Region, invite families of children eligible for Kindergarten in September 2025 to join us for a 2-Part Conference - Learning Together: Experiencing the Joy of Kindergarten.

Conference Details:

Part One:

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Format: Virtual session for parents and caregivers

Keynote Speaker: Hannah Beach (award-winning educator, author, emotional health consultant)

Part Two:

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2025

Time: Two session options: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Format: In-person session for children and adults with interactive learning opportunities

Special: Families will receive a Learning Together Conference Bag containing books and resources

Sharing Professional Activity Day Plans - January 31, 2025

As per PPM 151, Administrators are required to electronically share their P.A. Day plans with parents/guardians. P.A. Day plans are also posted on the Board's public website.

PA Day - January 31, 2025 - Elementary Schools

Length	Topic	Entity Hosting	Presenter/ Facilitator	Description
Full Day- AM & PM	Violence Prevention and Intervention Achievement of Learning Outcomes	All Elementary Schools	Online modules developed by Board staff, facilitated by school administration, and self-directed	Staff will explore violence prevention tools to support debriefing after a critical violent incident using case studies. Staff will engage in the Achievement of Learning Outcomes specifically focusing on equitable assessment practices and Assessment in Mathematics.





Supporting East Asian Students Family Engagement Evening Series

Understanding High School Pathways and Course Selection

Families, parents, caregivers please join us for this SEAS Family Engagement Evening to help you gain a deeper understanding of the high school pathways and course selection process in the Ontario Education System.

YRDSB teachers and Guidance Counsellors will be delivering information focused on:

- Understanding the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) requirements
- Exploring pathways and planning for post-secondary options
- Navigating high school course selection process in YRDSB

Presentations will be available in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese.

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.

Cafeteria, 3rd Floor

Bill Crothers Secondary School

44 Main St Unionville, Unionville, ON L3R 2E4

Please scan the QR code

or click https://bit.ly/4flwbhs to register



For additional inquiries, please contact: iscs@yrdsb.ca
In partnership with YRDSB, Inclusive School & Community Services (ISCS), Community and Partnership Developer team and Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) affinity group.

Black History Month Celebration

Join us for an inspiring evening as we celebrate Black History Month with interactive performances, student showcases and dinner.

Monday, February 3, 2025, at Dr. J.M. Denison H.S. Dates:

Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Bill Hogarth S.S.

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at Alexander Mackenzie H.S.

Thursday, February 27, 2025, at Tommy Douglas S.S.

Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m. This event will feature:

· Interactive Performances

- · Student Showcases
- · Dinner will be provided

Please join us to celebrate the rich history and contributions of the Black Community while creating meaningful connections and memories together. Looking forward to celebrating together!

To Register

Please fill out a registration form by January 31, 2025.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to blackstudentexcellence ayrdsb.ca

FEBRUARY

HISTORY



Understanding and Navigating the Education System



presented by

THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

Monday, January 27, 2025 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

Agenda:

- Inclusion Activity
- Course Selection and Pathway Planning
- Upcoming Programs and Events
- Question and Answer Session



Please register ASAP.

A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Register now.

Oak Valley Health's Network for Black Employees (NBE) proudly presents:

Black History Month market



February 22, 2024 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us in the Lower Link Lobby at Markham Stouffville Hospital for a market featuring local, Black-owned businesses.

If you identify as Black and would like to participate as a vendor in this market, please reach out to Josie Pennington at jopennington@oakvalleyhealth.ca for details.





Oak Valley Health's Network for Black Employees (NBE) proudly presents:

Black History Month student art competition



 Elementary and secondary school students in York and Durham Regions that self-identify as Black

What is the criteria of the art piece?

 Your art piece must be a visual piece based around Black history and health care

How to enter:

 Please email nbe@oakvalleyhealth.ca to arrange digital submission or drop-off of your art. The deadline to submit is February 26, 2024

Prizes!

- By participating, you'll be entered to win a prize. One prize will be allocated to each age group (elementary and secondary)
- · Winners will be selected by Oak Valley Health staff via online voting
- · Winners will be announced on February 29, 2024



Enter for a chance to win an Amazon Echo and other prizes!



