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Principal's Message

November has arrived, and with the falling temperatures has come a flurry of activities in and around our school. Students have settled into their classes, our initial diagnostic assessments have concluded, and the rich, challenging work of the school year has begun in earnest. Students have had the opportunity to participate in a range of activities beyond the classroom including a variety of field trips, the Eco Team, the Healthy Schools Team, Kindergarten Helpers, Choir and the Greater Good Club. Students have also competed in a range of sports activities including our Cross Country and Volleyball Teams. I would like to thank all the staff who have organized and run these events on behalf of our students.

Our staff have been involved in several professional development opportunities over this past month including examining the results of our Student Survey which was conducted last school year. This process has provided us with rich information and valuable insights regarding our student's shared experiences and perceptions about school. This information helps to inform our School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being (SIPSA) which we review on an ongoing basis. Our SIPSA is strongly influenced by the Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (BIPSA). The BIPSA is divided into three main areas, the three M's: Math, Modern Learning and Mental Health. As the year progresses, this plan will guide much of the learning we are engaging in as a staff. The full plan is available on the board website through the following link:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/AboutUs/BIPSA/Pages/default.aspx>

Teachers have been working on the Elementary Progress Report Card which will be sent home on **Wednesday, November 22nd**. You will shortly be receiving information about the upcoming Parent/Teacher interviews. These interviews will be held the **evening of Thursday, November 23rd** and during the **morning on Friday, November 24th**. We look forward to meeting with you and to continuing our work together to support our students.

Finally, as the weather turns, we are noticing increased congestion in our parking lot at the beginning and end of the day. When dropping your child in the morning, please reinforce with them the importance of using the sidewalk and the crosswalk. We ask that children never cross between parked cars or busses, but rather use the identified crosswalk with school staff guiding them. As well, if you pick up your child at the end of the day, please ensure you have arranged a meeting spot close to the school, but not in our parking lot. Please avoid parking in our bus loop or illegally blocking one of our neighbours' driveways. Thank you for support with this.

Mr. Biemiller

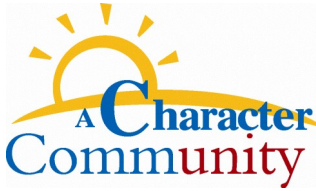
Congratulations to our Cross Country Team!

A great big congratulations to the members of our Cross Country team! Their commitment and consistent practice resulted in many accomplishments at the Area Meet which took place on October 12th. Most finished the race without quitting, some finished faster than they had ever run and some placed in the top 15.

Regional Results: We would like to congratulate and recognize all of our students who made it to the Regional Meet: Jacob B., Natalie M., and Kalista K. Congratulations on your fine showing, Hawks!



Character Matters



Our Character Trait for the Month of November is **Empathy**:

“Empathy is about standing in someone else's shoes, feeling with his or her heart, seeing with his or her eyes. Not only is empathy hard to outsource and automate, but it makes the world a better place.”

Character Calendar

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

Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser



We would like to thank the Highview community for supporting our Healthy School “Fresh From the Farm” fundraiser. Thanks to our community's generous support, our Healthy School team raised \$ 736.00. This first time fundraiser was a huge success!

We greatly appreciate the Highview community for supporting our fundraiser. All monies will go towards our healthy snack program which includes making apples and cheese available to all students.



Holiday Heroes Food & Toy Drive



The Highview Greater Good Club (GGs) is excited about supporting the upcoming Holiday Heroes Food & Toy Drive, an initiative created by the York Regional Police in 2008. Since its launch, the Holiday Heroes drive has raised more than \$1 million in monetary donations, new toys, new children's clothing

and food throughout York Region. All donations raised stay in York Region! Please bring in non-perishable foods, NEW pyjamas and toys between November 20th and December 14th. There will be collection boxes in the front lobby. Thank you for your generosity, Highview!



Be a Holiday Hero!

Yearbook

At this time, we are seeking parent volunteers to support the creation of the Grade 8 Memory Book / Yearbook for this school year. If you are interested in volunteering with the committee, please speak to Mr. Biemiller. Please note, we are seeking this additional support from our parent community, as without the support we will likely not be able to produce a yearbook this year.

Thank you.



Cell Phone and Camera Use

Cell phones are a wonderful convenience and can also be a useful safety tool for students to be able to contact family members in some circumstances. However, the inappropriate use of digital photographs and video footage can also be a very serious danger for our students as well. **If** cell phones must come to school with students, the following policy applies at H.P.S.:

- Cell phones must be **turned off** from 8:35 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.;
- Cell phones must be stored in a backpack or locker and **not used throughout the school day**;
- Cell phones are **not to be used in the school building**; a telephone in the office is available for students who need to contact parents for emergencies during the day;
- **Photographs of students at Highview P.S. must not be posted on the internet.**

The usual range of consequences, as outlined in the school's Behaviour Code, will apply to any students who disregard the expectations listed above. Parent support of school policy regarding cell phones is appreciated!



Progress Report and Parent-Teacher Interview Timelines

Most parents know that students receive a Progress Report Card in November and two Provincial Report Cards, one in February and one in June. The **Progress Report** will be issued on **Wednesday, November 22nd**. Parent interviews will be held the **evening of Thursday, November 23rd** and during the **morning of Friday, November 24th**. This will provide you the opportunity to have discussions regarding your child's Learning Skills and their general progress towards meeting the First Term expectations. Learning skills and work habits play a critical role in a student's achievement of the curriculum expectations. Information about a student's development of these skills and habits also provides a strong indication of the student's development as a self-directed learner.

The revised Learning Skills are:

Responsibility - completes and submits class work, homework, and assignments according to agreed upon timelines

Organization - establishes priorities and manages time to complete tasks and achieve goals

Independent Work - follows instructions with minimal supervision

Collaboration - accepts various roles and an equitable share of work in a group

Initiative - approaches new tasks with a positive attitude

Self-Regulation - perseveres and makes an effort when responding to challenges



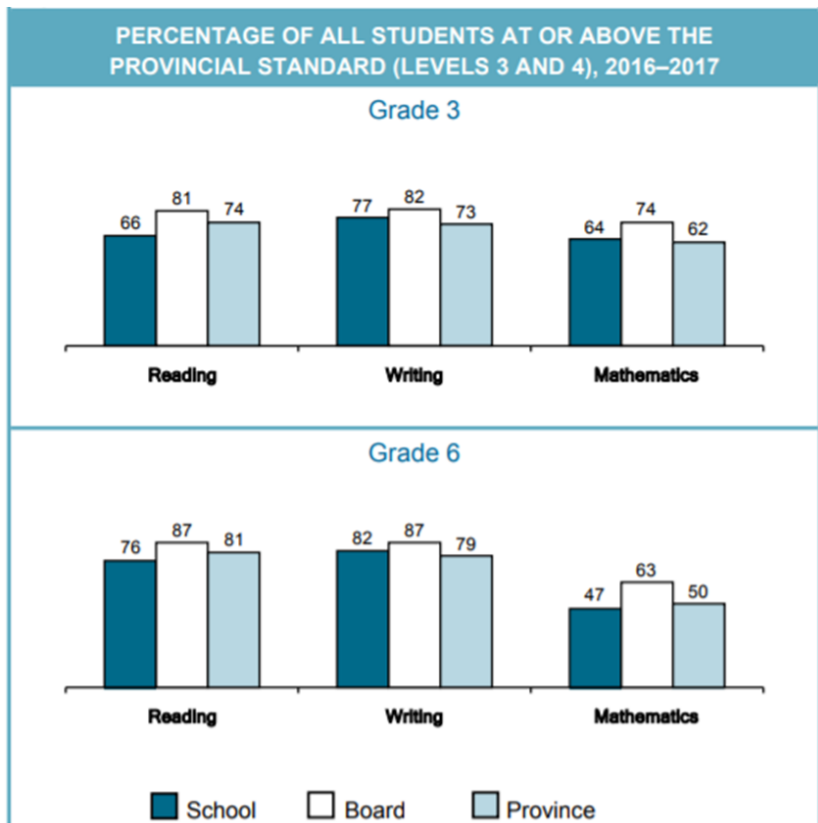
EQAO Results

Each year, students in Grade 3 and 6 participate in our provincial assessment of language and math, the EQAO. A detailed report of the school assessment that was completed in the spring of 2017 by our current Grade 4 and Grade 7 students is available on our school website, or by clicking [here](#).

The report documents the results of the school, board, and province in reading, writing, and mathematics at the Grades 3 and 6 levels.

Parents of students currently in Grades 4 and 7 should have received their child's individual student report documenting their child's individual results in the assessment.

The side bar shows the school's overall results. The detailed report includes information such as our school's progress over time.



Education Quality and Accountability Office



Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently seeking volunteers for our Volunteer Reading Program. Volunteers would need to complete the volunteer screening process with the York Regional Police prior to volunteering.

Volunteer Reading Program:

Mrs. Johnson is training a group of dedicated volunteers to assist early primary students with their reading skills. We are looking for volunteers who can be consistent in terms of the time they are committing, however we are flexible with regards to when that time is (morning/before lunch/afternoons) to be able to read with a student a few times a week. Training will be provided for these volunteers. For more information please contact Mrs. Johnson at

Laura.Johnson@yrdsb.ca.



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.



Healthy Schools

More fruits and veggies please!



Eating more fruits and vegetables may help to protect our children from obesity, diabetes, heart disease and cancer. *Canada's Food Guide* recommends that children (four to 13 years) eat at least five to six servings of vegetables and fruit each day. A serving is ½ cup 100 per cent fruit juice or medium fresh fruit, ½ cup cooked vegetables or 1 cup salad.

Tips to encourage your children to eat more vegetables and fruit each day:

- ✓ Include fruit at breakfast e.g., ½ cup of banana slices or berries added to cereal
- ✓ Include two of a variety of fruits or vegetables for lunch daily. Applesauce and unsweetened canned fruit can be good when you run out of fresh fruit
- ✓ Have healthy snacks after school e.g., fresh chunks of fruit along with cheese and crackers or low fat fruit yogurt
- ✓ Keep washed fruit and vegetable sticks (baby carrots, green, yellow or red pepper strips, etc.) with low fat salad dressing for dipping ready where children can reach them
- ✓ Provide two vegetables for dinner and encourage children to choose at least one
- ✓ Set a good example by eating lots of vegetables and fruit yourself

For more information about creating a healthy school nutrition environment, visit www.nutritiontoolsforschools.ca

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



Math Homework Help for Intermediate Students

TVO's Independent Learning Centre is pleased to partner with the Ontario Ministry of Education to bring Homework Help to Ontario students.



This site focuses on math help for students in Grades 7, 8, 9 and 10. Students have access to both guided and independent learning in a unique environment that combines technology and personal interaction. Key areas of the site include [Ask A Tutor Chat Rooms](#), [Listen & Learn presentations](#) with certified teachers, [Interactive Tutorials](#), and [Best Sessions](#).

Registration Information

Students may register using their Ontario Education Number (OEN)* and Date of Birth at homeworkhelp.ilc.org.

It is recommended that students use an anonymous username and password when registering.

*The OEN may be found on any Provincial Report Card or may be obtained from school.

You can access the website by clicking on following link. <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/about/index.php>

Attention Grade 8 Parents!

Please find below the dates on which local high schools will be having Information Nights.

Aurora High School

January 11th, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

Dr. G. W. Williams S.S. held their Information Night in October.

A full listing of all the secondary school information evenings is available at: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/Repository/NewsEvents/Pages/BoardNews/Grade-8-Information-Nights.aspx>

Remembrance Day - November 11th



We will be conducting our annual Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 10th in the morning starting at 10:45.

Poppies will be given to students. A donation to the Legion is always welcome, but not required.

Thank you!

Stormy Winter Weather

When severe weather conditions threaten the safety of our students, the School Board informs radio stations about bus cancellations around 6:45 a.m. Parents and students may listen for bus cancellations on the following stations:

NEWS 640 CKDX 89.9

CJBC 860 CJKX 89.9

CFRB 1010 SRC 90.3

CHUM 1050 CHIN 1540

CHFI 98.1 CBC 99.1

CKFM 99.9 Q107 107.1

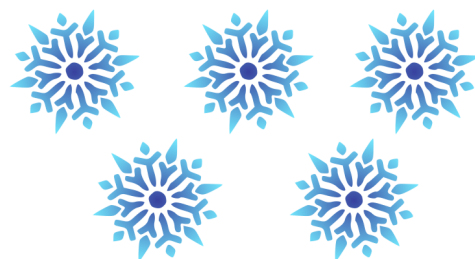
Cancellation of bus service **does not mean that schools are closed.**

Busses cancelled in the morning will **not** be running in the afternoon.

Parents who drive their children to

school in the morning must also pick them up at 3:05 p.m. On days when school busses have been cancelled, it is up to the parents to decide whether or not to send their children to school.

Parents are strongly encouraged to make an arrangement with a neighbour to ensure that their child knows where to go if they arrive



Arrival of JK/SK Students



It is very important that all students arrive on time for school each day so that they do not miss out on any of the learning that takes place right from the start of the day. Teachers are on duty in the Kindergarten yard starting at

8:20 a.m. and our entry bell rings at 8:35 a.m. Students then line up and enter the building at this time. As soon as all students are inside, we lock the doors that lead to the Kindergarten yard. We respectfully ask that you drop your child off at the Kindergarten Yard (so that all students may enter together and be supervised by the school staff, and please make every effort to arrive on time. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Late Busses

School busses typically have three runs in the morning and three more in the afternoon. As a “mid-start” school, we are the middle run for our busses, both in the morning and in the afternoon. This means that if our busses are delayed on their first run, the pick-up and drop-off times for our school will likely be affected. **We strongly encourage families to check the “Late Bus Report” on School Bus City (<http://www.schoolbuscity.com/latebus/>) on any morning where there is inclement weather.** This report lists both the route and the approximate delay for the bus so that you may plan accordingly.



Reminder to Parents: Friday, November 24th is a P.A. Day. There is no school for students on the P.A. Day.

Halloween Candy... A Sticky Topic for Parents

At Halloween, children bring home candy after a spooky night of entertainment. Letting children include these goodies as part of a healthy diet will help them control the amount of candy they eat. The key is to provide structure:

1. After trick or treating, let your children empty their candy bag, sort it and eat as much of it as they want. Let them do the same the next day.
2. On the third day, have them put the candy away and only allow them to eat it during meals and snacks: a couple of small pieces for dessert and as much as they want for snack time.
3. If children can follow these rules, they get to keep control of the candy. Otherwise, parents take control.
4. Offer milk, fruit or vegetables with the candy to offer some nutrition.

Schedule meals and snacks at regular times and keep the routine of letting your child have Halloween candy only at these times. This way candy will not spoil a child's diet.

Remind children to brush their teeth after eating the candy and if this isn't possible, at least rinse their mouth.

Adapted from Your Child's Weight Helping without Harming Birth through Adolescence. Elyn Satter, 2005

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Notice from York Region Health



Flu Season is on its way – are you ready?



Flu season is nearly here. Be prepared by getting the flu shot as early as possible.

The first and best step to preventing influenza (the flu), is to get the flu shot every year. Influenza spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others.

Everyone six months of age and older can get the flu shot.

Flu shots are available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

Visit ontario.ca/flu to find where you can get the flu shot.

How can the flu be avoided?

- Get the flu shot!
- [Wash your hands](#) well and often with soap and warm water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based [hand sanitizer](#)
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue out immediately. Wash your hands afterward. Cough into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid large crowds and stay home when you are sick
- Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected

To learn more about flu and the flu vaccine visit york.ca/flu





Community and Health Services

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November 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Character Trait of the Month E			1 Day 4 Gr. 8s to Dr. G.W. Williams S.S.	2 Day 5	3 Day 1	4
m	6 Day 2	7 Day 3 Vision Screening for SKs	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 1 Remembrance Day Assembly	11 Remembrance Day 
p	13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15 Day 4 Int. Boys' Area Volleyball Tournament 	16 Day 5	17 Day 1 School Photo Re-takes Day 	18
a	20 Day 2 Dental Screening for JKs, SKs, Grades 2 & 8	21 Day 3	22 Day 4 Progress Reports Go Home	23 Day 5 Parent-Teacher Interview Night	24 P.A. Day Parent Teacher Interviews in AM	25
t	27 Day 1 Int. Girls' Area Volleyball Tournament 	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30 Day 4	1	2
h	4	5	6	7	8	9
y						