






Day & Date	Day	What's Happening
Mon. April 6 <sup>th</sup>	3	 <p><b>Pause to Play Week</b> – Turn off those screens!!!</p> <p>Last Day to hand in Chocolate Bar Sales</p>
Tues. April 7 <sup>th</sup>	4	<p>Math Club</p> <p>Grade 8 Grad Committee Meeting 5:30 -6:30 pm</p> <p>School Council 6:30 – 7:30 pm</p>
Wed. April 8 <sup>th</sup>	5	<p>Math Club @ lunch</p> <p>Light It Up Blue Day! Please wear BLUE in support of World Autism Day (April 2<sup>nd</sup>)</p>
Thurs. April 9 <sup>th</sup>	1	 <p>Math Club @ lunch</p> <p>Pizza Lunch</p>
Fri. April 10 <sup>th</sup>	2	 <p>No School</p>

Please continue to check our school website for updates: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/fairwood.ps/Pages/default.aspx>



## Class Placement Process – Creating Classrooms for 2020-2021

As our school staff begins organizing classes for September 2020, it is valuable for parents to understand the process for student placement decisions. The ultimate goal in all of our efforts is to provide an optimum learning environment for our students. Classroom teachers, special education as well as the principal and vice principal are involved in the class placement process.

A great deal of time and consideration goes into placing students in the most positive learning environment possible, given each individual students' skills, knowledge, attitude and work habits.

Classes at each grade level are formed using a variety of important criteria such as:

- Class size consistent with Board and Ministry guidelines (e.g. Not more than 20 students in primary grades, with the exception of kindergarten);
- Gender balance in each class;
- A range of performance levels within each class, taking into account the skills, knowledge, attitudes and work habits of individual students;
- Placement of Special Education students that facilitates the programs required for these students;
- Promoting positive social relationships while minimizing unproductive associations.

Please note that there will be combined classes in the school for the 2020-2021 school year.

Often parents have new and/or important information to share about their child which lends assistance to class placement decisions.

Please use the following guidelines when sharing information for our consideration:

- Positive Social Relationships (students who are positive learning partners);
- Learning style (independent, small group, need for teacher direction...);
- Student interests (sports, arts, reading...); and
- Other Considerations (e.g. special education)

**Parent input that is received in writing to the attention of Mrs. Maar prior to April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will be considered (and shared) during placement meetings. Please avoid naming a teacher as staffing can vary.**

Please also be advised that while such input is valued, it cannot drive class placement decisions since school-wide limitations and a variety of other factors will, at times, take precedence.

Final decisions regarding student placements remain the responsibility of the Principal and the school staff. Ministry mandates on class size will impact class placements into September. As a result, we will, regretfully, be unable to share class placement information with families prior to school opening, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

Thank you for partnering with us in this very important task.



### Summer Institute is COMING!

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 [Summer Institute](#) offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](#) page on [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Registration opens March 10. Families can now register online, as well as in person or by mail.



**NORTH LOCATIONS: KESWICK @ Lakeside**

Base Registration Weekly Fees:

**York Region District School Board students: \$110 (4 day weeks) \$125 (5 day weeks)**

**Non- York Region District School Board students: \$135 (4 day weeks) \$160 (5 day weeks)**



### Skateboards, Scooters, Roller Blades and Bikes

We are excited about the good weather coming soon and the opportunity to spend more time outside. We would like to remind you that students who are using skateboards, scooters, rollerblades or bikes to get to school must wear helmets for safety.



### Earth Hour

Earth Hour is a global movement encouraging individuals, business, and governments around the world to take positive actions for the environments, and celebrating their commitment to the planet by switching off their lights for one designated hour.

What small step can you do to help of the environment?

- Recycle more
- Use less water
- Walk to school
- Turn off unnecessary lights



Earth hour is officially Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. What can you do with your family when the lights are off? Board games by candle light? A walk outside to see the stars? Use your imagination – help save our planet and take part in Earth Hour tomorrow night.



## Moving

Are you moving before next September? *If so, please let us know as soon as possible.* We are currently projecting our student enrolment for September 2020. These numbers help us plan for sufficient staff and support personnel. It is important that we know as soon as possible if you are planning to leave the Fairwood community before September. Please call our office with any information: 905-476-5447.



With appreciation,





















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Principal

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30 Day 3 SCHOOL	31 Day 4 CLOSED	1 Day 5 UNTIL	2 Day 1 APRIL 6 <sup>th</sup>	3 Day 2	4
5	6 Day 3  Please return Chocolate Bar Funds/Chocolates!	7 Day 4 Gr. 8 Grad Committee Mtg 5:30 -6:30 pm  School Council 6:30 - 7:30 pm	8 Day 5 <b>Wear BLUE Please in Support of Autism Awareness Day – April 2<sup>nd</sup> !</b>	9 Day 1  	10 Day 2 Western 	11
12 Western 	13 Day 3 Easter Monday (No School) 	14 Day 4 Gr. 8 Grad Photos 	15 Day 5 EQAO Parent Night 6:00-7:00 in the Library	16 Day 1  MADD Presentation (Gr. 7 & 8)	17 Booster Juice  Eastern 	18
19 Eastern 	20 Day 1 	21 Day 2	22 Day 3 	23 Day 4 	24 Day 5 Rescheduled from March 	25 
26 Eastern	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Day 3 Dental Screening (JK/SK, Gr. 2, 7&8) 	30 Day 4   Tentative 6:00 – 7:00 pm		