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Principal's Message

As we welcome the arrival of spring, Highview is a bustling place. As a staff, we are all looking forward to the remaining three months of the school year and all the energy and excitement that the spring always brings.

March was a busy month at Highview. We enjoyed the Big Crunch together at our Healthy Schools assembly (the Apple Train was a highlight of the assembly!). Our students did a wonderful job of representing our school in a number of events, including the Intermediate Basketball Tournaments and the Area Spoken Word event. Students have been engaged in a variety of in-school activities as well including field trips, Scientist in the School presentations, Chef à l'École presentations for our students in Grades 4-6 as well as our new STEM Club. We also enjoyed a wonderful Family Zumba Night for all those who were able to attend.

As noted in our last newsletter, we are looking forward to our upcoming presentation from Mr. Paul Davis (<http://socialnetworkingsafety.net>) on April 23rd. Mr. Davis will be presenting to students during that afternoon and to families and parents in the evening. This event has been sponsored by our School Council and will focus on Social Networking and Online Safety. We would strongly encourage you to consider attending these workshops to deepen your understanding of the online world that our children navigate on a daily basis. We are anticipating a strong turnout for this event, and would ask that you let us know if you will be coming by emailing highviewevents@gmail.com. Our thanks to the School Council for their leadership with this event.

Finally, spring has sprung, and with our enthusiasm has also come a need for reminders around school expectations and respect for one another. We have been working a great deal with our older learners to reinforce expectations around cell phones at school. We have had discussions in our classrooms throughout the year about the impact of digital footprints and how a positive attitude towards using technology supports collaboration, learning and productivity. Our school expectation is that cell phones are only used in classrooms at the specific direction of the teacher, and that they need to be off and out of sight at all other times. At no time should they be out when walking through the halls or out at recess. Please note that camera and/or video functions on mobile devices are not permitted for use on school property without clear permission from the principal or teacher, and at no time may electronic devices be used in washrooms, change rooms, or on the school yard. We would greatly appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations with your child.

M. Biemiller

Math Minute

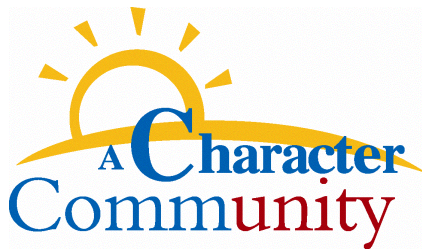
Parents often ask how they can support their child's learning of math skills at home. Technology provides us with a number of websites and tools that support parents in reinforcing and understanding math concepts. At times, parents state that they would like to help their child with a math concept, but they do not understand or remember the concept from when they were in school. A number of resources are available to help students with math:

The Khan Academy (www.khanacademy.org) is a free resource, that provides both instruction and practice in a wide range of math skills ranging from simple arithmetic to high school and university level modules.

The Ministry of Education's Homework Help program (www.homeworkhelp.ilc.org) is part of the Ministry's Provincial eLearning Strategy, the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Independent Learning Centre launched a new project called **Homework Help**. All Ontario Mathematics students enrolled in Gr. 7 – 10 have access to this resource, which including *many new features and online resources*. Students log on to Homework Help and using an interactive chat room, they can obtain personalized tutoring from a certified Ontario Mathematics teacher. Chats take place Sunday to Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 9:30 pm.

Homework Help is no cost, live, and anonymous. In order to register for this program you will need your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN), which is found at the top of your child's progress report or report card, or can be obtained from school.

Character Matters



means to them.

“Right is right even if no one is doing it; wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it.” — Augustine of Hippo

Our Character Trait for the Month of April is **Integrity**. Developing integrity in your child is an important life skill. We encourage you to talk with your child about what integrity

Character Calendar

*Respect, Responsibility,
Empathy, Honesty,
Fairness, Initiative,
Perseverance, Integrity,
Courage, Optimism*

Active School Travel Helps Keep the Earth Clean

We are all stewards of this Earth and as such it is our responsibility to be aware of how our actions affect the environment, including ways that we can make a positive impact. One easy way to do this is by reducing the number of times children are driven to and from school. Active travel, including using the school bus, helps to lower our carbon footprint. Driving your vehicle, even for short distances, requires a lot of energy, which contributes to the burning of fossil fuels, creating pollution and sending greenhouse gases into the air we breathe. These gases harm the Earth’s atmosphere and contribute to pollution, smog and climate change, which are all harmful to both our physical and mental health.

Earth Day is an annual worldwide event and is celebrated on April 22nd. Earth Day is a time to reflect on our habits and consider making small changes to our routines. Do your part to keep the Earth clean by using Active School Travel to get to and from school! For those who are unable to walk or cycle to school every day, you could choose an active mode of travel two or three times a week. You can also consider parking a short distance away from the school and walking a block or two to decrease the pollution around the school playgrounds. For Earth Day suggestions, as well as school and classroom activities, visit the Ontario Active School Travel Website .



EQAO Testing

Our **EQAO Grade 3 and 6 testing is tentatively scheduled to be held between May 21st and June 3rd, 2019**. Please do not schedule any out of school appointments during this time. Information is available at www.eqao.com and additional information will be sent directly to those parents whose children are in Grade 3 or 6. We encourage our Grade 3 and 6 parents to explore the website and EQAO resources will also be shared with the students in preparation for the assessments.

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Old Magazines?

Do you have a pile of old magazines sitting around the house? If you do, please consider donating them to the school. Students will use the magazines for various projects and crafts. Please bring any donations to the office.

Thank you!



Warm Weather is Coming!

As the warm weather approaches, we want to remind parents, guardians and students of the appropriate dress code for our students while at school. Students are expected to dress appropriately for learning in clothing that shows respect for self and others. Please discuss this with your children in order to help us maintain high standards in our learning environment.



Class Placement for 2019

The Ministry of Education's mandated requirements related to primary class size have allowed us to make great gains in creating primary classes that maximize teacher time with students in support of their learning. We continue to work with our superintendent and other board staff to plan for the upcoming school year.

Based on our current projections for the fall, we expect that our school organization will again contain a high number of combined grade classes. As student enrolment changes between now and September, we will continue to be organizing and re-organizing until our final numbers are determined as close to the first day of school as possible. Information regarding your child's teacher for the next school year will be given out in September.

The process for the formulation of class lists for September will begin soon. **After we determine class organization and**

teacher assignments, each student is individually discussed and placed according to a number of criteria. Our goal is to establish balanced classes, providing effective groups which will benefit all children. Teachers meet to carefully consider learning styles, academic skills, social grouping, special education and ESL needs, etc.

When considering class placements, **we are not able to honour parent requests for specific classroom teachers.** Instead, we invite you to share with the principal your child's learning style, as well as their strengths and their needs with regards to class placement. Please submit this information in writing to Mr. Biemiller prior to **May 15th**. Again, requests for specific teachers are not considered when placement decisions are made.

Lost & Found

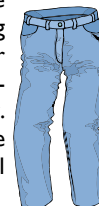
Our Lost & Found is overflowing! If your child has lost a jacket, sweatshirt, t-shirt, coat, pants, shorts or any other article of clothing, please be sure to check the Lost & Found. We will soon be displaying all of the Lost & Found items on tables in the lobby. Please come and take a look! All unclaimed items will be donated to a worthy cause at the end of April.



Extra Dry Clothes In Backpacks



If you have not already done so, please send a set of dry clothes (including pants and socks) to school for your child. With the spring thaw, the playing field can be very wet and muddy. An extra set of dry clothing will ensure your child stays dry and comfortable during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation!



Important Bus Transportation Message

Did you know that students' bussing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school.

Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.



YRDSB Policies & Procedures

Policies and procedures govern the operation of the Board and our school. To ensure they remain current, the Board reviews policies and procedures on a regular cycle. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process.

All policies available for comment are sent to school council chairs, and are posted on the [Board website](#) along with information about how to provide feedback. The policies currently available for comment include:

- Caring and Safe Schools
- Immunization of Students
- Student Health Supports
- Use of Technology

To learn more, visit www.yrdsb.ca/aboutus/policy/.





Reminder

The next School Council meeting will take place on Monday, April 8th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Healthy Schools - Thank you!

The Healthy Schools Committee and Highview P.S. would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to three local organizations that have made generous donations to our program.

Generous donations from Aurora's Optimist Club and the Central East Student Nutrition Program have allowed us to purchase healthy snacks that will be made available to all students. At every morning recess, we have a snack cart outside the lunch room that has apples and cheese strings available to any student that would like one. In addition, every class has a bowl of apples that can be refilled whenever needed and there are also apples and cheese strings available in the office.

Without the donations from the Optimist Club and the Central East Student Nutrition Program, this program would not be able to provide these healthy snacks to students. Thank you!

OPTIMIST CLUB



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Eco-Team News



Once again this year, Highview P.S. participated with schools all across York Region as we turned out the lights for Earth Hour on March 29th. All non-essential lighting and technology "took a break" for one hour. Families were also encouraged to participate in the Global Earth Hour on March 30th.

We are sending out a Highview High 5 to all of the Hawk families who helped reduce our carbon footprint!

Healthy Schools - Time to Get Active!

After School - time to get active!

York Region

Children need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily to live healthier, happier lives, yet many only spend 14 minutes doing heart pumping activities after school. Most children spend their after school time sitting playing video or computer games, watching television or reading.

Getting outside can make a difference – kids who play outside after school get 2000 more steps a day (the equivalent of walking an additional two kilometres) than those who do not play outside.

Tips:

- Get outside with your kids
- Use active transportation such as walking and cycling as much as possible
- Restrict television viewing and video/computer games during the after school period
- Encourage your child to participate in intramural activities after school
- Investigate the availability of programs at your local Parks and Recreation Departments
- Help your child find activities that best suit their abilities and that they enjoy
- Walk your dog
- Enjoy a walk on one of the many York Region forest trails:
visit www.york.ca/services/environmental/take+a+hike.htm



For health-related information call York Region *Health Connection* at 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933 or visit www.york.ca/healthyschools

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

THE TOWN OF AURORA PROUDLY PRESENTS

A National Youth Week Event

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

**Wednesday May 1, 2019
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

Aurora Family Leisure Complex (AFLC)

**In partnership with York North Basketball Association,
we are proud to host the annual Youth Week Basketball
Tournament. Join us on the court for a fun and fast paced
night and a chance to win some great prizes!**

- Register your team of 3-5 players, ages 12 to 17 by April 24
- See website for registration form and full guidelines
- Completed applications can be dropped off at the AFLC or submitted to youth@aurora.ca
- We reserve the right to cancel, amend or change activities.

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**SOCIAL NETWORKING
AND ONLINE SAFETY
AN EVENING
FOR PARENTS WITH
PAUL DAVIS
HIGHVIEW
PUBLIC SCHOOL
APRIL 23, 2019
6:30 PM**

r.s.v.p. highviewevents@gmail.com

TOPICS INCLUDE:

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CYBERBULLYING - TEXTING - SEXTING
ONLINE GAMING & SECURITY



All parents welcome!
ACCOUNTABILITY &
RESPONSIBILITY IN A
DIGITAL WORLD

AURORA'S



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THE MOVIES IN THE PARK SERIES BEGINS EARLY
WITH AN INDOOR SPRING MOVIE.



A food donation for the Aurora Food Pantry
is appreciated.



4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. • Games and activities



6 p.m. • Movie starts



The ice will be removed from the arena floor.
Please bring your portable chairs
for comfortable seating.

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April 2019



	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
Character Trait of the Month							
Integrity	1 Day 3	2 Day 4 Wear BLUE for Autism Awareness Jump Rope For Heart Kickoff Assembly	3 Day 5	4 Day 1 	5 Day 2 Flashback Friday (Spirit Day) 	6	
	7	8 Day 3 School Council Meeting (7:00 pm)	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11 Day 1 	12 Day 2 	13 Vaisakhi
	14	15 Day 1 Scientists in School - JK/SK	16 Day 2 Jr Girls Area Bball Scientists in School - JK/SK	17 Day 3	18 Day 4 	19 Good Friday	20
	21 Easter Sunday Ridvan	22 Easter Monday EARTH DAY	23 Day 5 Dance Workshop Gr 3-8 Paul Davis Presentation @ 6:30	24 Day 1 Dance Workshop Gr 3-8	25 Day 2 	26 Day 3 Holy Friday (Eastern) 	27
	28	29 Day 1 Gr. 7s to Kortright Conservation Centre	30 Day 2 Jr Boys Area Bball Dance Workshop Gr 3-8			UPCOMING DATES May 20 - Victoria Day May 22 to June 4 - EQAO June 3 - PA Day June 28 - PA Day	