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Principal's Message

We are now into May and are enjoying the more seasonable weather. April was another busy month at Highview, full of activities and learning. Our school recognized Autism Awareness with Light It Up Blue Day at the beginning of the month. Many of our students are engaging in our "Forest of Reading" program through the library. The Junior Basketball teams and our Badminton team represented us well at the area tournaments. It was our pleasure to welcome many families to the school for our Spring Arts Night in early May, and Mrs. Marchand was very pleased with the participation in our Book Fair which raised over \$3000 for the school library. We would also like to thank our school community for your tremendous support of Hoops & Jump Rope for Heart. Due to your generosity, we were able to raise over \$5600.00 for heart and stroke research!

Our staff are busy preparing for a number of events this month including: our upcoming trip to a Blue Jays game, the "Welcome to Kindergarten" orientation on the afternoon of May 15th, the school Track and Field meets on May 29th (Grade 3 - 5) and May 25th (Grade 6 - 8). As well, EQAO testing for students in Grades 3 and 6 will take place at the end of the month.

As we draw closer to the end of the year, we are continuing to work with our students on developing their independence, a very important life skill. A key aspect of this involves developing the ability to follow routines independently, both in the classroom and in the broader school community. Some of the ways parents can support their children with this is ensuring that the students are actively involved at home in preparing for the day. Skills and routines such as arriving at school 10 minutes before the bell in the morning, entering through their assigned doors and preparing and bringing a lunch to school, rather than relying on a parent to deliver it during the day help to increase independence as well. We encourage students and their parents to discuss other ways that they can improve student independence and resilience at home.

M. Biemiller

Math Tip - Home Is Where the Math Is

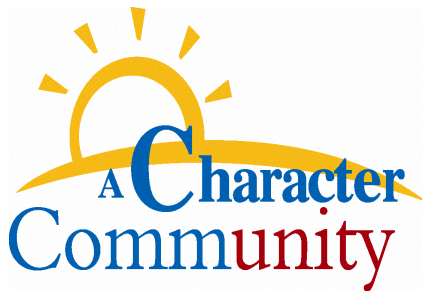
As a staff, we continue to focus on math learning as a key component of our school plan. We know that math is a critical part of the curriculum, and that it can be daunting for some children. Much of our learning has focused on the implementation of a "comprehensive math program" which includes a balance of mini-lessons, games and puzzles and meaningful problems.

Recently, we have been working on our use of games and puzzles within the classroom. This is not simply a matter of engaging in math games for enjoyment (not that there is anything wrong with that!), but rather focused and intentionally selected games that assist students in consolidating their math skills. We know that engaging in these games assists children in internalizing their understanding of numbers and number facts, as well as helping them to develop multiple problem solving strategies. Ask your child if they have played a math game in school recently and if they can explain the game so that you can play it at home as well.

We would encourage you to explore the many online resources with math games and activities that are available. One such resource is: <http://oame.on.ca/mathies/>. This site is designed for students from K - 12 and has resources based on the Ontario Curriculum. It includes games and learning tools as well as a variety of other activities.

If you would like to know more about the YRDSB math strategy, I encourage you to watch our 4 1/2 minute youtube video about the comprehensive math program: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjmoqMpsrEA>

Character Matters



"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." - Winston Churchill

Our Character Trait for the Month of May is **Courage**. At school, we have talked about the importance of displaying courage when confronted with challenges. Please ask your child how they can demonstrate courage at home.

Character Calendar

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

Message from York Region Public Health - Immunizations

In the 2018/19 school year, York Region Public Health will visit all elementary schools to provide school immunization clinics to Grade 7 students. The clinics offer vaccines for Hepatitis B, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and Meningococcal A, C, Y, W-135 at no cost.

Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act, meningococcal vaccine is required for school attendance, unless an exemption is filed with public health. Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines are recommended, but not required for school attendance.

Parents of students entering Grade 7 in fall 2018 will receive consent forms in the mail in June. Please complete the consent form and return it to York Region Public Health to allow your child to participate in the immunization clinics. Detailed instructions can be found on the forms and accompanying letter. If the consent form is not completed, your child will not be able to receive vaccines at the clinic.

Parents and guardians who do not consent should still complete the forms and return them, indicating that you do not authorize York Region Public Health to immunize your child.

Did you know? If your child has missed a required vaccination on Ontario's routine immunization schedule, he/she can receive the vaccine at one of York Region Public Health's Community Immunization Clinics. These evening clinics are offered throughout the summer, giving students the opportunity to catch up before returning to school.



Visit york.ca/immunizations and click on School Immunization Clinics for more information.

EQAO Testing

Our **EQAO Grade 3 and 6 testing is tentatively scheduled to be held between May 22nd and June 4th, 2018**. 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



Planning for September

If you will be moving out of our area, please let the office know of your intentions at your earliest convenience in writing. 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. As student enrolment changes between now and September, there may be a need to change our school organization to meet Ministry class size guidelines.

At this time, it has not been finalized which teachers will teach specific grades. Staffing decisions will not be finalized until late summer; therefore, final class lists will be shared on the first day of school in September.

Parents are
reminded that the
school will be
closed on
Monday, May 21st
for Victoria Day
Weekend.



Got Wheels? Get a Helmet!

Activities with wheels are fun and are good ways to get exercise. It's important to stay safe so that kids can keep active. Head injuries are the #1 cause of serious injury and death to kids on wheels. A helmet could save your child's life!

Most serious injuries and deaths associated with child cyclists involve collisions with a motor vehicle. The most severe injuries are those involving the head and brain; even seemingly minor head injuries may cause permanent brain damage. Other serious injuries include broken bones, facial injuries and serious skin abrasions that require grafts.

For scootering, skateboarding and in-line skating activities, head injuries are often the most serious type of injury, but broken bones are the most common. Children suffer injuries

during these wheeled activities because of a combination of factors that most commonly include inexperience, loss of control, lack of traffic safety skills, high speed, and the tendency to attempt stunts and difficult maneuvers.

It's the law! The Ontario helmet law came into effect on October 1st, 1995. Although originally intended to apply to all ages, it was amended by regulation before enactment to exempt adults (18 years of age and over). The penalty for failing to wear a helmet is \$105 and applied directly to 16/17 year-olds and to the parents of those under 16.



Got wheels? Get a helmet!

Healthy smiles Ontario

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 costs of treatment including:

Check-ups; Cleaning; Fillings; X-rays; Scaling; Urgent or Emergency Dental Care

Need more information, including how to apply? Go to <http://www.ontario.ca/healthysmiles> or visit your **local Public Health Unit.**

Power Off and Play! April 30th to May 4th

As mentioned in April's newsletter, the Healthy Schools Committee is supporting and promoting Power Off and Play which runs from April 30th through to May 4th.

It's simple:

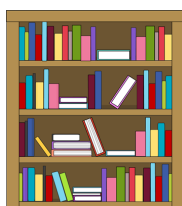
1. Turn off your screen
2. Play or participate in activities without the use of screens
3. If you wish, you may track or record the minutes of physical activity completed each day.
4. Have Fun!

Click [here](#) for more information about this initiative!



A Big Highview Thank You!

We would like to thank Mrs. White for continuing her work in organizing the primary/junior book room. We have recently ordered many new titles and Mrs. White is working hard to make them available to students as soon as possible!



Walking Wednesdays

This is a reminder from the Healthy Schools team for students to walk to school on Wednesdays. The weather is warm and it is great to get active and walk to school. Go Highview Go!!





Reminder

The next School Council meeting will take place on Monday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

School Dress Code

As the weather turns warm, we would like to remind everyone of our school dress code. The full dress code is clearly laid out in the Start-Up Package received at the beginning of the year. Please review this with your child. The key points that we often need to review with students are:

- Shoulder straps will be three fingers wide
- Skirts and shorts must reach extended arm length
- Midriffs must be covered
- No undergarments will be exposed

Thank you for your ongoing support of this school policy.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

On Friday, May 25th, we will be holding our HPS Track & Field Meet for Grades 6 to 8 and on Tuesday, May 29th, we will be holding our HPS Track & Field Meet for Grades 3 to 5.

If you can help out for all or part of either day, please contact Mr. Kaufman via the office.

Healthy Schools - Be Sunsmart!

Be SUNSMART



One bad sunburn in childhood can double the risk of developing skin cancer (Canadian Cancer Society). Help protect you and your family:

- Reduce sun exposure between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. or when the UV index is 3 or more
- Seek shade or create your own shade
- SLIP! on lightweight clothing that covers your arms and legs
- SLAP! on a wide brimmed hat and UV protected sunglasses with wraparound frames and even shading
- SLOP! on sunscreen and lip balm with SPF 30 or higher and reapply every 2 hours
- Keep babies under one year out of the direct sun

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



International Languages Credit Program

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2018-2019

DURATION:	September to June (A minimum of 32 students is required for a course to be offered).
ELIGIBILITY:	Open to students who are not native and native speakers.
COURSE MATERIAL:	\$10.00 non-refundable consumable fee (collected by the YRDSB for photocopying, craft items and additional resources) plus any additional book fee will be collected during class hours. Students will be responsible for purchasing the course textbook/course packs which will be sold in September. Visa students are required to pay an additional \$1437.50 for registration.
PREREQUISITE:	Students must have the required pre-requisite course in order to enroll in a grade 11 (level 2/C) or grade 12 (level 3/D) International Languages course, regardless of fluency (i.e. students may not skip levels/grades). Advanced standing is granted only to students who have recently arrived (6-12 months) in Ontario and have an equivalent course pre-requisite from the home province/country. See prerequisite chart below.

COURSE	Level 1 (Gr 9/10)	Level 2 (Gr 11) Prerequisite: Level 1	Level 3 (Gr 12) Prerequisite: Level 2	School Location	Week Day Course Offered
ARABIC	LYA BD	LYA CU	LYA DU	Richmond Hill HS	Saturday
CANTONESE	LKC BD	LKC CU	LKC DU	Middlefield CI	Saturday
CANTONESE	LKC BD	LKC CU	LKC DU	Thornlea SS	Saturday
CANTONESE	LKC BD	LKC CU	LKC DU	Unionville HS	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD	LYF CU	LYF DU	Thornlea SS	Saturday
GERMAN	LWG BD	LWG CU	LWG DU	Richmond Hill HS	Saturday
GREEK	LBG BD	LBG CU	LBG DU	Richmond Hill HS	Saturday
GUJARATI	LIG BD	LIG CU	LIG DU	Middlefield CI	Saturday
JAPANESE	LKJ BD	LKJ CU	LKJ DU	Thornlea SS	Saturday
JAPANESE	LKJ BD	LKJ CU	LKJ DU	Unionville HS	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD	LKK CU	LKK DU	Richmond Hill HS	Saturday
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	LKB CU	LKB DU	Middlefield CI	Saturday
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	LKB CU	LKB DU	Thornlea SS	Saturday
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	LKB CU	LKB DU	Unionville HS	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	LKM CU	LKM DU	Thornlea SS	Saturday
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED			LKB DUE	Middlefield CI	Saturday
PUNJABI - Advanced Placement	LIP BD	LIP CU	LIP DU	Middlefield CI	Saturday
RUSSIAN - Advanced Placement	LRR BD	LRR CU	LRR DU	Richmond Hill HS	Saturday
SPANISH - Advanced Placement	LWS BD	LWS CU	LWS DU	Richmond Hill HS	Saturday
TAMIL - Advanced Placement	LIT BD	LIT CU	LIT DU	Middlefield CI	Saturday
URDU - Advanced Placement	LIU BD	LIU CU	LIU DU	Middlefield CI	Saturday

REGISTRATION PRE-REGISTERED YRDSB STUDENTS (pre-registered students from previous school year). ☑

Attend the first class according to the schedule below.

NON-REGISTERED YRDSB STUDENTS ☐

Register on-line at Career Cruising before September 12, 2018. Ensure Guidance has approved course.

Please note approved courses appear locked in Career Cruising once approved by Guidance. If applying after the deadline date, submit the application to your Guidance Counsellor for approval, and bring a copy to your first class.

SCHOOL LOCATION	ADDRESS	REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE	SUBMIT REGISTRATION FIRST CLASS
MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	525 Highglen Ave.	South of 14th Ave., East of McCowan Rd.	September 8, 2018 10 AM TO 12 PM September 15, 2018 8:45 AM to 12:30 PM
RICHMOND HILL H.S.	201 Yorkland St.	East of Yonge, North of Elgin Mills Rd.	September 8, 2018 10 AM TO 12 PM September 15, 2018 8:45 AM to 12:30 PM
THORNLEA S.S.	8075 Bayview Ave.	South of Highway #7	September 8, 2018 10 AM TO 12 PM September 15, 2018 8:45 AM to 12:30 PM
UNIONVILLE H.S.	201 Town Centre Blvd.	Warden Ave. & Highway #7	September 11, 2018 6 PM to 8 PM September 18, 2018 5:45 PM to 9:30 PM

For more information:

Visit our website: www.yrdsb.ca/international-languages









Contact us by email: international.languages@yrdsb.ca

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May 2018



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
Character Trait of the Month							
C O U R A G E	30	1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4	4 Day 5	5	
		Scholastic Book Fair in Library			Jump Rope/Hoops For Heart Event		
			Area Badminton Tournament	Spring Arts Evening			
	6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2 Gr. 7 Visit to Dr. G. W. Williams S.S.	9 Day 3 Chef a L'ecole - Grades 4 to 8	10 Day 4	11 Day 5	12
							
13	14 Day 1 School Council Mtg @ 7:00 pm	15 Day 2 Special Needs T&F Meet Welcome to Kdgn Event	16 Day 3	17 Day 4	18 Day 5 Backwards Day	19	
							
20	21 Victoria Day No School Today	22 Day 1	23 Day 2 Gr. 7 Vaccination Clinic	24 Day 3 Gr. 4 to 8 to Blue Jays Game	25 Day 4 Gr. 6 to 8 Track & Field @ HPS	26	
							
27	28 Day 5	29 Day 1 Gr. 3 to 5 Track & Field @ HPS	30 Day 2	31 Day 3	UPCOMING DATES June 4 - PA Day June 5 - School Fair June 20 - Grade 8 Grad June 29 - PA Day		
	FOAO - Grade 3 & Grade 6			