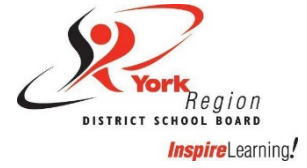




Devins Drive P.S.



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November 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Progress Report cards will be sent electronically to parents on November 15 and 16. Learning skills and work habits are a focus of the progress report. Additionally, parents will be informed of their child's progress towards meeting the curriculum expectations. Students will be identified as *Progressing Very Well*, *Progressing Well* or *Progressing with Difficulty* in his/her progress in subject areas. Virtual parent-teacher interviews are currently scheduled for the evening of November 18, and during the morning of November 19. Please consider asking the questions below during your dialogue with the teacher:

- ❖ What does my child do well?
- ❖ What skills does she or he still need to develop?
- ❖ How much time should my child be spending on homework?
- ❖ How does my child get along with the other students?
- ❖ How can I help my child at home?
- ❖ What is the best way to contact you if I have more questions?

Follow Up:

Talk to your child. Stress the positive things that you have heard. Talk about how you and the teacher are going to help with the things that need to be improved. The more your child sees home and school working in partnership, the more effective this partnership will be!

Yours in partnership,
R. Totino
Principal

COVID-19 School Screening

Parents and guardians of Elementary students are required to complete the on-line self-assessment [Daily Screening Tool](#) prior to their child entering the school.

Best Friends Child Care

Best Friends Child Care is accepting new enrollment. Kindly visit the website at amongfriendschildcare.com to register or please call 905-552-0610 and speak to the Registration Team.



Dress for the Weather

As the cold weather approaches, it is imperative that you ensure that you send your child to school dressed to remain outside for our 2 recesses: 30 minutes in the morning and 35 minutes during the lunch recess. In times of extreme cold (around minus 20-25 degrees Celsius with wind-chill factor), we will shorten the time students are expected to remain outdoors. However, these days will probably not be too frequent. Your child should expect that teachers will also try to enforce that your child wears their winter clothing on these days. We expect all students to respond favourably to teacher requests to dress appropriately for the weather. If your child is in Kindergarten to grade 2, please also ensure to send in a large Ziploc bag a change of clothes (pants, shirt, socks) in case there is a need for your child to change into clean clothes. This assists with your child being able to comfortably return as quickly as possible to the learning activities in the classroom.

Being on Time for School Counts!



Punctuality is an important life-skill valued by school, employers in the workforce, and society. We continue to experience a number of students arriving late for school. The morning bell rings at 8:40 a.m. and classes begin sharp at 8:55 a.m.. Please ensure that your child arrives on time ready to learn.

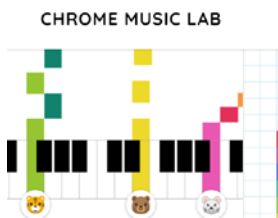
Helpful tips to make the morning run more smoothly:

- Get your child to bed at a reasonable hour.
- Set realistic and consistent schedules and rules at home. Getting ready for school should be part of the child's overall routine; something that's expected of him/her every day.
- Set out clothes, pack lunches, and set backpacks at the door the night before.
- Create a set morning routine that your child can easily follow
- Avoid any distractions that can slow your child down, like TV or games.
- Set your alarm to get up earlier if you're running late regularly.

Wonderful Website

Does your child enjoy music and cause and effect games?

Please check out the [Chrome Music Lab](#) on Google to explore tools and see the learning and investigation happen!



Talking about Math!

The website, [Math Before Bed](#), provides families with a selection of Mathematics ideas to explore and discuss in the evening. The idea is to discuss how you and your child might find the answer...sometimes there is only one way, but often there are many paths to the solution. Have fun talking about Math Before Bed!





Our school has a subscription to **TumbleBookLibrary**, an online collection of e-books for children and your family can access it from home. There are **over 250** animated, talking picture books. The site also features French books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, quizzes, and exciting games and puzzles.

We hope that you will get the chance to check out the collections with your child. Below is all the information you'll need to login to the collection:



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Password: books

You can use your computer, tablet, or mobile phone! All you need is an internet connection. There are no downloads. Books are streamed right to your device at the click of a button.

Happy Tumbling, everyone!

