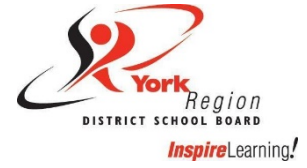




# Devins Drive P.S.



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Each year, Ontarians mark the first full week of May as Children's Mental Health Week. YRDSB celebrates Children's Mental Health Awareness Week from May 2 - 6 , 2022. This important week is about:

- Increasing awareness of the signs of child and youth mental health problems
- Decreasing stigma
- Understanding that help is available and it works!

Children's mental health plays a key role in overall health and well-being. It impacts learning, social relationships, emotional growth, self-esteem and resilience. There are supports available and this can have positive outcomes such as enhanced learning opportunities, social skills development, and more positive interactions at home and at school.

Yours in partnership,

R. Totino  
Principal



## Important Dates

Virtual School Council Meeting: May 30, 7 p.m.

Professional Activity Day: June 2 (No school for students)

## *Hot Weather Action Plan*



With the anticipation of warmer, even hot weather, the following steps will be taken to avoid heat related illness for students:

- Outdoor physical activities will be rescheduled to cooler times of the day or on another day.
- Shady areas in the school yard will be used, where available.
- Blinds, curtains will be kept closed in classrooms; lights will be dimmed in the classrooms and hallways.
- A class may need to be relocated to a cooler area such as the gym or library to provide relief.
- Students are advised to wear a hat outside.
- Students are reminded to bring their own water bottle to refill throughout the day for re-hydration.

Parents are advised to apply sunscreen on their children prior to coming to school; please avoid sending aerosol sunscreen to school as it is unhealthy for those who are sensitive to these products and the overspray creates slippery floor surfaces for our students and staff.

## *School Council Update*

Pop-up success!! School Council's first pop-up lunch from Zucca's Ristorante in Newmarket was a huge success - close to 200 families/caregivers participated. We would love to hear the feedback you received from your kids (good or bad) - taste, portion size, etc. Please email your feedback to our fundraising coordinator at [mc.bc@rogers.com](mailto:mc.bc@rogers.com)

We have more 'pop-up lunches' coming your way so keep an eye out for the School Cash online emails. If you are not registered for school cash online, please email: [devins.drive.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:devins.drive.ps@yrdsb.ca) for instructions.

## *Paul Davis Presentations*

On Wednesday April 27 students in the junior/intermediate grades had a virtual presentation by Paul Davis on the importance of social media safety. In the evening, he presented virtually to the parent community. Paul Davis, is a 30 year IT professional and now public speaker who educates children and empowers parents on the topic of social networking and online safety. Paul Davis has spoken to over 620,000 students across Canada & the USA and has been a guest speaker on CTV news, CBC, Global, Breakfast Television and is a Tedx speaker. Thank you to all parents who were able to participate in the evening session and thank you to School Council who made this possible through their ProGrant application.