

DEVINS DRIVE NEWS

May 2020

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Principal's Message

Dear Devins Drive Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my well wishes to you and yours and that you are finding time during the day to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather that is finally upon us. Thank you very much to all of our families for supporting your child(ren) as they engage in the new online learning platform. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all of the Devins Drive staff for supporting our students. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

As it is already the middle of May, we have been quite busy behind the scenes planning for September. As we do so, there are many important factors that we take into consideration when working on the various tasks to ensure a successful start-up. If you know that your child will be attending a different school next year, please notify the office. An email was sent out to all of the DDPS families on May 12th with a form for you to fill out an email back to the school called "Departing Students". If you did not get this email for some reason, please send an email to the school at devins.drive.ps@yrdsb.ca to let us know that you are moving and that your child will not be returning to Devins Drive PS in September 2020. In your email, please also let us know the name of the new school your child will be attending next year.

As we begin the process of organizing classes for September 2020, it is valuable for parents/guardians to understand the procedure used in student placement decisions. The ultimate goal in all our efforts at Devins Drive is to enhance student achievement and well-being. We attempt to place students in the most positive learning environment possible given each individual pupil's skills, knowledge, attitudes, work and social habits. A great deal of time is spent ensuring that each student's academic and social needs are met. Classes at each grade level are formed using the following criteria:

- Class sizes consistent with Ministry and Board guidelines;
- A gender balance in each class;
- A range of performance levels within each class;
- Matching pupil learning styles with teaching strategies wherever possible;
- Promoting positive social relationships while minimizing unproductive associations;
- Encouraging students to meet new people and develop new friendships as this is a very important life skill.

As we get closer to the end of the school year, decisions will be made based on the aforementioned criteria. It is important to recognize that while we try to place each child in the optimal learning environment, all final decisions regarding pupil placement remain the responsibility of the Principal. If you have any information about your child that you feel would be pertinent in the placement process (e.g., learning styles, twins' placements), please inform the Principal in writing by sending an email to devins.drive.ps@yrdsb.ca by **Thursday, May 21, 2020**.

In order to assist us in our efforts to create balanced classrooms, and to create the optimum learning environments, we respectfully ask your assistance in not making specific teacher requests as requests for specific teachers will not be accommodated. Thank you very much in advance for your support and cooperation.

Please visit our school website for updates: [Devins Drive Public School](http://www.devinsdriveps.com)

Gr. 2 FI Students transferring to Lester B. Pearson PS in September 2020

Our Grade 2 French Immersion students have been transferred by our office team to Lester B. Pearson PS for September 2020. There is no need to register your child at Lester B Pearson PS or let Devins Drive PS know that your child is changing schools as this is an automatic process. Thank you very much.

Student Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career?

Your son's/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

All YRDSB students in Grades JK to 3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

All YRDSB students in Grades 4 to 8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

All YRDSB students in Grades 9 to 12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son's/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

Before and After Care Program Offered By Best Friends Child Care Centre

Friends Child Care Centres
P.O. Box 1205
Kleinburg, Ontario, L0J 1C0
(905) 552-0610

Email: amongfriendsdaycarecentres@hotmail.com
Website: www.amongfriendschildcare.com

Child Care Location: Devins Drive Public School located at 70 Devins Drive in Aurora.

Registration Information: To enroll your child(ren), please visit their website at www.amongfriendschildcare.com to complete and submit the Request for Enrollment Form.

For further information, please contact their Registration Department at amongfriendsbilling@gmail.com

Child Care Hours of Operation: 7:00 am – 8:55 am & 3:25 pm – 6:00 pm

Ages Served: 4 – 12 years old

How Do I Apply and Get on the Waitlist for Child Care Fee Assistance?

Email: <http://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/support/yr/childrenservices/childcarefeeassistance>

Note: In the event that the Child Care Operator is no longer able to provide the Before and After Care Program on-site at this school location, a program will be offered either by another third party Child Care Operator or the York Region District School Board. In the event of a change in service providers, the fees, days and times of operation may change.

