



Summer holidays!



## Administrators' Message

It's difficult to believe that the school year has come and gone. It is incredible to think of the tremendous achievements of students and staff that we have all witnessed and been a part of over the past year! Although many might believe that June is a month when things in the school wind down as we prepare for the summer, the truth is that over the past month we have been extremely busy, not only getting ready to finish off the current school year, but also preparing for the start to the coming year!

With that being said, much has been going on around the school to make sure our year ends on a positive note. I would like to thank the staff for their time and commitment to our students. I would also like to thank you for your on-going support of our school and our children. And the last word of thanks goes out to the students for their energy and effort over the past year. Congratulations on all of your achievements!

We said some farewells and welcomes in our last newsletter. However, we have a few more people to send off with well wishes. We wish all the best to Mrs. Clements, Ms. Selvaratnam, and Ms. Wang and thank them for all they have done. We are happy to welcome back Ms. Keane, Ms. Prasoulis and Ms. DeStephanis.

The staff and I wish everyone a very safe and fun-filled summer vacation. We look forward to seeing everyone back, bright and early, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5th. To those of you who are moving on to new schools and school experiences, we wish you all the best in the future! Have a safe, restful, and happy summer! Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Together, our collaborative efforts will ensure David Suzuki P.S. remains a school of excellence!

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The office will be closed for the summer, re-opening on August 28th. Please do not leave any phone messages over the summer as they disappear after seven days and will not be heard. For registration The YRDSB Community Education Centre—East will be open by appointment only, they can be reached at **905-940-7800**.

# Character Matters– Perseverance

This month's focus was on **Perseverance**. We stick to a goal and work hard even in the face of obstacles and challenges. We complete all tasks and assignments.

**Congratulations to our Perseverance winners:**



Mrs. Hudspith/Mrs.Prasth	OFTJSA	Kabisana S., Ethan T.
Ms. Agnihotri/ Ms. Elmi	OFTJSB	Viraj B., Varun S., Hari P.
Ms. Orr/ Ms. Abreu	OFTJSC	Saaru L., Abieran K., Aeran B.
Ms. Halliday/Ms. Donnan	OFTJSD	Keegan W., Kishan H., Benson Z.
Ms. Eng/ Ms.Wang	OFTJSE	Patrick M., Ahana K.
Ms. Llewellyn/Ms. Khalil	OFTJSF	Hiba S., Arvin V., Devijan V.
Ms. Keane /Ms. Selvaratnam	OFTJSG	Aun Z., Rohan D., Emelyn L, Tejas T.
Mrs. Gertsakis	GR1	Nephian H., Mustafa A.
Mrs. McMichael	GR1	Anika R., Luxshana T.
Mrs. Kennedy	GR1	Vidhi P., Akshaya S., Akshayan S.
Mrs. Veiga	GR1/2	Lavanya S.
Mrs. Barovier	GR2	Karish J., Jesica L., Shanuka S.
Mrs. Cooper	GR2	Arav S., Dhivya V., Maya A.
Mr. Binner	GR2	Arujan S.
Mrs. Kilgour	GR3	Wei Bin Z., Stepani K.
Mrs. Clements	GR3	Arman Q., Anirudh S., Kavish S.
Ms. Hall	GR3	Mithil N., Ashwin K.
Ms. Nedelkovski	GR3	Shrikrishna S., Carlos B., Jayla Foster B.

***Students, keep demonstrating the character traits throughout the summer as we know you are all great examples of the kinds of citizens we want in our community.***

## SUZUKI SHOUT OUTS



On June 1st, David Suzuki P.S. held our annual track and field day for students in grades 4-8. All students showed great athleticism and sportsmanship throughout the day. Athletes that placed at the top of their event advanced to the Area Track and Field Meet where they competed against other schools in our area. We have 60 students represent Suzuki at the meet throughout the day. Congratulations to our Senior Boys who won the overall pennant at the Area Meet, the first Track and Field pennant in school history. Those students who placed 1st or 2nd at the Area Meet went on to compete in the Regional Meet where they were faced with their biggest competition yet, as athletes came from all over York Region. The students who attended this Meet included Naya, Tina T., Peter, Ajay, Nivetha, Mathumai, Sydney and Tyler. Congratulations to those athletes on their success at all of the Track and Field events, and congratulations to Sydney who placed 2nd in the 200m run at Regionals!



# Character Matters - 4A's



Each term and also following progress reports, 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 and awards are presented at the 4As assembly.

**Congratulations to those individuals who earned awards!**

TEACHER	Athletics	Arts	Academics	Attitude	Most improved
Prasoulis	Anoushka Sabaresh Shanjai	Navvya	Sophia Sarvesh	Keaton Suhani	Nirosh Maryam Kayecian
Hwee	Naya Shiroth	Dhruvi Angelina	Cynthia Prathesh	Edmund Tyler	Riya Elle
Clarke	Safa Ashley	Saharnah Joythi	Devanshi Ansh	Joshua Snehi	Abishana Veer
Shum	Basit	Christie	Maya Anjali	Jordan Sharan	Jashpal Basit
DeStephanis	Varsha Raman	Ali Bhoomika	Varsha Saeyon	Ishan Tina C. Mithusan T.	Alvin Raman Siya
Carter	Tina	Nicole Ayesha Zoha	Jai Tvisha	Timmy Ashmitha Dhairya	Nila
Benson	Mahdi Akshileya	Taniya Mathusha	Riaab Harshitha	Keshini Rhianna Aaravee Rachi Komal	Sujana Justin
Kermally	Nivetha Aakash	Sabrina Harshitha	Navid Krista	Camena Ashwinii	Rehan Areebah
Duffus	Mukilan	Krisha Mariya	Sayisa	Rachel Asha P.	Ashan Saruka T.
D' Alessandro	Ammar Ishani	Mathumai Jessica A Anjali Sarania	Alyssa Harnir	Veer Justin Ameeya	Anjali
Wilson	Imran Seyoohn	Srishti R Sidharth A Sahana	Sonya S. Imran Katherine	Shiyami Shaima	Harkirat Kayla
Scott	Timothy Nicole	Ursula C Krithica J Diane Nicole	Nicole Ursula	Aishani Aarana	Joshua Kevin
Bansal	Mindy E Emma B	Mahesa T Evelyn T Sydney B Shakira G	Rima K Sydney B Ayodhya P	Akash B	Chanpreet J
Lowrie	Ivy D Amit B	Kate D Thardchi G	Nilany S. Jacob S.	Rathisa U.	Nesha T. Aaliyah A.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM DIRECTOR



Dear Families,

I was delighted to join York Region District School Board in May as Interim Director of Education. Since beginning with the Board, I have been meeting with families, students, staff members and our community partners. I believe it's important to listen and I value these opportunities to hear from people across our system.

The relationships between families and schools is of utmost importance. We share a common goal to give our young people – your children – every opportunity to reach their full potential.

When we work together to meet the needs of our students, we are more likely to succeed in reaching that goal. York Region District School Board values and encourages opportunities to strengthen relationships with families in support of student achievement and well-being.

As we approach the end of the school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you do to support and enrich our school communities. Together with families and community members, our staff are committed to creating safe, nurturing and inclusive environments that enable students to succeed.

I hope that as the school year comes to a close, you have seen evidence of your child's achievements, learning and growth over the past year. Our students work hard throughout the year and this is a good time of year to celebrate their efforts and accomplishments.

Whether your child is involved in one of our summer learning programs or other activities, there are many opportunities to continue learning throughout the summer months. Many of our staff will be working over the summer to support some of those opportunities and to prepare for the 2017-18 school year.

We look forward to welcoming our new and returning students in the fall. Thank you for being an important part of our school communities, and I wish you all the best for a happy and safe summer.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Wallace

## First Day of School Procedures

Due to the Freedom of Information and Privacy laws, the Board recently informed all schools that we are no longer able to post class lists on the first day of school.

On the first day of school (September 5th), there will be signs posted on the school windows with the different grades on them, e.g., grade 1, grade 4. Before the bell rings there will be teachers outside with orange vests who will have class lists on clipboards. You can give them your child's name and the teacher will be able to tell you what class your child is in. When the bell rings, students will enter the school with their teacher. We are asking that parents stand back from the signs and the lines so that the teachers can organize the children and ensure that all the children are put safely into their classes. Thank you for your understanding with this process. Once the teachers have their students, they will be escorted to their classrooms.

**Parents are asked to say good-bye to their children outside the school.**

Due to crowds and for safety reasons we ask that parents do not enter the school with their child.

**We appreciate your support with this process.**

If it is raining on the first day of school, the students will be taken into the gym to be assigned to their classroom teachers.

# Graduation

Congratulations to our grade 8 graduating class who had their ceremony June 28th. Thank you to the parents and other guests who came to support the graduates. I know they will really appreciate it. Thank you as well to the staff who organized, set up and participated in the graduation. The event could not happen without you.

Best wishes to our grade 8's as they enter high school in September. Please be sure to come back and let us know how you are doing!



## Suzuki June Highlights

**Track & Field Day**

**Area Track & Field Day**

**Grade 7 Scientist in School**

**Spirit Days**

**Regional Track & Field Day**

**4 A's Assembly**

# New to Canada?

**WIN**

## Welcome and Information for Newcomers Help your child succeed in school

This program is designed for Newcomer Parents & Students in York Region

**WIN**



**1**

Register your child with your settlement worker

Venue:  
Crosby Heights PS  
190 Neal Drive  
Richmond Hill  
ON L4C 3K8



Come to the WIN program to learn about your new school

**2**

**WIN**

Wednesday, August 23, 2017  
8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Lunch will be provided  
Childcare is available



**3**

Your child will have a great start to school in Canada



For more information please call:

Hina Shah 416-301-3878  
Yun Kim 416-625-7386



# ARTS UNIONVILLE

at Unionville High School

- A four-year, 8-credit, intensive arts high school program for artistically interested and talented students.
- Open through application and audition. Applications due: December 1, 2017.
- Dance, Drama, Winds, Vocal, Visual Arts students residing in the Arts Unionville boundary of York Region may apply.
- Strings students residing in the Arts Unionville, Arts Westmount and Arts Huron areas of York Region may apply.
- Piano students residing in all areas of York Region may apply.
- For more information and to complete our online application please go to:

**[unionville.hs.yrdsb.ca](http://unionville.hs.yrdsb.ca)**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR INFORMATION SESSION:

Tuesday November 7, 2017 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Flato Markham Theatre

Complimentary tickets must be reserved by calling Flato Markham Theatre at 905-305-7469 after October 1st.

Online Applications open on November 8, 2017



# Committed to Parent Engagement in Education?

**Here's a chance to make a difference.**

The York Region District School Board invites applications for membership on the Board's Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee. The Committee supports, encourages and enhances parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being.

The term of office will commence on November 14, 2017. Members are expected to attend six meetings each year at the Education Centre in Aurora.

Please find the application online at [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca)

The on-line application is translated into Chinese, Farsi, Urdu, Tamil and Korean.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2017.**

For more information visit:

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