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Principal's Message

I would like to share a few staff changes here at Highview. We would like to welcome our new Vice-Principal, Ms. Bynoe, who joined us at the beginning of the month, as well as Mrs. DeFrancesco who will be returning from her maternity leave in mid-February. We are pleased to have these dedicated professionals joining our staff. Please also join me in extending our best wishes to Ms. Thayanithi who will be concluding her Long-Term Occasional position at Highview. Ms. Thayanithi has been part of our staff for the last two years and has taught in a variety of teaching assignments. We would like to thank her for her contributions to the school, and wish her all the best as she continues her career with the York Region District School Board.

Your child will bring home their Term I Report Card on Thursday, February 15th. Our teachers have worked diligently to provide focused comments and meaningful next steps for each child. In December, I encouraged families to speak to their children regarding their goals for improvement based on the progress report. This is an excellent opportunity to review those goals and celebrate the success they have had so far this year. We encourage you to set further goals for the remainder of the year in those areas where more attention would be of benefit.

As a school, we have historically recognized academic honours for students in Grades 7 & 8. This year, as a staff, we have decided to also recognize the efforts of our students who have demonstrated significant accomplishments in the Learning Skills areas (Responsibility, Organization, Independent Work, Collaboration, Initiative and Self-Regulation). As educators, we know that these skills have a profound impact on student learning and achievement both inside and outside of school. These are also skills that are largely dependent on effort and can be improved quickly in most instances (arriving at school on time, completing homework, bringing necessary learning materials to class, listening attentively and respectfully to peers and to the teacher). We will recognize the students in Grades 1-8 who achieve this award at our Winter Awards Assembly in early March.

Please note that our caretakers do their best to keep walkways clear of snow and ice at entry and exit times on wintry days. Please be sure to stay on marked pathways to reduce the risk of slipping, and note that we have also marked areas with raised pavement with yellow paint to highlight the potential for tripping. Please avoid pathways marked with a pylon when they are closed. Please reinforce these expectations with your child.

M. Biemiller



Kindergarten Registration for 2018 - 2019

Registration for new Junior and Senior Kindergarten students for September 2018 is now underway. Children born in 2014 are eligible for Junior Kindergarten; children born in 2013 are eligible for Senior Kindergarten. **If you know of anyone in the community with kindergarten-age children, please share this information with them and encourage them to register promptly.**

Documents that are required for registration are as follows:

- Proof of Age (child's birth certificate OR passport and landed immigrant papers)
- Proof of Residency (purchase or rental agreement; property tax bill; utility bill or bank statement plus driver's licence)

Registrations cannot be accepted without these documents.

Student who are currently in our Junior Kindergarten classes **do not** need to register for Senior Kindergarten.



Message from our Trustee

With report cards coming home, this is a good time of year to review your child's progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year.

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board [Multi-Year Plan](#). In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting [Board policies](#) and the [annual budget](#), and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the [role of trustees](#) with the next [municipal election](#) taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has [12 trustees](#), elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board, Advisory or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school. I wish you all the best for a successful second term.

Upcoming PA Day

Please note the following date is a P.A. Day therefore there is no school for students on this day:

Friday, February 2nd

Primary Class Size Reduction

The Board continues to respond to the Ministry of Education's mandated requirements related to primary class size. This has allowed us to make great gains in reducing the number of students in our primary classes.

As we begin planning our classes for next year, we need to work within the framework established by the Ministry of Education. On a board-wide basis, 90% of primary classes must have 20 or fewer students, and only 10% may have up to 23. The full day Kindergarten classes may be as large as 29 students with a teacher and a early childhood education worker. **One result of this policy is the necessity of split grade classes, and we expect this to be the case in 2018 - 2019 as well.**

Eco-Team Recycling Initiative

Can tabs - waste that continues to fill our landfills. One can tab in the landfill may not make much of a difference but once you have multiple, it creates a big problem. Instead of piling up the landfills, Highview is politely asking you to send them to school with your child. Whether you have two can tabs or 2,000, everything makes a difference. Collected can tabs will go towards making wheelchairs for kids. Plastic water bottle caps are another major issue. We are also collecting and recycling water bottle tops.



Batteries, cell phones, and printer cartridges are other major issues in the environment. Everything decomposes eventually. But when "eventually" means after millions of years, we're creating more and more build up. There are harmful chemicals in the above which can lead to air pollution. Please take a few minutes out of your day and donate can tabs, water bottle tops, batteries, printer cartridges, or cell phones to the Highview Eco Club. Boxes are now in the front foyer for items to be dropped off.

Thank you!

Next School Council Meeting



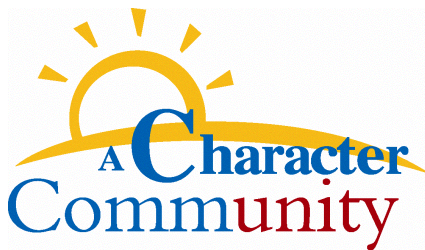
Please note that the next School Council meeting will take place on **Monday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Library. All are welcome to attend!

Family Day - Monday, February 19th

School will be closed for Family Day on Monday, February 19th so there will be no classes for students. We hope you enjoy the upcoming long weekend!



Character Matters



“Your success is your responsibility. Take the initiative, do the work, and persist to the end.”

Lorii Myers

Our Character Trait for the Month of February is **Initiative**. Developing initiative in

your child is an important life skill. We encourage you to talk with your child about what initiative means to them.

Character Calendar

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

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.



Planning for September

The process of preparing for a new school year involves predicting student enrolment and structuring the organization of classes and teachers to match the enrolment.

We ask that families assist us with these preparations by informing the office (in writing) if you are moving out of the Highview area. Please include the last day of attendance and the school your child(ren) will be attending. This will also facilitate in the transfer of your child's records (OSR).

Thank you!



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Search and Seizure

As per the protocol between the York Region District School Board and the York Regional Police, please be aware of the right of school administration to search school property, such as lockers, desks and backpacks, without notice to or permission of any person. Also, from time to time, police may be invited onto any school premises to conduct their own searches without notice to or permission of any member of the school community other than the school principal.



CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY AT

AURORA'S

ARCTIC ADVENTURE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aurora Town Park • 49 Wells Street

All Activities are free

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
BATTLE OF THE CHAINSAWS AND MORE!

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

MINI SNOW-TUBING • BODY ZORBS • CHILDRENS' INFLATABLES

ICE FISHING • OUTDOOR SKATING (WEATHER PERMITTING)

• HELMETS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED •

FAMILY ZUMBA CLASS • 11 a.m.
Aurora Family Leisure Complex

LEISURE SWIM • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex







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We reserve the right to cancel, amend or change activities.

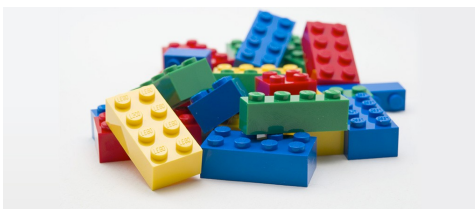


February 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
Character Trait of the Month				1 Day 3 Scientists in School (GR34A) Staff vs. Student Basketball Game 	2 P.A. Day No School Today.	3	
Initiative	4	5 Day 4 School Council Mtg - 7 p.m.	6 Day 5 Int. Spoken Word Contest	7 Day 1	8 Day 2 9 Day 3 Grade 8 Trip to Ottawa		10
	11	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 1  Valentine's Day	15 Day 2 Term 1 Report Cards Go Home 	16 Day 3 Gr. 8 Grad Photos in a.m. 	17
	18	19 Family Day No School Today	20 Day 4	21 Day 5	22 Day 1 "Myths of Mental Health" Workshop - Gr. 7/8 	23 Day 2 Area Spoken Word Contest (Int.) 	24
	25	26 Day 3 Int. Girls' Basketball Area Tournament "The Secret Life of Riley K" Gr. 4-6	27 Day 4	28 Day 5 Int. Boys' Basketball Area Tournament	1	2	3

Looking for Lego Donations

We are looking for donations of Lego for one of the "Makers" stations in the library. If you have Lego gathering dust in your house, we would be happy to take it off your hands! Please bring it in to the office or send it in with your child. Thank you!



School Cash Online

All YRDSB schools are now using School Cash Online as an online payment system. School Cash Online is an easy, safe and convenient way for families to pay online for extracurricular items or events, including lunch programs and field trips. It helps to reduce paper and the amount of cash/cheques handled by parents and students. Families may make payments using School Cash Online, or by cash or cheque.

You can [register for School Cash Online](#) at any time. There is also a link on our school website. Once you are registered, you will be notified of any new items available for your child.