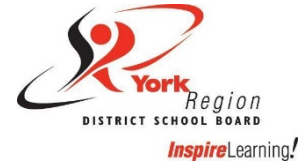




# Devins Drive P.S.



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of the school year, it is helpful to engage in a conversation with your child about the progress made in academic and social/emotional areas. Having students reflect upon and discuss what they have learned this year, and how they have overcome challenges helps them to build resiliency and realize they are developing the toolkit from which to draw strategies to face a challenge whether it's about how to solve a math problem or how to build positive friendships.

Please consider ways to keep your children engaged in learning throughout the summer. Whether you are taking a family vacation, going to the cottage, or staying home, there are many things you can do to continue learning through the summer. Participating in a reading club, computer club, or craft class are possibilities. Equally important to healthy development is ensuring your child engages in daily physical activity and continues to experience with friends and family the positive energy of spending time in nature. Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer!

Yours in partnership,

R. Totino  
Principal

## *June 30th, 2022 - Early Dismissal in Elementary Schools*

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to student success and well-being. On **Thursday, June 30** an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to be engaged in staff meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow elementary teachers and support staff to participate in activities in support of student achievement and school planning.

As has been our practice over the past years, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 30 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at 11:55 a.m. Arrangements will be made with Student Transportation Services to ensure that students who are normally bussed to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents must make arrangements to have somebody meet their children at the home bus stop. Parents whose children attend after-school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

## *Dress Code*

The student dress code is designed to promote respect and to protect students' safety and well-being. For this reason, it is important that all students dress appropriately for the weather and school activities. The dress code is in effect while at school, on field trips and during any other school-related activities or events.

At Devins Drive PS:

- Students should come to school prepared to go outside and as such they need to dress for the weather;
- Students should be dressed in comfortable clothes for gym classes;
- Students should wear appropriate T-shirts free of inappropriate logos, graphics, and writing;
- Students should wear garments that are free from inappropriate tearing and/or not torn in inappropriate places;
- Students should not wear muscle shirts, halter tops or spaghetti-strap tops;
- Shoulders should be covered or straps should be a minimum of 3cm wide;
- Midriffs and undergarments should not be visible.

In the warmer weather, footwear should allow students to participate in all school activities safely. If sandals are worn, they should be securely fastened to students' feet in order to avoid tripping on the stairs, playground, etc.



### *Medications*

Please remember to pick up your children's medication from the office on the last day of school. Any medication not picked up will be disposed of.



Our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students will be completing the 2022 EQAO assessments the week of June 6. The results will be sent home in the fall. If you wish more information on these assessments, please refer to the website, [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

## *Kindergarten Fieldtrip to Round the Bend Farm*

Our Kindergarten students explored planting seeds and transporting flowers. Each student learned how to plant three different vegetables (a bean, a pea and corn) and a sunflower. Students then got to bring their plants home. Many students have shared how well their plants are growing. One of the highlights of the trip was the hay maze, where students could run through the maze, challenge their climbing skills and laugh with friends. This was one of the most memorable events at the farm according to a survey conducted with students upon the return to school. Students were engaged in learning about the life cycle of the animals at the farm. They learned about sheep, cows, ducklings, chicks and more. They were excited to pet the ducklings and chicks and used words like soft and fluffy to describe how they felt.

