



Cobra Communicator

We are a village, growing together

October 27, 2023

Dear families,

On Tuesday, CVPS sent a group of students to the regional cross country meet at Bruce's Mill. These students are those who placed in the top 10 at the area meet a couple of weeks ago. The students competed against the top runners from across our school board. Congratulations to Desiree (29th overall), Tyler (98th overall), Sam (85th overall), Summer (48th overall), Destyn (21st overall) and Vicki (71st overall)! We are so proud of you!

We had author Sylv Chiang come and present to our junior and intermediate students. She discussed her path to becoming an author and challenged the students to find out their "superpower".

On Wednesday, we had the CVPS Movie Night. There was an excellent turn out and everyone enjoyed this fun community event. Thank you to the School Council for hosting this amazing evening! A special thank you to Mrs. McQueen who did all of the technology as well as our student volunteers who helped with greeting, food and cleaning up.

On Thursday, we welcomed our new families of our MLL students. It was a very informative and engaging afternoon. Special thanks to Mrs. Germano for organizing this fabulous session.

Be sure to see all of the photos included below!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
October 30	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pizza Day for those who ordered ● Intermediate Boys' volleyball practice-lunch recess ● IntermediateBoys' vs. Girls' volleyball game - after school ● Fire Safety with Markham Fire Dept.- grades 1,2,2/3 morning
October 31	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Halloween ● Cricket Club (grades 4-8) starts -lunch
November 1	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choir grades 4-8 ● Sub sandwiches for those who ordered ● Grade 8 student to BHSS today ● Intermediate Boys' volleyball practice-lunch recess ● Intermediate Girls' Volleyball tournament@Armadale after school
November 2	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Intermediate Girls' volleyball practice-lunch recess ● Do Not forget to sign up for lunches- Last Day to sign up is tomorrow!
November 3	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hero Burgers for those who ordered ● Intermediate Girls' volleyball practice-lunch recess

Mark your calendars:

Nov. 6	School Council Meeting
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 15	Vaccinations
Nov. 21	Int. Girls Volleyball Regional Meet
Nov. 23	Photo Retakes/Grade 8 photos
Nov. 24	Int. Boys Volleyball Regional Meet
Nov. 24	Dental Screening
Nov. 27	Dental Screening
Jan. 15	School Council Meeting
Feb. 1	Grade 8 Graduation Photos
Feb. 5	School Council Meeting
Feb. 6	Jr. Girls Volleyball Regional Meet
Feb. 8	Jr. Boys Volleyball Regional Meet
March 4	Int. Girls Basketball Regionals
March 5	Int. Boys Basketball Regionals
April 30	Jr. Girls Basketball Regionals
May 1	Jr. Boys Basketball Regionals
June 12	SODA Track & Activities Meet
June 19	Track & Field Regional Meet
June 20	Grade 8 Graduation-CVPS

If you have not yet paid for your child's agenda, please send \$7.00 cash with your child (to be brought to the office).

Attachments for this week:

📄 Renewed Computer Technology Letter to Families 2023-24.pdf

📄 Renewed Computer Technology Flyer 2023-24

📄 Parent Presentation_ Youth Gambling Awareness Series.pdf

Screening Tool

If anyone in your family is feeling ill or showing symptoms such as a fever, cough, runny nose etc, please ensure that you make use of the [screening tool](#) for the 2023-2024 school year and follow the guidance given. This tool has been updated to reflect new protocols and guidelines.

Any students who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 as identified in the screening tool (not related to a COVID-19 vaccine) or answer yes to any of the screening questions, must not enter any school and follow the guidance in the screening tool.

Students, staff members and school visitors are not required to wear masks in school. Individuals who feel more comfortable or who are advised to wear a mask can continue to wear a mask and will be supported in doing so. Hand hygiene and cleaning and disinfection protocols will continue.



Halloween

For students who wish to celebrate Halloween at school, please keep these reminders in mind:

- When planning costumes that no replica weapons of any kind are allowed.
- Costumes should be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs should not be worn as a costume.
- Those who wish to dress up come to school in their costume and wear their regular clothes underneath.
- No Halloween masks are to be worn

Costumes should be of simple design (to limit personal items being brought to school), and treats cannot be shared.

EQAO Results:

We are sharing the results of the EQAO assessments from last school year (grades 3 and 6). We use these results and other data sources to help form our School Improvement Plan.

EQAO Results 2022-2023 Students Achieving Level 3 and 4




Primary	School	Board	Province
Reading	74	77	73
Writing	78	73	65
Math	74	71	60
Junior			
Reading	88	88	84
Writing	90	90	84
Math	46	64	50

KEY MESSAGES

- EQAO results are one of many ways YRDSB measures student success
- They provide a snapshot of results across our Board and Boards across Ontario
- EQAO data is a tool to monitor progress and formulate plans for continuous improvement in YRDSB schools
- These results inform our strategies to better support the needs of our students
- Improving student learning is a gradual process. Board looks for sustained improvement and achievement over time
- The Board does not support the use of results to rank or compare schools
- Student achievement, well-being and equity are key focuses for the York Region District School Board
- There are a number of strategies and resources in place to support students and staff

Lunches:

The sign up for session 2, for the lunch programmes is open! Orders will be accepted on SchoolCash Online until November 3rd.

Pizza #2 Mondays		Nov 13, 20, 27, Dec 4, 11, 18
Subs #2 Wednesdays		Nov 15, 22, 29, Dec 6, 13, 20
Burgers #2 Fridays		Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 22

Current Lunch Program Dates:

Mondays - Regino's Pizza Nov. 6	Wednesdays- Subway Subs Nov. 8	Fridays - Hero Burgers Nov. 10
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Prayer Spaces

We have a designated space in the school available for students and staff who wish to pray during the day. Please let your child's teacher know if they need help finding and accessing the prayer room.

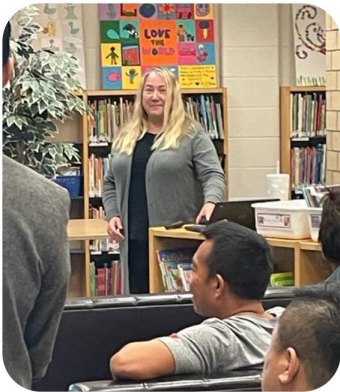
Grade 8 IB Program Application Information:

This is a reminder that the deadline for current Grade 8 students to apply for the International Baccalaureate (IB) program for September 2024 is Monday, November 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. For complete details about the application process and for more information about the IB program, please visit the Milliken Mills High School website at <http://millikenmills.hs.yrdsb.ca>. For further questions, contact Natalie White, the IB Coordinator at Milliken Mills High School, at natalie.white@yrdsb.ca.

Our AMAZING announcement team!
Vicki, Lucy and Isaiah!



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Welcome and Information Session for our
International Families



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Pumpkin Inquiry in Ms. Schmidt's Class



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Our Announcers from Ms. Schmidt's Grade 1/2 Class!

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Regional Cross Country Meet



We have had community members reaching out to us. They are concerned about students crossing the street in the middle of the street (jay-walking). Please make sure you have a talk with your child about the importance of crossing at an intersection.

Baking Trays and Board Games - We Need Them!



Our primary classes are all using baking trays and magnetic letters for their new reading programs. If you are able to donate a new baking tray, please send one in with your child and we will gratefully accept it. As well, all of our classes would benefit from new or gently used board games and activities to use during indoor recesses. If you have any to donate, please send them in! (deck of cards, dice, Monopoly, Connect 4, straws and connectors etc.)

School Council

MEETING



We held our second School Council meeting on October 2. Our next meeting will be **November 6** from **6:30-8:00p.m.** We were excited to see so many parents join the CVPS council. Our executive for the 2023/24 school year is:

Chair: Wendy La

Vice Chair: Sarah Yim

Treasurer: Niro Arumugam

Secretary: Sarah Murphy

Important Information to Remember:

KISS AND RIDE

The entry bell rings at 8:45 a.m. Students must make every effort to be in school by 9:00 a.m. to ensure “on time” arrival in class. During the early entry time, students may enter the school hallways to unpack their bags and prepare for class. In the interest of safety, it is suggested that students who walk to school should arrive after 8:45 a.m. **when the school is supervised.** Parents who pick up their child after school need to arrive promptly. Supervising staff are on duty in the hallways 15 minutes before the start of first period classes at 9:00 a.m. **NOTE: Supervision is not available after school.**

Staff are on duty at the end of the day to assist with bus loading and the safe exit of the building.



EDSBY SIGN UP

This platform will be required to report absences, book appointments and may be used as a communication tool with your child's teachers. For Edsby to be effective, it contains personal information about you and your family that is collected by the Board at registration. This information is used to provide services and support to you and your family. Edsby is a secure system that keeps your details and information safe and secure.

You will be receiving an invitation to EDBSY if you are new to the school, or you have not yet signed up. Please visit [this link](#) for online resources to help you register and use EDSBY.

Reporting Student Absences and Lates

We are pleased to let you know that we have a telephone attendance reporting system. This is in addition to online absence reporting through Edsby.

Regular and punctual attendance affects school success and is expected of all students. You are responsible for notifying the school before the bell time if your child will be absent or late. We have a safe arrivals program so that we can account for the whereabouts of absent students if the absence has not been reported prior to bell time.

To enhance our safe arrivals system, this new telephone system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance. It will also confirm student absences that have not been verified by automatically calling you.

If your child is going to be absent or late, please let us know before bell time by: 8:50 a.m.

1. **Logging in to Edsby and using the "Report an Absence" feature.** For more information on reporting your child's attendance through Edsby, please see the [online video tutorial to learn more](https://bit.ly/edsbyabsence) (bit.ly/edsbyabsence).

*** If you are going on an extended vacation, please enter this on Edsby**

2. **Calling the school's main phone line at 905 471-1694 and select the option "To report a student absence or late."**

Long-term absences or absences beyond the following day can be reported through the new telephone absence reporting system, Edsby or by contacting the school. If your child will miss more than 5 consecutive days of school, you must complete the Request for Vacation Form available through the school.

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue to ensure the safety of our students. Please feel free to contact us with any further questions.