



Cobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

January 31, 2025.

We had another exciting week at CVPS! Our junior volleyball teams both played games this week. Our girls' team finished 2nd in the area tournament! Our gym is constantly in use with so many activities happening each day.

On February 6th, we are celebrating National Sweater Day. We encourage all of our students to wear a sweater and walk to school. On February 7th, we are having our 2nd Winter Walk Day! Hot chocolate will be provided by our amazing School Council.

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 was born in 2021, they are eligible to begin kindergarten in September. Please access the online Kindergarten Registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten.

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

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events:

| Date | Day | What's Happening at School? |
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| Monday, February 3 | 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black History Month begins Gr. 7s - Lake St. George Grade 8 Grad Photos (morning) School Council Meeting - 6:30 pm |
| Tuesday, February 4 | 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gr. 7s - Lake St. George Grade 4s - Community Safety Village |
| Wednesday, February 5 | 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gr. 7s - Lake St. George Grade 5s - Community Safety Village Kindness Club- lunch recess |
| Thursday, February 6 | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunar New Year Performance 9:30 am National Sweater Day |
| Friday, February 7 | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Walk to School Day (bring a reusable mug with lid for hot chocolate!) Little Jammerz - lunch recess (for those who registered) - Art room |

Mark your calendars:

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/French Presentation- Njacko Backo

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

Monday, June 9, 2025

Friday, June 27, 2025

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

April 7

May 5

June 2



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 your child is sick, stay home to prevent transmission to others, except to seek testing or medical care if required.
- Your child should stay home until **all** of the following apply to them:
 - **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 they had any symptoms)**
 - **they do not have a fever**
 - **they do not develop any additional symptoms**

School Mental Health Ontario

The team at [School Mental Health Ontario](#) is excited to share that they have launched [By Your Side – parent/caregiver resources to support mental health learning and well-being for every family.](#)

“We know that parents and caregivers want their children to be physically and mentally healthy, and already have many effective tools and strategies in place. **By Your Side** recognizes the expertise of parents and caregivers and offers resources to support learning and strengthen mental health and well-being in every family.”

The new [Parent/ Caregiver Learning Hub](#), is an online resource centre designed to meet the diverse needs of Ontario’s families. Resources and supports were created in collaboration with parents/caregivers, school mental health professionals from Ontario school boards and SMH-ON.

These resources have been made available in multiple formats—including web content, PDFs, videos and webinars (coming soon).

The [By Your Side Parent/Caregiver Learning Hub](#) ensures all families can access information and strategies that promote mental health and well-being at home.

Key topics in the Parent/Caregiver Learning Hub include:

- understanding mental health
- promoting mental health at home

- supporting mental health at school
- stress and anxiety management
- substance use prevention
- navigating digital technology use
- reaching out for help

These resources aim to support mental health and well-being by providing accessible, research-informed, culturally responsive support tailored to a wide-range of learning preferences. Further resources will be added over time, in response to parent identified needs.




From your School Council

If you have any questions or comments for the CVPS School Council, or would like to contribute or volunteer in any way, please reach out via email at cvps.schoolcouncil@gmail.com. Your support is always appreciated.



The votes are in! Students had the opportunity to vote on the movie for our upcoming movie night on February 19th.

The overwhelming choice was for **The Wild Robot**. Keep your eyes peeled for an email from School Cash Online soon to order your tickets.

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| Mondays Feb. 3, 10, 24, March 3 | Wednesdays Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 March 5 | Fridays Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 March 7 |

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

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.

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.**



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 [Board's Severe Weather policy](#).

From the YRDSB

[Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - January 2025 | York Region District School Board](#)

Message from Our Trustee

February 2025

Welcome to the start of the second half of the school year.

Congratulations to secondary school students who have completed exams and culminating activities and are ready to start a new semester, and to elementary school students for all their hard work in the first term. I want to remind families that when report cards are available, you can now access your child's report card through the [Family Dashboard](#).

For students looking at [course selection](#) for next year, the [Experience YRDSB pages](#) on our website will let you explore the areas that interest you and learn more about the courses, programs and opportunities available in your secondary school.

At the end of January, we recognized [Lunar New Year](#), commemorating the first day of the Lunar calendar. Throughout the month, we also recognized [Tamil Heritage Month](#). In February, we recognize Black History Month, I encourage you to check the [Board calendar](#) for upcoming events to celebrate Black excellence and recognize the contributions made by Black Canadians. You can also find information about other upcoming significant dates and events for families.

The [Student Trustee election process](#) is underway for the 2025-2026 school year. Student Trustees play an essential role in our system, representing student voices at the Board table when we are making important decisions, and we greatly appreciate their contributions to our discussions. I would like to congratulate all of the students who put their names forward for the position and encourage all students in Grades 5-12 to take the time to vote.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank current Student Trustees Hayden Lai and Mitusaan Kugathasan and Indigenous Student Trustee Natalie Pitawanakwat for their hard work, leadership and commitment to student voice.

As a Board of Trustees, we have several important roles that affect the daily life in our schools and Board.

One of those responsibilities is to set the [policies](#) that govern the operation of schools in YRDSB. Policies cover important topics, such as [assessment and evaluation](#), [field trips](#), [homework](#), [dress code](#), [caring and safe schools](#), [health supports](#), [student leadership](#) and more.

We regularly review Board policies to ensure they are updated and reflect the current context, [priorities](#) and needs of our community and system. An important part of this process is inviting feedback from the community, including families. You can find a [list of all policies and those currently out for comment](#) on our Board website and I encourage you to take a look.

Trustees are also responsible for setting the Board [budget](#). As we prepare to plan for the 2025-2026 school year budget, we will be once again reaching out to families and inviting you to share your input and feedback. Please take the time to review this information when you receive it; your voice is an important part of the process.

We are also working through the District Action Plan to reflect and align with the new [Multi- Year Strategic Plan](#). This plan outlines how we will achieve the priorities set out in the Strategic Plan and focus on serving all students.

I wish everyone all the best as we go into the second half of the school year.

Michael Chen

Trustee, Markham Wards 5 and 7

Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year is Open

If your child was born in 2021, they are eligible to begin Kindergarten in September. **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 www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten. 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 [Family Dashboard](#).
- **By email** - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address. Email addresses can be found on the [school website](#).
- **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. [Call your local school](#).

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 [required documents](#).

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

CVPS SCHOOL COUNCIL WELCOMES YOU
TO

MOVIE NIGHT

WED. FEB. 19TH AT 6:00PM IN THE GYM



ADMISSION- \$2.00

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM

THE WILD ROBOT

NO PACKAGE DEALS OR EARLY BIRD PRICING AT THE DOOR

SLICE OF PIZZA-\$3.75, MEAT/VEGGIE PATTY- \$4.00,
JUICE BOX- \$1.00, BAG OF POPCORN-\$2.00,
GELATO (ICE-CREAM)- \$3.75



LET'S WALK! WINTER WALK DAY FEBRUARY

It's time for another Walk to School/Hot Chocolate Day!
Walk to school on

Friday, February 7th

and don't forget to bring your reusable mug and lid!



Celebrate, don't hibernate!
Walk to school this winter.



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