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Hi German Mills Families!

We had many opportunities to enjoy the weather this week. Our students were really excited about the (re)introduction of Ball Play at Recess. Teachers and students collaborated on the guidelines and expectations for Ball Play safety and it is great to see their input in action during recess times!



In this communication, you will find highlights of our week, opportunities for families and students, reminders and upcoming dates to remember.

SCHOOL COUNCIL: Thank you for joining us this past Wednesday. Staff and I appreciated the opportunity to connect with participants on our February Wellness survey, fundraising possibilities and other upcoming communications and events. We look forward to our next School Council meeting in May. Details and date to follow.

YORK REGION PUBLIC HEALTH – DAILY SCREENING REMINDERS:

Thank you for continuing to screen your children before sending them to school and childcare every day. As expected, by moving to a one symptom screen we are noticing more schools having cohorts dismissed, helping to keep COVID out of the schools and the school community safe. We want to thank you all for your commitment to these public health measures designed to keep our loved ones safe. We still need your help though by following these important reminders which are in place to ensure children aren't bringing COVID into the school or childcare setting. **Please see the attached document for more information.**

RESOURCES FROM OUR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER: Please take a moment to look through the information shared with our community from our School Social Worker available at this link: [Resources for Students and Families from our School Social Worker](#)

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL: Please be reminded of the following protocols if you are dropping off and picking up your child:

- Maintain physical distance from other adults and children
- Wear face coverings
- Remain at the perimeter of the tarmac and leave immediately after you have dropped off or picked up your child.

- Many families enjoy walking their children to school, together with their dogs. For the safety of all of our students, please keep dogs leashed and off school property during school hours.
- When a student arrives late, parents/guardians are asked to escort their child to the front door of the school and ring the buzzer when they arrive. School staff will receive your child at the door.

END OF DAY DISMISSAL AND PICK UP AFTERSCHOOL: With the warmer weather, we are finding that students, parents/guardians are congregating on school property after dismissal. As per School Reopening and Covid protocols, **students, and parents/guardians are required to wear masks, and to leave school property as soon as possible after dismissal.** We also ask that our families and students be mindful that the tarmac and field area after school is used by the German Mills Children’s Academy. Thank you for your cooperation and for keeping GMPS a safe space for everyone.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

The information below has previously been shared with families by YRDSB Update and is included here as a reminder.

- Screening Guidance
 - *All students are required to complete the screening guide daily before coming to school.*
- Preparing for potential school staff shortages during in-person learning
 - *We continue to work with York Region Public Health to ensure our schools are safe for students and staff. In doing so, there are occasions, where students and staff members are required to self-isolate. These measures require the board to rely on ensuring adequate student supervision for safety. In previous years, where no occasional teacher or other staff member was available, schools combined classes for short periods of time. During the global pandemic, student contacts must be minimized and classes cannot be combined. As such, we may face specific situations where schools are required to close to in-person learning due to self-isolation requirements, even if COVID-19 case counts do not appear significant.*

We will continue to take all necessary planning and precautions to keep schools open, but may also need to make difficult decisions to close to ensure safety.

In the event of a school closure to in-person learning, all learning will move to virtual according to provincial [requirements for live \(synchronous\) learning](#)

COMMUNITY MESSAGES:

POSITIVE COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES AND HEALTHY BOUNDARIES: Presentation for families hosted by Hong Fook Mental Health Association and YRDSB. See attached for registration details.

HERE TO HELP LINE

 **905-503-9561**



Monday - Thursday
2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**STARTING
IN APRIL**



*For children and youth (0-18 yrs)
and their parents, caregivers or
adult supporters.*

Call us if you have concerns that could benefit from quick access to phone counselling.

Topics include (but are not limited to):

- Anxiety, stress and depression
- Family relationship issues
- Managing stress and anxiety related to COVID-19
- Parenting resources and concerns

Visit www.yorkhills.ca for more information.

Celebrate 2021 Asian Heritage Month

Voices of Hope

Invitation to **YOUTHS**, age 12 - 22 years who would like to use your creative voice to **inspire positive race relations**.

If you are interested, submit your creative voice as a spoken word, rap, acrostics, lyrics, haiku, free verse, blank verse, or rhymed poetry in written form or as an audio file.

All submitted creative works must be original.

Theme:

Bias, discrimination, and hate cause racism and divide us. Race does not and should not.

What do you want the world you live in and the future to look like?

Participation and Inquiries:

- For participation details, click here <https://www.alphaeducation.org/voicesofhope>
- For inquiries, contact info@alphaeducation.org
- Closing Date: April 30, 2021

Awards

- \$200 for the best creative work in each of the 5 age groups.
- \$50 gift card for each creative work selected for honourable mentions.
- All participants will receive a Certificate of Honoured Recognition.

AUTO CONNECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR BLACK YOUTH

Are you driven?

Thursday, April 8, 7-8pm
Live streamed with Q&A

RSVP NOW

There is a world of well-paying career opportunities in the automotive industry. Hear from industry professionals about their journey, explore career opportunities, and learn about post-secondary pathways and scholarships to help you get there.

HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES THIS WEEKEND

During the weekend, and also on Monday March 29, many of our families will be observing religious holidays and observances. These include:

- Passover
- Laylat al Bara’at
- Palm Sunday
- Holi
- Hola Mohalla

We wish you safe holidays and observances this weekend, and next week.

COMING UP:

- Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday – no classes
- Monday, April 5th - Easter Monday – no classes
- Monday, April 12th to Friday, April 16th - Spring Break – no classes

Please continue to check YRDSB’s website www.yrdsb.ca, Twitter <https://twitter.com/YRDSB> and Instagram yrdsb.schools for ongoing communication. Our school EDSBY site will continue to post community updates and opportunities.

Wishing you a good weekend,

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Inspire Learning!