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Principal's Message

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, Knitting Club, Highview Heroes, Healthy Schools Team, the PB Y Club, our new STEM Club, the Eco Club and a variety of in-class experiences such as Scientist in the School presentations as well as Mental Health Awareness activities. 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 'Wint' medallions for a range of activities, as well as awarding our Academic and Learning Skills Honour Roll certificates. The Learning Skills Honour Roll 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.

Recently, as a school, we have spent significant time, both with students as well as in conversations with parents, addressing issues related to online activities outside of school. We all see the impact, both positive and negative, of technology including social media, online gaming and general access to technology. While we recognize there are many wonderful aspects of the technological world we live in, we also see challenges such as difficulties being able to detach from social connections, issues related to privacy and, at times, problematic social exchanges that take place using electronic platforms. We are pleased to share that the School Council has arranged for a school 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. Mr. Davis comes very highly recommended, and we encourage you to reserve this date on your calendars. Further information is available on Pg. 5 including the email address to reserve your space. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 2019 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

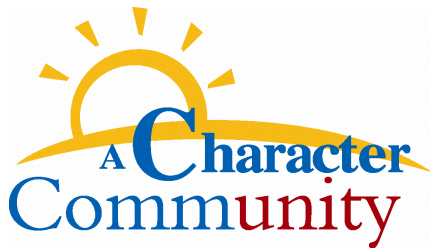
A reminder that Kindergarten Registration for September 2019 is underway.

Eligible children will have been born in 2015 (JK) or 2014 (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, 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.

Light It Up Blue! April 2nd

World Autism Awareness Day is coming soon! We will be Lighting it Up Blue and Raising the Flag to raise awareness on **Tuesday, April 2nd**.

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.



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.



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 going to Highview's website or clicking [here](#) then feel free to add it to your favourites.



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 8th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Library. All are welcome to attend!

Message From Our Trustee

I hope everyone has had a great start to the second half of the school year. Over the past few months, I have had an opportunity to connect with families, students, staff members and with our broader community. I have seen a lot of exciting opportunities for students to explore their interests, celebrate their identities, and develop skills and knowledge that will benefit them in the future.

Many students are participating in [skills competitions](#) or other events where they problem-solve, innovate, collaborate and further develop their technical skills. Students compete in robotics, construction, hairdressing, transportation, 3D animation and much more. These events are among the many options available to help students explore different careers and [pathways](#), and gain valuable experience. We are grateful for the support of community partners in helping to provide these great learning opportunities to our students.

I also want to express my appreciation to our broader school community. One of the priorities in our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) is to build collaborative relationships. The relationships that our schools have with families is so important. There are many different ways you can be involved - talking to your child's teacher, asking your child about homework, or volunteering on a field trip or the school council. Your contributions make a difference to your child's success and to the success of our schools. I hope everyone has an enjoyable March Break.

Bob McRoberts
Trustee



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!



Primary Class Size

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 30 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 2019 - 2020 as well.**



Parents are reminded that Mid-Winter Break will take place from
Monday, March 11th to Friday, March 15th.
There is no school during this week.

Social Networking and Online Safety Presentation

**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:

**SNAPCHAT / INSTAGRAM / FACEBOOK
SMARTPHONES & DIGITAL TRAILS
CYBERBULLYING - TEXTING - SEXTING
ONLINE GAMING & SECURITY**



All parents welcome!
**ACCOUNTABILITY &
RESPONSIBILITY IN A
DIGITAL WORLD**



The Healthy Schools Committee Presents

Family Zumba Night

You're invited to an evening of healthy inspiration at Highview P.S.

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

Thursday, March 28th 2019

7:00-8:00 pm at Highview P.S.

Limited spots, please RSVP by **Monday, March 25th**

Registration Form – Please detach and return to school office by **Monday, March 25th**

We would like to attend the Family Zumba Night

_____ Parent(s) _____ Student(s)

Name of Student(s) _____

Phone Number _____

Parent Email _____

Allergies _____

March 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Character Trait of the Month Character	25	26	27	28	1 Day 2 Character Day - Spirit Day 	2
3	4 Day 3	5 Day 4 STEM Club Mtg & Knitting Club @ AM Recess	6 Day 5 Gr. 8 Grad Photos Games Club @ Lunch Recess	7 Day 1 	8 Day 2 STEM Club Mtg & Knitting Club @ AM Recess 	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mid-Winter Break						
17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 Day 3	19 Day 4 STEM Club Mtg & Knitting Club @ AM Recess	20 Day 5	21 Day 1 	22 Day 2 Knitting Club @ AM Recess 	23
24	25 Day 3	26 Day 4 Knitting Club @ AM Recess	27 Day 5 Games Club @ Lunch Recess	28 Day 1 Big Crunch Assembly Family Zumba Night 	29 Day 2 Knitting Club @ AM Recess Earth Hour 2:00 - 3:00 pm 	30 Earth Hour :8:30-9:30 pm
31	1	2 Light It Up Blue!	3	4	5	6