



ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

With any luck now that April has arrived we're leaving Winter behind and warmer, brighter days are ahead of us! This has been a particularly long and cold winter and I'm quite sure we're all ready for some warmer weather!

Spring is always a very exciting time of year around a school and this spring is no exception! Planning has been happening for our Walk to School Day, Welcome to Kindergarten Evening for parents and Junior Kindergarten students joining us in September, our Primary Concert happening on May 3rd, our School Council Fun Fair, and much more. Please consider volunteering for our Fun Fair on May 18th (Rain Date May 25th). Your time will help make this a successful event for our community!

Please help your child to arrive on time so that they are ready to learn! Our students enter the building at 9:00 so that we can start our announcements at 9:05 and then learning can begin. If your child arrives during the morning announcements, they are considered late and require a late slip. Setting a routine for the night before, or having a consistent morning routine is an important habit that will have long term effects for your child!

Finally, believe it or not, staff are already actively involved behind the scenes doing some preliminary planning and organizing for the next school year. Next year's school organization and teaching assignments have not yet been finalized and it is possible that some staff movement may be occurring. However, based on our current projections for the Fall, we expect that our school organization will **contain many combined grade classes in 2017-18**. As student enrolment projections change between now and the end of September, there may be a need to change our school organization to meet Ministry class size guidelines. Information regarding your child's teacher for next school year will be given out in September. Our staff will use professional judgment to make informed decisions when creating balanced learning communities for the 2017-18 school year. In order to ensure that student learning needs and professional input from staff are prioritized, requests for specific teachers are not considered when placement decisions are made. Please see the article on Page 7 of this newsletter for more details regarding the class selection and creation process.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Together, our collaborative efforts will ensure David Suzuki P.S. is a school of excellence!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cowley, Marlene Fogel
(Principal) (Vice Principal)



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Character Matters—Initiative

March's focus was on **Initiative**. We act without being prompted by others. We are eager to do what needs to be done without having to be told to do it. We take the first step towards the achievement of a goal.

Congratulations to our winners:



Mrs. Hudspith/Mrs.Prasth	OFTJSA	Thiyaana E., Shivan M., Arlo D., Imran P.
Ms. Agnihotri/ Ms. Elmi	OFTJSB	Adhena S., Greyson Z.
Ms. Orr/ Ms. Abreu	OFTJSC	Meher B., Shraiyah J.
Ms. Halliday/Ms. Donnan	OFTJSD	Vanitha B., Khadijah F.
Ms. Eng/ Ms.Wang	OFTJSE	Daya P. , Urvashi R. , Serena M.
Ms. Llewellyn/Ms. Khalil	OFTJSF	Anish G. , Courtney C., Amaar K. , Lipi S.
Mrs. Neate/Ms. Selvaratnam	OFTJSG	Janani N. , Serujan V. , Anushka V.
Mrs. Gertsakis	GR1	Abeera T. , Advikaa P.
Mrs. McMichael	GR1	Devin M. , Sahana P.
Mrs. Kennedy	GR1	Shaneil B. , Harine K.
Mrs. Veiga	GR1/2	Deepika K.
Mrs. Barovier	GR2	Rajeesh V. , Daksh A.
Mrs. Cooper	GR2	Navien A. , Indira C-D.
Mr. Binner	GR2	Samuel L., Diviya S.
Mrs. Kilgour	GR3	Menusha S. , Luxman P.
Mrs. Clements	GR3	Aneesa S. , Greesan S.
Ms. Hall	GR3	Nijaniha S. , Aruthra J.
Ms. Nedelkovski	GR3	Januya K. , Abishan S.

The Character Trait for April “ Integrity”

We are truthful and sincere. We ensure consistency between what we say and what we do as well as between what we believe and how we behave.

David Suzuki Is A Great Place To Be Because Character Counts!

Character Matters - 4A's



Each term, after progress reports have been distributed students are recognized for their outstanding achievements. Each teacher selects a deserving student in each of the following categories: Athletics, Arts, Attitude, and Academics. The Homeroom teachers collaborate with the rotary teachers to select these students. The awards are presented to our deserving students at the 4As assembly. Congratulations to those individuals who earned awards!

TEACHER	Athletics	Arts	Academics	Attitude	Most improved
Prasoulis	Anoj Archana	Ashwin Akschaya	Matthew Arya	Zainab Anojan	Mika Anu
Hwee	Prathesh Kaitlyn	Dhruvi Riya	Shiroth Edmund	Pooja Shiv	Alyssa Nathan
Clarke	Khaleel Itisha	Joythi Snehi	Devanshi Ansh	Dalya Ashley	Meera Thamera
Shum	Mihir	Maya	Anjali	Sameer Ashmi	Rashad
Elsner	Tina Issa	Ananthikaa Likhitha	Tina	Issa Ali	Vernujen
Carter	Peter Zayan	Tvisha Ajay	Dhariya Salman	Zoha Thevakini	Rima
Benson	Vaishika Justin	Harshitha Rachi	Mathusha Taniya	Taniya Aaravee	Sachin Viramdev
Kermally	Ayushi Mathavan	Sayen Mariam	Navid Nivetha	Serena Jashan	Junaid Abina
Duffus	Fatima	Sayisa	Saryu Gawtham	Simran Poojitha	Sivaharan Prem
D' Alessandro	Justin Jessica	Hubab Ameeya Anjali Daanish	Alyssa Pavan Harnir	Veer Justin MeKavi Kalen	Liviya
Wilson	Branavan Sonya S.	Sahana Sonya S. Katherine Shawnzay	Imran Srishti Shaima Shreya	Shiyami Imran Jakhishan	Salman Nadia
Scott	Tyler Kevin	Anoushka Kelia B. Anjali Stacey	Diane Anjali	Tyler Aishani Nicole	Muqadis Prachi
Bansal	Bilal Achchuthan	Faseeha Gaurija Mindy Tuhen	Ugbat Janki	Mahesa Emma	Yuvraj Alissa
Lowrie	Hasna Karanveer	Kate Ivy Kelly	Thardchi	Nilany Lakish Nesha	Selena Farwa



SUZUKI SHOUT OUTS!

On March 29th, students in participating Grade 2 and Grade 3 classes got their hands dirty and dug in as they helped to set up our school's vermicomposter during a workshop presented by Cathy from Cathy's Crawly Composters. In the coming weeks, classes will be invited to feed our red wiggler worms scraps from classroom green bins.

To learn more about composting visit: <http://www.cathyscomposters.com/>

Compost Workshop



David Suzuki School Council News

All parents are invited to attend monthly meetings without having to be officially on Council.

Next meeting

Monday May 1, at 6:30 pm in the Library.

Fundraising activities:

Our popcorn sales were very successful. Thanks to your contributions we are able to subsidize Scientists in School workshops! Thank you for using **School Cash Online** to purchase popcorn.

Our next fundraising event will be **Ice Cream**. Ice cream distribution and sales will take place on April 19, May 3, 17, and 31. Order online or complete the form distributed to students.

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS:

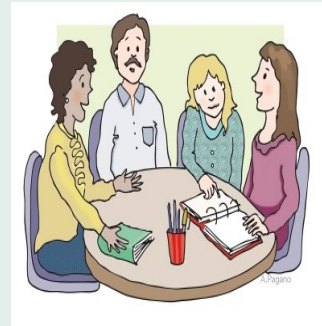
Fun Fair: Sunshine or Rain

Please save the date- May 18 or May 25 (RAIN DATE)

Next School Council Meeting: June 5, 2017

Volunteers needed for the Fun Fair- Please see this newsletter for the attachment to sign up as a volunteer. We need your help!

Thank you to all our parents for volunteering their valuable time to support our students and the school and attending these meetings!





The York Region District School Board **Summer Institute** is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Programs are offered at in Richmond Hill, Markham, Stouffville, Newmarket, Woodbridge, Vaughan and Georgina from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

YMCA Before and Aftercare programs available at all locations

[YMCA Before and After Care Registration](#)

Weekly Sessions July 4, 2017 to August 11, 2017

For registration information and to see what types of exciting programs are being offered this summer, please visit www.yrdsb.ca and select programs and services.

Summer Institute Site	Address
Armadale S.I.	11 Coppard Ave., Markham
Crosby Heights S.I.	190 Neal Dr., Richmond Hill
Discovery S.I. (located at Teston Village P.S.)	80 Murray Farm Lane., Maple
Lakeside S.I.	213 Shorecrest Rd., Keswick
Lake Wilcox S.I.	80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill
Maple Leaf S.I. (located at Glen Cedar P.S.)	915 Wayne Dr., Newmarket
Milliken Mills S.I. (located at Highgate P.S.)	35 Highgate Dr., Markham
Oscar Peterson S.I.	850 Hoover Park Dr., Stouffville
Sixteenth Avenue S.I.	400 Sixteenth Ave., Richmond Hill
Unionville Meadows S.I.	355 South Unionville Ave., Markham
Woodbridge S.I.	60 Burwick Ave., Woodbridge

For additional information please email performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca or call **905-884-2046 ext. 240.**

Developing Mathematical Thinking

Teachers use a variety of questions to help students develop their mathematical thinking.

The Ontario Mathematics Curriculum outlines seven mathematical processes that support the development of mathematical thinking: problem solving, reasoning and proving, reflecting, selecting tools and computational strategies, connecting, representing, and communicating.

The following are questions you can ask your children to help them develop mathematical thinking.

⇒ **Problem Solving:** What is this problem about? What could you do to explore the problem? What questions do you have about the problem?

⇒ **Reasoning and Proving:** How can you check to see if your answer is correct? How would you convince someone else that your answer is correct? Describe any cases in which your solutions will not hold true?

⇒ **Reflecting:** Does this problem make sense to you? What does your answer mean? What strategies did you use to try to solve the problem?

Selecting Tools and Computational Strategies: Which tool or strategy could you use to solve the problem? How do you know your strategy works? What other tool or strategy could you have used to solve the problem?

⇒ **Connecting:** What other problems have you solved like this? When might you use something like this in real life? How is this related to other mathematics you have learned?

⇒ **Representing:** How have you shown your mathematical thinking? In what other ways could you represent this? (diagram, table, graph...)

⇒ **Communicating:** How might you organize your solution so someone else can follow your thinking? How could you make your mathematical thinking clearer?



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration commenced on January 20th, 2017 for the 2017-18 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Children who were born in 2014(SK) and 2013(JK) (turn four or five years old during 2017), live within the school boundary, and whose parents are public school supporters, will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A “Welcome to Junior Kindergarten” information session is planned for May 17 at our school in the gym. For more information please visit :

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/Pages/School-Registration.aspx>

We are now accepting registrations for ALL GRADES.

Welcome to Kindergarten Evening-May 17, 2017 (6:30 pm-7:30 pm)

The Welcome to Kindergarten program is a unique experience for new Year 1 Kindergarten (JK) students and parents who will be joining DSPS in September! The program creates the foundation for positive relationships between children, parents and the school community. The orientation is aimed to provide resources and the support that is necessary to make early learning activity and play a priority in the home. This will help prepare the child for a fun and successful first year in school. Throughout the evening there will be a variety of key messages communicated such as:

- The parent is the child’s first and best teacher.
- Make time for play and discovery.
- Use talk (speaking and listening) as you play and discover together.
- Recognize and celebrate your child’s successes.

Welcome to Kindergarten will take place at David Suzuki P.S. on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 6:30pm – 7:30 pm. This evening is intended for children starting Year 1 (JK) in September 2017, and who have registered for school in our main office. If possible, please make alternate arrangements for siblings. See you there!

Class Placements

for the 2017-2018 School Year

For those students who will continue at David Suzuki for the 2016-2017 school year, we will begin to think about their class placements for the new school year within the next month or so. When we place students, we take the time to consider a variety of factors such as learning styles, strengths/needs, and relationships with peers. The ultimate goal is to support and enhance the learning of all students. We welcome any input you wish to share about your child’s strengths, needs and learning style. Please provide this information to Ms. Cowley in writing by April 29th. However, requests for specific teachers will not be considered.

Planning Ahead for the Next School Year

Our preparations for the 2017-2018 school year are underway, and our success depends on accurate projections of the school population. If you are moving out of our school area, please take a few minutes to send a note to inform us of this as soon as possible. Also If you know someone moving into the area remind them to register as soon as possible.

Thank you!



EARTH HOUR 2017

On Friday March 24th, our whole school participated in a celebration of Earth Hour. We turned off the lights from 2:00 to 3:00 pm and the students were able to engage in activities using a minimal amount of energy. On March 25th at 8:30 pm, hundreds of millions of people around the world turned off their lights for an hour to demand action on climate change. However, the students are learning that we do not need an event like this to lessen our impact on the environment! Here at David Suzuki we continue to live every hour as an earth hour and take pride in our actions to protect our world!

For more information please visit: earthhour.org



Walk to School Day!

Friday, April 21, 2017 Rain Date: Monday April 24, 2017 



This year, we have decided to hold our "Walk to School Day" at David Suzuki PS in celebration of Earth Day. By walking to school, we will help to reduce the toxic carbon emissions our cars expel into the air we breathe. In addition to supporting our environmental initiatives at the school, this special day also allows us to practice our pedestrian safety skills we have learned this month.

Every student in the school is encouraged to participate! **Bus students will be dropped off on Nevis Drive that morning and will walk down Riverwalk Drive together (there will be supervision to make sure all students make it to the school safely). Daycare students will also be able to participate (further communication will follow regarding this).**

We will be closing both the Kiss & Ride Loop along with the Bus Loop as extra encouragement to walk your child to school that day!

We can't wait to see everyone starting off their day by taking a walk in the fresh air!



Environmental Corner

How can you celebrate Earth Day on April 22, 2017

Clean up around your neighbourhood

Plant a tree, flowers or shrubs.

Get outside and enjoy nature

Build a bird house or bird feeder

Have a picnic outside

Make some art out of recycled materials

Listen for activities happening in your community

For more information Please visit <https://earthday.ca/ed2017/everyone/>

Thank you for your support.

EQAO Testing

for Grade 3 and Grade 6 May 23- June 5

All students in Grades 3 and 6 will be participating in the 2017 Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics this Spring. **Please avoid withdrawing your child for holidays or making out of school appointments for your child between May 23rd and June 5th, 2017.** We will communicate further information regarding the assessments to families of students in Grades 3 and 6 in the near future.

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Board Policies and Procedures

Policies and procedures govern the operation of the Board and our school. To ensure they remain current, the Board reviews policies and procedures on a regular cycle. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process.

All policies available for comment are sent to school council chairs, and are posted on the [Board website](#) along with information about how to provide feedback. The policies and proposals currently available for comment include:

The following policies with investigative components:

- ◆ Professional Misconduct and Progressive Discipline
- ◆ Respectful Workplaces and Learning Environments
- ◆ Supporting Community Concerns

A proposal for next steps on the process for addressing concerns raised by students, staff and community members.

To learn more, visit : www.yrdsb.ca/aboutus/policy/.

YRDSB Survey for Parents/Guardians

We will be inviting parents/guardians to participate in a survey May 1-19, 2017. This survey provides an important opportunity for parent/guardian voice. Results will be used to guide planning to support student achievement and well-being. You may complete the survey online or on paper. The online survey will be available in English. Paper surveys will be available from the school office in English, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hebrew, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Sri Lankan Tamil, Urdu and Vietnamese.

We value your input and encourage you to complete the survey. The information you provide will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation.

Information about how to access the online survey will be sent home with students at the end of April. Please contact the school if you have any questions.





Tips To Help You Cross The Road Safely!



- Always **make eye-contact** with drivers before you cross the street
- Always cross when the traffic comes to a **complete stop**
- Always cross the street at **crosswalks** or at **stop signs** (with an adult if possible)
- Always **stand away from the road** when you are waiting to cross
- Always **Stop, Look, and Listen** before crossing
- Always **look both ways** before and while you cross the street, by looking left, right and left again
- Always wear **bright colored clothing** so you can be seen (especially at night)
- Always **walk** across the street – **DO NOT RUN**

If riding a bike, walk beside the bike – Do not  ride while crossing the street

REMINDER!

The school requires up-to-date contact information for all students in our school. If you have recently changed or cancelled a phone number or cell phone number or removed the landline, **please ensure you update this information with our office staff.**

Also, ensure you provide the office with any new contact information!

Thank you!



A Reminder to Subscribe to our Electronic Communications

Please go onto our school [website](#) to subscribe. These e-mail communications will only be used by our school, we will not be sending you junk mail or spam.

Effective July 1, 2014, Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) impacts how York Region District School Board communicates electronically with our parents and community partners. CASL prohibits the sending of any type of electronic message that is commercial in nature unless the recipient has provided specific and informed consent.

As a result, York Region District School Board requires your consent to receive any electronic messages which contain school advertising or promotions regarding school fundraisers, lunch programs, field trips, the sale of yearbooks, purchasing of student photos, books, prom or dance tickets, athletic events with an entry fee or similar events and offers.

In order to consent to receive commercial electronic messages we must already have your email address on file with the school to receive non-commercial communications. If you have not provided your email address as a part of the registration process, please contact the school directly to have your email address added to the non-commercial communications.

If your email address is already on file with the school, please indicate your acceptance of school commercial emails by providing your email address. The system will cross reference your email address with our database and if your email is on file with the school(s), you will receive a confirmation email.



<u>Mark your calendar!!</u>	
April 14	Good Friday – No School
April 17	Easter Monday – No School
April 21 April 24	Walk to School Day! Rain Date
May 1	School Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
May 3	Primary Concert
May 17	Welcome to Kindergarten Night
May 18 May 25	Annual Fun fair Rain Date
May 23-June 5	EQAO grades 3&6
May 24	Intermediate Drama Night





Volunteers Needed for David Suzuki's Annual Fun Fair



David Suzuki P.S. will be holding its 6th Annual Fun Fair on **Thursday, May 18 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.**

If it rains, the Fun Fair will be on Thursday, May 25 from 5:00pm-8:00pm. This event is being organized by our School Council.

It is our hope that the Fun Fair will bring together our school community for an evening of fun! There will be music, food, games, bouncy castles, and much, much more. Any proceeds from this event will go toward school initiatives.

However, in order for such an event to occur, we are in need of volunteers. Volunteers may be family members, high school students or community members, so please spread the word! We are asking anyone who could give an hour of their time at this event to return the bottom portion of this form to the school office by **Friday April 21st**. One of the members of our School Council (Sharon or Naeem) will be in contact with you to confirm your shift. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Fair!

Volunteer's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

I can volunteer for the following shift at the Fun Fair (please check off which shift you prefer):

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (Set up)	7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	8:00 pm to 9:00 pm (clean up)
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	4:00 pm to 9:00 pm (whole event)

Career Cruising On-line Grade 8 International Languages Credit Continuing Education - Quick Tip Sheet

For York Region District School Board Grade 8 students, you must use the Career Cruising Course Planner to register for International Languages Credit Program offered at Saturday School or Tuesday Night School. Career Cruising can be accessed wherever you have Internet access.

How to access and register for Continuing Education courses:

1. Go to www2.careercruising.com/default/cplogin/YORK
2. Login in by entering your username (YORK-XXXXXXXXX where XXXXXXXXXX is your 9-digit student number). When logging in for the first time, the password will be the student's birth date using the format mmddyyyy. The system will prompt the student for a new password after successfully logging in the first time.
3. To retrieve a lost password, click on the words "Forgot my username and/or password" found under the login box. On the next page, enter the email address that you originally entered when you first logged in to the portfolio home page.
4. To register for the Continuing Education course you wish to take, on the left hand side of the screen under



5. On the right hand side under the heading ConEd click the following + Add Course
6. Choose the "Continuing Education Type" from the drop down menu – **International Languages Credit Program**
7. Choose the Discipline from drop down menu.
8. Using the drop down menu under "**Discipline**", Select - **Classical and International Languages** next **select** the course you wish to take and click on it. (All the Courses which are available will listed by Code course and Languages Name). Ensure that you have selected the Level 1 course in your desired language.

Course / School	Credit	Type	Grade
<input type="checkbox"/> LIGAD1 Gujarati, Level 1 Middlefield International Languages Night School Sa	1	Academic Regular	n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> LIGBD1 Gujarati Middlefield International Languages Night School Sa	1	Academic Regular	n/a
<input type="checkbox"/> LIGDU1 Gujarati, Level 4 Middlefield International Languages Night School Sa	1	University Regular	n/a

9. Choose Update Planner this will submit your course request.
10. The Coned course will now appear listed in the column before **Year 9 – called Previous**.

11. Once you have registered you must click on the Print button on the course planner to print the sign off sheet and get your parent to sign for parental approval. Return sign off sheet on first class of International Languages Credit School Location.

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2017-2018

Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

So what are you waiting for?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 15 languages at 4 high schools.

Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: <http://www.ilea.ca> 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	Level 2 (Grade 11)	Level 3 (Grade 12)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
				MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S.
		Prerequisite: Level 1	Prerequisite: Level 2				
ARABIC	LYA BD	LYA CU	LYA DU		Saturday		
CANTONESE	LKC BD	LKC CU	LKC DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD	LYF CU	LYF DU			Saturday	
GERMAN	LWG BD	LWG CU	LWG DU		Saturday		
GREEK	LBG BD	LBG CU	LBG DU		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	LIG CU	LIG DU	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD	LKJ CU	LKJ DU			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD	LKK CU	LKK DU		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	LKB CU	LKB DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	LKM CU	LKM DU	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED ADVANCED PLACEMENT			LKB DUE	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	LIP CU	LIP DU	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD	LRR CU	LRR DU		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD	LWS CU	LWS DU		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	LIT CU	LIT DU	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	LIU CU	LIU DU	Saturday			

Register online via *Career Cruising* commencing May 1st, 2017.

- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered in class will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course locations will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class

Choose to walk, bike, bus or park and walk a block ... or two!



Heading to School?

Be part of the solution! Children benefit from active, safe school travel each day!

Here are some useful websites to check out:

- www.saferoutestoschool.ca
- www.schoolbuscity.com
- www.yrp.ca

And don't forget these too:

- www.yrdsb.ca
- www.ycdsb.ca



Walk Safe.
Drive Safe.
Be Safe!



If you live within walking or biking distance to a school, it is recommended that families choose an active travel mode, such as walking or biking, to get to and from school. If you are outside the walking and biking distance, consider having your child take the bus. On occasion, if you decide to drive, parents are encouraged to park legally close to school and walk the last block or two with their child.

How Can You Help Improve Traffic Conditions Around Schools?

An increasing number of schools throughout York Region are encouraging students and their families to use active travel to school, such as walking or biking instead of driving.

Active and Safe Routes to School programs promote increased physical activity, reduced traffic congestion, better air quality and great opportunities to get to know your community and neighbours better!

Physically active children are healthier, able to maintain a healthy body weight, stay focused and learn better at school.

Schools are areas with multiple distractions for both drivers and pedestrians. By driving children to school, drivers may be contributing to heavy traffic volumes and creating unfavourable conditions for pedestrians.

The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario
L3Y 6Z1

Telephone: 905-895-1231
Toll Free: 1-877-464-9675

www.york.ca





WALK Safe

Parents can be great role models for their children. Teach children about pedestrian safety as soon as you start walking with them.

In order to safely cross a street on their own, children need three important skills:

1. Be able to decide on a safe crossing route
2. Realistically assess a vehicle's speed
3. Judge safe gaps in traffic in order to cross the street

These skills are usually not developed until children are between age nine and 11. Supervise children who have not yet mastered these skills. (Source: Parachute Canada 2013. National Injury Prevention Organization.)



Teach Your Child to Cross the Road Safely



- Stand well back on the sidewalk until ready to cross the street
- Use crosswalks and intersections with crossing guards if available
- Make sure vehicles travelling in all directions have come to a complete stop and the road has no visible moving traffic before crossing
- Always make eye contact with the driver
- Walk, do not run
- Walk beside bikes or scooters; do not ride while crossing the road
- Do not wear earphones or text while walking

For older children walking to school, encourage them to walk with a walking buddy. More pedestrians actually heightens driver awareness, which can result in slower speeds and increase safety.



DRIVE Safe

The real penalty for not obeying traffic regulations is you may risk the safety of children!

BYLAWS AND FINES VARY BY MUNICIPALITY. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MUNICIPALITY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

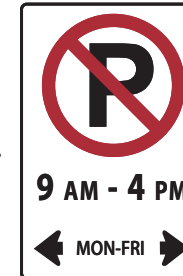
Signage commonly seen near York Region Schools



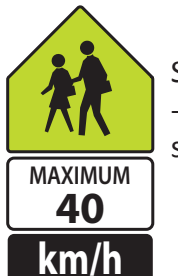
Drivers must observe signage and watch for reduced speed limits. Fines may be doubled.



Supervised Crossing. Cross the street here. Obey the crossing guard.



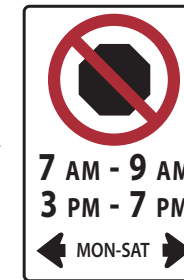
No Parking allowed at the specified times.



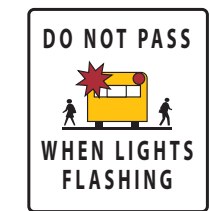
School Zone - observe speed limit.



No Parking in Fire Routes. These need to be clear for emergency vehicles. Fines range from \$100 to \$200.



No Stopping sign means no stopping at all the times specified; except to obey police or danger on the road.



Prepare to stop for a school bus at any time. Fines range from \$400 to \$2,000 with six demerit points for a first offence.

Drivers please be alert whenever driving in a school community. Here are some drive safe recommendations:

- Observe all road signage
- Follow posted speed limits; school zones usually have reduced speeds so drivers can safely stop to allow children to cross the street
- Avoid U-turns, backing up or making three point turns
- Watch for vehicles, pedestrians, bikes, scooters and stopped school buses
- Observe placement of crosswalks, traffic lights and road signage
- Seek out legal parking areas near school for days when you plan to park and walk a block



Booster seats are required by law until your child is 4' 9", eight years old or 80 lbs.



Simplified Chinese

约克区教育局的暑期学院是一个提供学术，休闲娱乐和体育活动的课程，它是本着安大略省幼儿园到 8 年級的兒童和青年課程所特意连接开设的。

从 2017 年 7 月 4 日至 2017 年 8 月 11 日，地区内 11 所小学每周都提供课程。

课程计划和注册信息均可在约克区教育局网站

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Summer-Institute-Registration.aspx> 查看。

如需要更多资料可电邮到 performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca 或致电 905-884-2046 暑期学院办公室分机 240 查询。

Hindi

यॉर्क क्षेत्र के जिला स्कूल बोर्ड के ग्रीष्मकालीन संस्थान एक कार्यक्रम है जो बाल विहार से ग्रेड 8 के बच्चों के लिए ऑटारियो पाठ्यक्रम के साथ लिक, शैक्षिक, खेल-कूद और पुष्ट कार्यक्रमों और गतिविधियों को प्रदान करता है।

साप्ताहिक सत्र पूरे क्षेत्र के 11 प्राथमिक विद्यालयों में 4 जुलाई 2017 से 11 अगस्त 2017 को पेशकश किए जाये गै।

ग्रीष्मकालीन संस्थान कार्यक्रम और पंजीकरण के बारे में सूचना YRDSB वेबसाइट पर कार्यक्रमों और सेवाओं के तहत उपलब्ध है।

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अधिक जानकारी के लिए ईमेल: performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca या 905-884-2046 ext 240 पर ग्रीष्मकालीन संस्थान कार्यालय से संपर्क करें।

Tamil

யோக் பிராந்திய கல்விச்சபையால் மழலையர் முதல் தரம் எட்டு வரையான மாணவர்களுக்கான கோடைகால வகுப்புகள். இதில் கல்வி, பொழுதுபோக்கு, மற்றும் விளையாட்டு நிகழ்ச்சிகளுடன் ஒன்டாரியோ பாடத்திட்டத்திற்கமைய நடாத்தப்படும்.

ஆடி 4 2016 முதல் ஆவணி 12 2016 வரையுள்ள காலப்பகுதியில் வாரந் தோறும் 11 ஆரம்பப் பாடசாலைகளில்

இயங்கவுள்ளது.

பதிவு தகவல்களை பெற விரும்பினால் யோக் பிராந்திய கல்விச் சபை இணையத்தளத்திற்கு சென்று திட்டங்கள் மற்றும் சேவைகள் பகுதியை பார்க்கவும்.

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