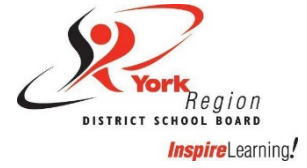




Devins Drive P.S.



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Superintendent: Neil Gunathunge
Trustee: Bob McRoberts

October 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our first month at Devins Drive P.S. has been a very busy one. Given the increase in student registrations for various grades throughout the month of September, we were in a position to reorganize resulting in an additional SK/Grade one class, primary and junior students being moved to new classrooms and revised teaching assignments within the primary and junior divisions.

Our staff have been learning about each student's strengths, interests and areas of need and are working on creating lessons and units to engage all of our learners. All teachers are working diligently to create the classroom routines and practices to meet the needs of each learner while also reinforcing daily Covid-related safety protocols. This year's Curriculum Night will be hosted virtually on Wednesday, October 13 with more information to follow.

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 [Covid-19 School and Childcare Screening Tool](#) (please click on Check for Symptoms Daily) on a daily basis, prior to their child entering the school.

School Council Executive

The executive positions for the 2021-2022 school year are as follows:

Lisa Salami and Michelle Chislett – Co-Chairs
Sina Ostadhashem – Secretary
Sandra Jenkins – Treasurer

The next School Council virtual meeting will occur on Monday, November 22 at 7 p.m.

Orange Shirt Day Live Stream

We really enjoyed the opportunity to recognize the Indigenous culture by watching this live stream made by the York Region District school Board. The opportunity to listen to the native music and rituals shared with us was an amazing experience. We know our classmates loved learning about the smudge and being able to listen to the native past. This was very well put together and the videos shown were very informative and moving. We enjoyed hearing about all the native groups and seeing all the colourful traditional clothing and learning about their braids. Learning about the history behind braids and why they are important to different cultures was an eye opening moment that educated a lot of people. A special thank you to Victoria Raymer and Brad Gibson for hosting the live stream and doing such a good job.

Raha, Kaitlin, Viona, Maddy, Serena
(Mrs. Woodhead's homeroom)

One Small Thing: Each One Uplifts One Campaign

This year as we welcomed students back to school, we have continued to experience physical distancing due to the Pandemic. To support social connections and mental health, YRDSB has continued the positive momentum of the *One Small Thing: Each One Uplifts One Campaign* by providing each student with a token of welcome. Each student received a magnet containing a positive message. Students have also been supported by homeroom teachers through three lessons in September about the ABC's of Mental Health. We all play a role in fostering a sense of mattering and belonging through treating each other with respect and kindness.



Terry Fox School Run

Devins Drive Public School will be proudly taking part in the 2021 Terry Fox School Run, scheduled to take place throughout the month of October. While this year's event might still look a little different from previous years, we are excited to share that we have developed ways for our school to take part. We hope that we can continue to show the great strength and resiliency of our school community with your support of one of our greatest Canadian heroes, Terry Fox. Let's all use Terry's message of hope and strength to inspire us during these challenging times. Please donate online on our school's fundraising page at <http://www.terryfox.ca/DevinsDrivePSAurora>.

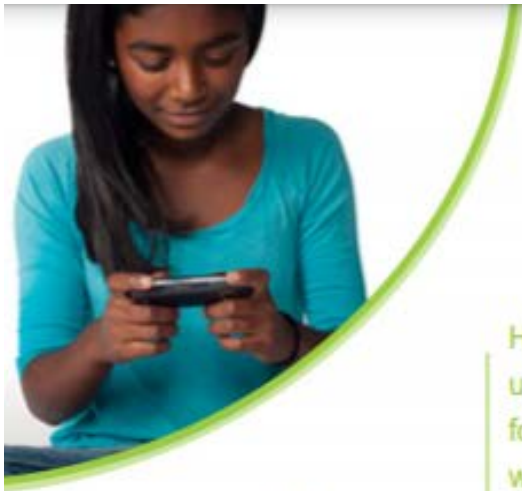
Nut Alert!/We are a NUT-SENSITIVE School



Please do not send foods that contain peanuts or nut products to school. We have students who are anaphylactic. This means that exposure can result in a severe allergic reaction that can be life threatening. Please be vigilant in reading product labels. Many now indicate that the product was made in a nut free/peanut free facility.

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night will be held virtually the evening of Wednesday October 13 at 7 p.m. The first presentation will occur from 7:00 - 7:25 p.m with a repeat occurring between 7:30 – 7:55 p.m. Homeroom teachers will communicate with parents about how to connect to the presentation.



Social media rules

– tip sheet

Having a family agreement or set of ground rules for using social networks is a good idea. It's a great way for parents and kids to work together on how to be safe, wise and responsible online. Here are some ideas:

- I will only follow people I know personally.
- I will always show an adult any message or post that makes me feel uncomfortable or threatened.
- I will never share any personal information about myself, such as my age, where I live, and where I go to school.
- I will keep my whereabouts to myself: I will turn off any location settings that tell people exactly where I am or where a photograph was taken.
- I will never publish anything I wouldn't want my parents, teachers, and grandparents to see, because photos can be shared widely, with anyone, in a matter of seconds.
- When creating a password, I will make one up that is hard for someone else to guess but easy for me to remember. I will never reveal it to anyone (except my parents or a trusted adult) - not even my best friend.
- I will always check my privacy settings and go over them with my parents.
- I will practice the golden rule and always treat others as I would like to be treated. I will T.H.I.N.K. before I leave a comment or send a message: is it True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, Kind?
- I will not upload or tag photos of other people without their permission.



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