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Principal's Message

As we approach the March Break, the change of seasons will soon be upon us. Spring is one of my favourite times of the year. It is a time of renewal, new growth and new opportunity. Spring always brings forth a buzz of activity in the school and in classrooms, and this year has been no different. Our students have been busily engaged in a variety of clubs and activities including our Intermediate Basketball Teams, Sideline Soccer, Cup Stacking Club, Highview Heroes, Healthy Schools Team, the Eco Club and a variety of in-class experiences such as Scientist in the School presentations and Mental Health Presentations for our Intermediate Classes. Students also had an opportunity to show their spirit and take a stand against bullying when we recognized our "Day of Pink," where we all wore pink to support anti-bullying.

At our Awards Assembly, we were able to recognize student accomplishments throughout our first term. This included awarding our 'Wintl' medallions for a range of activities, as well as awarding our Academic and Learning Skills Honour Roll Certificates. As I mentioned in the February Newsletter, the Learning Skills Honour Roll is new this year, and recognizes students who achieve a minimum of three "Goods" and three "Excellents" in their Learning Skills. As you review your child's report card, we encourage you to speak to them about setting goals to make progress in both the Learning Skills and Academic areas of their Term 2 Report Card. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have questions in this regard.

As most of you are aware, the Ontario Ministry of Education implemented a "class cap" of 20 students in each primary classroom. Limiting class sizes to 20 students was certainly a positive move; however, it does limit our flexibility when creating our school organization. Consequently, combined (split grade) classes will continue to be the norm in our school organization in 2018-19. Please be assured that the teachers will work diligently to balance classrooms in terms of gender, academic ability and social and emotional criterion. Registration for Kindergarten is well underway. If you have a child eligible to begin Kindergarten in September who is not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible.

M. Biemiller



Planning for September

If you will be moving out of our area in the next four to six months, please let the office know of your intentions at your earliest convenience. We are well under way in planning for September 2018 and it is critical that we have accurate numbers at all stages of the process.

We ask that families assist us with these preparations by informing the office (in writing) if you are moving out of the Highview P.S. 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!



Kindergarten Registration

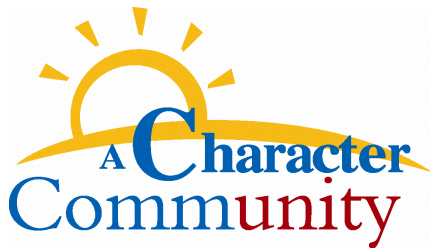
A reminder that Kindergarten Registration for September 2018 is underway.

Eligible children will have been born in 2014 (JK) or 2013 (SK). If you know of anyone in the community with Kindergarten-age children, please share this information with them. Students currently in our Junior Kindergarten classes do **not** need to register for Senior Kindergarten.

NOTICE: Students new to Canada must first make an appointment to visit the Board's Reception Centre before registering at our school. Please call them at 1-888-811-0229 for an appointment.



Character Matters



encourage you to talk with your child about what perseverance means to them.

“Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding the 20th.” **Julie Andrews**

Our Character Trait for the Month of March is **Perseverance**. Developing perseverance in your child is an important life skill. We

Character Calendar

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

Reminder About Epi-Pens

Parents of anaphylactic children are reminded that we require two Epi-pens be in the school at all times (one in the office, one with the student). As well, parents must replace Epi-pens that have expired prior to the expiration date. We are also aware of a new product on the market called “Twinject.” Our board policy and procedure does not support the use of “Twinject,” so we cannot accept them as a replacement for Epi-pens. A further reminder to all parents that we do not allow birthday cakes, etc. to be sent in (as expressed in our nut-free policy). If you would like to send something else in (i.e. pencils, stickers, etc.), that would be fine. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!



Healthy Smiles Ontario

We all want the best for our kids. From the moment they’re born, we want our kids to live happy and healthy lives and protect them from pain. Bumps and bruises will happen, but how can we keep them safe from pain that can’t be seen - like dental pain?

Good oral health is important for your child’s self-esteem, sense of well-being and their overall health. Cavities and gum disease can be painful and can lead to serious infections, affecting the growth of adult teeth. Pain can result in loss of sleep, affect a child’s ability to eat and can impact a child’s ability to learn and attend school. The best way to treat oral health problems is to prevent them before they start, through regular dental checkups.



As of January 1, 2016, thousands of Ontarian children and youth 17 and under are now eligible for free dental care as part of the **Healthy Smiles Ontario** program. Healthy Smiles Ontario is a government-funded dental program that provides free preventive, routine, and emergency dental services for children and youth 17 years old and under from low-income households.

The program includes regular visits to a licensed dental provider and covers the cost of treatment including:

- Check-ups
- Cleaning
- Fillings
- X-Rays
- Scaling
- Urgent or emergency dental care

Cosmetic dentistry, including teeth whitening and braces, are not covered by the program.

Children and youth 17 and under may be eligible if:

- They are residents of Ontario; and
- They are members of a household that meets the income eligibility requirements.

Need more information, including how to apply? Go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-dental-care> or visit your local Public Health Unit.

Art & Music Google Classrooms for Junior & Intermediate Students

Our new Music and Art Google Classrooms will be up and running shortly to provide easy access to resources and assignments for students! Students in Grades 5 to 8 will be able to access the Highview Music Classroom using the Google Classroom code: kdxbow4. Students studying Art with Ms. Hartley will have access to the Google Art Classroom using code: mfm5pm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Hartley at caitlin.hartley@yrdsb.ca.



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.

Light It Up Blue! April 3rd

Monday, April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day.

Because April 2nd is Easter Monday in Canada, we will be Lighting it Up Blue and Raising the Flag to raise awareness on **Tuesday, April 3rd**.

As in past years, we are asking our students and staff to wear something blue to show our support for our friends with autism spectrum disorder and the people who support them.



Healthy Schools - Handwashing!

Hand washing

Children share many items throughout the school day and at home including: books, puzzles, computers, water bottles and sports equipment. During the cold and flu season, this sharing can spread germs that can cause sickness. Correct hand washing is the best way to prevent the spread of infection.

To help keep the people in your home healthy, take these steps:

- Encourage children to sneeze into the bend of their arm rather than into their hands
- Make time for hand washing, especially before eating
- Always have soap, paper or hand towels within easy reach
- Remind children (and adults) to wash their hands:
 - Before eating, preparing food or visiting someone who is sick
 - After using the bathroom, blowing their nose, sneezing or coughing, handling garbage, touching animals, playing outdoors or visiting someone who is sick
 - When they look or feel dirty

Together we can make the healthy choice the easy choice!

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

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Next School Council Meeting



Please note that the next School Council meeting will take place on **Monday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Library. All are welcome to attend!

Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls

York Region District School Board is revising its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

Save the Date!

TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES	LOCATIONS
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 9 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill



Forgotten Cutlery

Over the course of every lunch hour, we have students coming to the office to ask for a plastic fork or spoon because one hasn't been packed in their lunch bag. While this would only happen occasionally at the beginning of the school year, it is now happening several times each day by multiple students.

We are asking that parents please remember to put a spoon or fork as needed in their child's lunch bag - preferably reusable as we are striving to be an eco-friendly school.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!



On-Line Calendar

Please be sure to check out Highview's on-line calendar for up-to-date events and activities. You can access the calendar by clicking [here](#) then feel free to add it to your favourites.



Parents are reminded that Mid-Winter Break will take place from
Monday, March 12th to Friday, March 16th.
 There is no school during this week.

Spring Food Drive at HPS!



Drive at HPS

We are in need of:

- Juice Boxes
- Snacks (Peanut Free)
- Tuna or canned meat
 - Crackers
 - Cereal
- Chick Peas and Kidney Beans
 - Pasta Sauce
 - Canned Fruit
- Dry Legumes like Lentils
 - Baby Wipes
- Toiletries (Toothbrush, Soap, Shampoos)

Please no dry pasta or baby food if possible

There will be boxes in the lobby
for donations.

Drive ends April 27, 2018.

Thank you for your support!

Family Zumba Night - Tuesday, March 27th



Healthy Kids Community Challenge Presents

Family Zumba Night

- Fun and energetic **Zumba** class
- Enjoy a **healthy snack**
- Please dress appropriately and bring your refillable water bottle to stay hydrated
- Raffle prizes!
- Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult
- **FREE** of charge

Tuesday, March 27th 2018

6-8pm at Highview P.S.

Limited spots, please RSVP by **Friday March 23rd**

Registration Form – Please detach and return to school office by **Friday March 23rd**

We would like to attend the Family Zumba Night

_____ Parent(s) _____ Student(s)

Name of Student(s) _____

Phone Number _____

Parent Email _____

Allergies _____

I'd like to receive the Healthy Kids Community Challenge newsletter for updates and upcoming events

March 2018

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Mid-Winter Break