




Day & Date	Day	What's Happening
<b>Mon. September 9<sup>th</sup></b>	5	Scholastic Book Fair Begins
<b>Tues. September 10<sup>th</sup></b>	1	
<b>Wed. September 11<sup>th</sup></b>	2	
<b>Thurs. September 12<sup>th</sup></b>	3	 School Open House – 5:15 – 7:15 pm
<b>Fri. September 13<sup>th</sup></b>	4	Terry Fox Assembly

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

*Message From Our Trustee: Cynthia Cordova*

I am so pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families to another school year. As your school board trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The [Board of Trustees](#) makes [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicates with the public, among other [responsibilities](#).



We are also responsible for setting direction for the school board, through our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). This plan sets out four priorities: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership.

As we start the new school year, I want to highlight the importance of relationships. We want to build and maintain relationships with our families that are built on trust, respect and responsive communication. To support that, I will continue to keep you informed of our work and priorities, and I encourage you to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns. You can also find the [message from the Chair of the Board](#) on the Board's website.

In addition, I invite you to share your feedback on our Board policies. Policies govern everything from field trips, school volunteers, equity and inclusive education, student discipline and much more, and we greatly value input from families on these important matters. We regularly post on our website the [policies that are](#)

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[under review](#) and available for comment as well as information about how to share your feedback. I hope you will take a look.

I know school staff are excited to welcome back students, and I look forward to meeting more of our families throughout the upcoming school year. I encourage you to build a relationship with the staff members and community at your school. There are so many [different ways to get involved](#) and support your child's education. I hope you have a great start to the school year and wish you a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

Cynthia Cordova  
Trustee, Georgina

### School Open House – Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

Our school Open House will be held on **Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**from 5:15 – 7:15 p.m.**

Please come out and join us as we proudly share our classrooms and introduce members of our learning community to you.



- If you are interested in joining us for dinner, we begin serving at 5:15 sharp outside of Room 118. Meal combos are \$ 5.00 and include a hotdog, drink and snack. Individual hotdogs can be purchased for \$3.00. Please order using Cash Online or during our Open House. Instructions for how to sign in to School Cash Online are at the end of this communication.
- Our Scholastic Bookfair will also be held in the library. Come and see the new books on offer!
- Our school spirit wear will available to order. We have sample sizes for you to see prior to making your order! Order form is attached for your information.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

### Volunteering in the School

There will be many opportunities to volunteer in the school including going on field trips, helping with lunches, in classrooms, etc. In order to volunteer in the school,s you will be required to:

- Submit a Vulnerable Sector Screening completed within the last six months (for new volunteers)  
OR
- sign the Annual Offence Declaration (for returning volunteers)
- Sign a Confidentiality Agreement.

Please check in the office for details if you are interested in volunteering at Fairwood Public School.



## EDSBY

Welcome invitations have been sent out to all of our families to join Edsby, our online communication tool.

- Parents and Guardians new to EDSBY and those who have a child newly attending our school will receive an email today from EDSBY inviting them to register/connect. Subject line will be: "Invitation from Edsby to connect". Please click the "*click here to accept*" link in the email and follow the on-screen directions
- If you already have created an account there is no need to create another account. Any additional children can be linked to your existing account.
- If you do not receive this email at some point today, please check your Spam/Junk folder as there have been some issues with Hotmail and Rogers accounts. If it is not in your Spam/Junk folder, send an email with your correct email address to [fairwood.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:fairwood.ps@yrdsb.ca) and we will check and update your email and send the invitation again (this will take at least 24 hours not including weekends).
- TIP: The registration process has been more successful on laptops than it has on phones so please use take this into consideration when registering.

Once you have successfully registered you should receive a confirmation email with the subject line "Welcome to Edsby".

## Student Allergies: Shellfish & Peanut and Nut Aware

In our school, there are students and staff with potentially life-threatening forms of allergic reactions called Anaphylaxis. If by accident, the allergic child is to come into contact with even a small quantity of **peanut or nut products, shellfish**, their residues, or even the scent of nuts, the child may develop hives, swelling and demonstrate difficulty in breathing. If the reaction is not stopped, the symptoms may become more severe leading to a drop in blood pressure, unconsciousness and or death. Immediate action must be taken by use of adrenaline injection (Epi-pen). All affected individuals in our school with this condition carry an Epi-pen at all times and staff are trained in their use and administration.

## Electronic Devices

Please do not send your child to school with iPads, iPods, cell phones etc. The school will not assume responsibility for these valuable items. Other items that should not be used at school include skateboards, roller blades, hee-ies, scooters or laser pointers.



## Keeping Our Schools Safe and Orderly

In accordance with the principal's responsibilities under the Education Act, to ensure a safe and orderly learning environment, **the school has the right to search school property, such as lockers and desks, without notice to, or permission of any person.**

From time to time, the police may be invited onto school property to conduct their own searches and these searches may be conducted without notice or permission of any member of the school community as per our Joint Board and Police Protocol. When conducting a search of school property, persons or personal property, the police are responsible for conforming to all legal requirements with respect to searches.

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### School Lunches and Milk Program

Pizza and Milk program order forms have also been sent home and are attached for your reference.

Lunches that are dropped off for students during the morning may be placed on the front counter in the office. Notes are available to write the student’s name on the lunch. Please be sure that your child knows that their lunch will be delivered.

When meeting students, please make arrangements to do so in the front foyer or school office.

### Breakfast Program

Our Breakfast Club program continues to grow. A nutritious breakfast is available everyday from 8:05 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. Students are encouraged to come and enjoy a healthy meal and good company.

There is no cost to attend thanks to the generous support of the following organizations:

\*Breakfast Clubs of Canada

\*Food for Learning

\*The Grocery Foundation

A morning snack program is also available to all students every morning recess.

### Walking or Cycling to School

As we start the 2018-2019 school year, we would like to remind and encourage families to consider **walking or cycling with children to and from school**. There are many benefits to walking and cycling to school.

It:



- Improves student academic performance by making children more alert and better prepared to learn.
- Contributes to the daily goal of 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous activity for children, improving their health and overall fitness.
- Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone in school zones.
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future.

For those who can’t walk or cycle to school every day, choosing active travel once, twice or a few days a week can still provide benefits. You can also consider parking a block away from the school and walking the rest of the way. Include active travel as part of your daily routine!

With appreciation,

Jill Maar  
Principal

Earl Liverance  
Administrator

Pat Best  
Admin Assistant

Diane Carlson  
Admin Assistant



# Scholastic Book Fair

September 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

We'll be open during Meet the Teacher on  
September 12<sup>th</sup>



OPEN HOUSE

Join us for a bite to eat and  
meet this year's Fairwood Staff  
September 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-7:00pm



Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Combo: Hot Dog, Chips & Water \$5.00**

No. of Combo \_\_\_\_\_  cash  online

**Just a Hot Dog \$3.00**

No. of Hot Dogs ONLY \_\_\_\_\_  cash  online

Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or on site.





## MILK PROGRAM BEGINS!!!!

September 6, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our milk program is starting! Both chocolate and white milk will be available every day at the cost of .75¢ per carton. If you would like to order milk for your child please complete the form below and return to the office by September 13<sup>th</sup>, or you can easily order on-line.

After this order, **we will no longer be sending home paper orders**, you will see new orders on-line with our weekly parent newsletters.

On line orders can be purchased beginning September 6th. On line ordering will end September 13<sup>th</sup>.

If you do not want to order one for each day as the on line order offers, you can send a form into the office with the payment.

**If you have more than one child at the school, please submit a separate form for each child. This helps to make each class order correct.**

*Please return order either on-line or to the office by September 13th*

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**PLEASE CIRCLE**

**White Milk**

**or**

**Chocolate Milk**

Sept 24 _____ .75	Sept 25 _____ .75	Sept 26 _____ .75	Sept 27 _____ .75	Sept 30 _____ .75
Oct 1 _____ .75	Oct 2 _____ .75	Oct 3 _____ .75	Oct 4 _____ .75	Oct 7 _____ .75
Oct 8 _____ .75	Oct 9 _____ .75	Oct 10 _____ .75	Oct 11 _____ .75	Oct 15 _____ .75
Oct 16 _____ .75	Oct 17 _____ .75	Oct 18 _____ .75	Oct 22 _____ .75	Oct 23 _____ .75
Oct 24 _____ .75	Oct 25 _____ .75	Oct 28 _____ .75	Oct 29 _____ .75	Oct 30 _____ .75
Oct 31 _____ .75				

**\$19.50 is the total for one milk every day**

***This Milk Order Begins September 24th***



## PIZZA

September 6, 2019  
Dear Parent/Guardian:

It is already time to order Pizza! Pizza is ordered every Thursday from Quick Pizza.  
Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza is offered.

If you would like to order Pizza for the next few weeks, please submit this form by Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.  
For this first order, you can order either by cash on-line or sending in the form and payment into the office.

AFTER THIS ORDER, we will not be sending paper copies home, you will see the orders attached to our weekly newsletters and can then easily order on-line.

If you would like to order two slices instead of one for your child you have to make the payment twice on line.

If you are using this form to send into the office, please circle your child's preference below, either cheese only or pepperoni.

**If you have more than one child at the school, please submit a separate form for each child. This helps to make each class order correct.**

Please note the dates are as follows:

Please return order on-line or into the office by Friday, September 13, 2019

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**PIZZA DAYS ARE THURSDAYS!!!!**      **Pepperoni** **Cheese**

### Please circle pepperoni or cheese

Sept 19th                    \_\_\_\_\_ x\$2.00

Sept 26<sup>th</sup>                    \_\_\_\_\_ x\$2.00

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>                        \_\_\_\_\_ x\$2.00

Oct 10<sup>th</sup>                    \_\_\_\_\_ x\$2.00

Oct 17<sup>th</sup>                    \_\_\_\_\_ x\$2.00

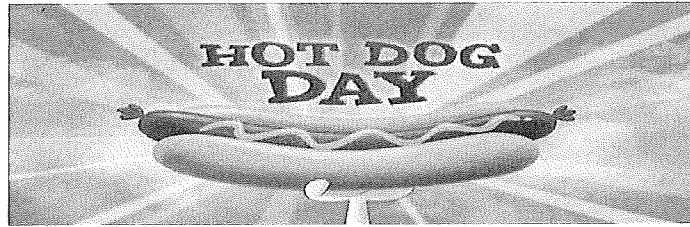
Oct 24<sup>th</sup>                    \_\_\_\_\_ x\$2.00

Oct 31<sup>st</sup>                     \_\_\_\_\_ x\$2.00

\_\_\_\_\_ \$Total Pizza Order

Please note we will not have pizza on snow days. If busses are cancelled, you must send a lunch with your child. The pizza day will be changed to a later date. If your child is away due to illness, or if there is a field trip or athletic event, it is strongly suggested that you make arrangements with a sibling or your child's friend, to ensure that your child still gets their lunch.

**Pizza is not sold on pizza day, please pre-order!**



Hot Dog days will be once a month on the last Friday of each month.. Hot dogs will be sold for \$3.00 each.

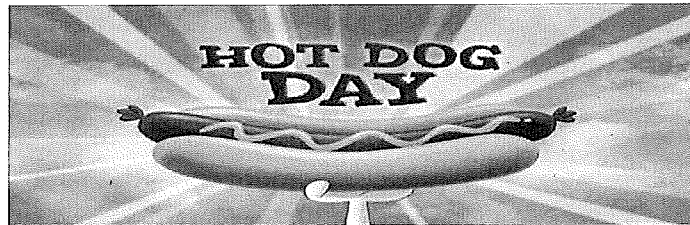
Please complete the order form below if you would like to place an order. One order form per family please.  
Please return by September 20<sup>th</sup>.

You can order on-line. After this order, we will not be sending home paper orders. You will see the next order in the parent weekly newseletters.

			Sept 27 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 1st
Student: _____	Teacher: _____	# of hot dogs	_____	_____
Student: _____	Teacher: _____	# of hot dogs	_____	_____
Student: _____	Teacher: _____	# of hot dogs	_____	_____
Student: _____	Teacher: _____	# of hot dogs	_____	_____

**Please select one: All Beef                      Halal**

Total \$ enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Cash    Cheque    You can also make payment on School Cash Online.



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Student: _____	Teacher: _____	# of hot dogs	_____	_____

**Please select one: All Beef                      Halal**

Total \$ enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Cash    Cheque    You can also make payment on School Cash Online.



# FAIRWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR ORDER

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

**A**



**B**



**C**



**D**



**E**

Clothing Item Options	Colour Please pick one	Sizing Available *prices include taxes										Cost	Number Purchased	Total
		Youth Sizes					Adult Sizes							
Gym package (Save \$4.00) • T-Shirt Cotton	<input type="checkbox"/> Grey	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL	<b>\$30.00</b>	X_____	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Green													
• Shorts	Black only	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL			
<b>Section Separator</b>														
Performance T-Shirt only (C)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grey	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL	<b>\$16.00</b>	X_____	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Green													
Shorts only	Black only	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL			
Track Pants	Black only	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL	<b>\$20.00</b>	X_____	_____
Yoga Pants	Black only	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL			
Sweatshirt	<input type="checkbox"/> Grey	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL	<b>\$28.00</b>	X_____	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Green													
Ogio Gym Bag	Black only													
											<b>Total</b>			

Please make sure you complete your order form correctly. There are no returns or exchanges on clothing items that have been screened. Orders are due no later than **Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**. Payments can be made by cash online or by cheque payable to **Fairwood Public School**. Please contact the school office at 905-476-5447 with any questions. Thank you.



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September 3, 2019

Dear families,

We are so excited to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year at York Region District School Board. We hope that you are looking forward to a year of learning, growth and discovery. It is important to us that all of our students and families know that they are a valued part of our school community. Each and every child has important and unique contributions to offer and we aim to create learning environments where they feel safe, respected and supported in making those contributions.

It is a privilege to work alongside families to support your children in exploring their interests, learning more about the world around them and reaching their full potential. We are more successful in doing that when there are strong connections between our schools and families, and we hope you will find opportunities to build those important connections throughout the year.

Our work to provide your child with the best possible education is guided by four priorities set out by the Board of Trustees in our Multi-Year Strategic Plan: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership. [Our plans](#) are available on the Board website or you can make a request through your school office.

As part of our commitment to build collaborative relationships, we will continue to keep you informed about our work at the board and important news and events through our website, social media and through your school. We look forward to connecting with you, and wish you a happy, safe and successful school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L Sirisko".

Louise Sirisko  
Director of Education

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C McBain".

Corrie McBain  
Chair of the Board

September 2019

Dear families,

It is important to us that we provide a caring, safe and inclusive environment in our school that supports the academic achievement and well-being of all students. We held a school assembly this week to talk about some of the important elements of a caring and safe school. You may want to have a conversation with your child about what they learned and discussed. Topics covered include:

### **Positive Behaviour**

Students are encouraged to demonstrate positive character attributes (such as empathy, courage and respect for human rights and inclusivity). We also discussed standing up for each other in bullying situations and the importance of reporting incidents of bullying, including:

- Telling a caring adult
- Using the YRDSB's ["Report It Button"](#) (located on our school website)
- Contacting [Kids Help Phone](#) (1-800-668-6868)

### **Student Discipline**

We use a progressive discipline approach when inappropriate behaviour occurs. This means we consider a range of options to determine the most appropriate response to each situation to help students learn from their choices. In some cases, suspension or expulsion may be necessary. The Ontario Education Act and our Board Caring and Safe Schools Policy outline the situations in which suspension and expulsion must be considered. These infractions are also outlined in the Guide to the School Year. When inappropriate behaviour occurs, information will be shared with the victim and parents/guardians of the victim to the extent that legislation allows.

### **Tobacco/Alcohol/Drug-Free Environment**

The use of tobacco, electronic products (such as vaping, electronic cigarettes and cigars and related products) and/or student possession of alcohol/illegal and restricted drugs, including cannabis, are prohibited on school property or within 20 metres of school boundaries. This also applies during Board or school-sponsored events and activities. This is in compliance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which is enforced locally by York Region Community and Health Services and the Tobacco and Smoke-Free Environment Policy and Procedure. A progressive form of discipline, including suspension from school and fines (up to \$5,000), is in place for students who break the law. In accordance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act (SFOA), exceptions are made for the traditional use of tobacco that forms part of Indigenous culture and spirituality.

We also discussed the potential harms associated with vaping and e-cigarettes, including that e-cigarettes can contain nicotine, formaldehyde and other harmful chemicals, and are being used to inhale other harmful substances such as marijuana, weight loss supplements and other drugs. [Partnership for Drug Free Kids also provides a resource on how to talk to your kids about vaping.](#)

**Appropriate Use of Technology**

Students were reminded about the Appropriate Use of Technology agreement, including the importance of using respectful language and making positive choices when using electronic communications and social media tools.

Students were reminded that threats made online are taken seriously and may have serious consequences, including potential criminal charges. Where there are concerns for the safety of students, staff, community members or Board property, the school board works closely with York Regional Police and appropriate actions are taken. The safety and well-being of students remains our top priority.

**For More Information**

For more details on each of these items, please read the Guide to the School Year or visit the [Caring and Safe Schools](#) section on the YRDSB website for details and resources for families to continue the conversation.

Thank you for helping us create a safe, respectful and inclusive school community.

# Threat Assessment and Intervention

Keeping Our Students Safe!

The well-being and safety of members of the school community are a shared responsibility. Attention to maintaining secure environments, hazard awareness, and practical planning for emergencies is important for all of us. This includes preventing and responding to the risk of violence.

Schools continue to be among the safest places in our community. To continue to promote the safety and well-being of students, we have developed, with our community partners, Student Threat Assessment and Intervention procedures to respond to threats of violence.

Our Student Threat Assessment and Intervention Protocol has been developed to respond to behaviours, including actions, statements and other indicators that suggest that a student may be “at risk” of harming others. To keep school communities safe and provide support to everyone, staff, parents, students, and community members must report all threat-related behaviours to the school administrator or police as soon as possible.

Note - other procedures and protocols are in place to deal with threats from adults in the school community.



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# Student Threat Assessment and Intervention



# Student Threat Assessment and Intervention: Fair Notice and Process

## What is the purpose of Student Threat Assessment and Intervention procedures?

The purposes of Student Threat Assessment and Intervention procedures are intended to:

- ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and other members of the school community;
- ensure an effective and timely response when there is a threat of violence;
- begin to understand the factors that contribute to a situation where an individual makes threats to harm others;
- assist in the development of an intervention plan; and
- promote the emotional and physical safety of everyone involved.

## What is a threat?

A threat is an indication of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet, made by gesture or reasonably inferred from the surrounding circumstances of events. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated and responded to in a timely way.

## What happens when a threat of violence is reported?

All threatening behaviours by a student shall be reported to the principal who will activate the Student Threat Assessment and Intervention protocol.

Once a threat has been reported to a school administrator, interviews will be conducted. These interviews may include students, staff, family members and/or others as appropriate. This will be done to determine the level of risk, and develop an effective and timely response to the incident. After the immediate safety risk has been addressed, support and intervention plans will be developed with input from parents/guardians.

## Is parental/student consent required?

Consent is not required to respond to an emergency situation. When there is a risk that someone may be harmed, it is important that the incident be addressed as quickly and effectively as possible with all parties involved as necessary.

## Fair Notice

Please consider this pamphlet as “fair notice” to all members of the school community that any report of a threat to harm others (spoken, written or gestured) will be investigated. The Student Threat Assessment Intervention protocol is part of our strategy to create a safe, secure and supportive school environment for everyone.

## Who is a member of a Student Threat Assessment and Intervention team?

Each school will have staff trained in the Student Threat Assessment and Intervention process. A multi-disciplinary Student Threat Assessment and Intervention team will carry-out the threat assessment, and develop an effective and timely intervention plan. The team includes a School Administrator, a School Social Worker and/or a Psychological Services staff member, or a York Regional Police officer and/or school personnel who know the student well.

## Questions?

If you have any questions please contact your school administrator.