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Principal's Message

It seems hard to believe that we are partway through October already! Students have been busily engaged both in the learning in their classrooms as well as in a range of extra-curricular activities. It was a pleasure to meet many of you at our Meet the Teacher event on Thursday, September 28th.

Throughout September and early October, we have focused on establishing a safe and respectful learning environment for our students. In our classrooms, we reviewed the School Code of Behaviour, Dress Code, Safety Procedures, and school routines. Our students have been engaged in a range of activities such as our Cross Country Team, games for our Intermediate Volleyball Teams, and participating in our Terry Fox Run. As a school, we raised over \$1100.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation and we thank you as a school community for your continued support of this worthy event. Our students also benefited from a wonderful presentation from the Wheelchair Basketball Canada demonstration team on Oct. 4th. This allowed our students an opportunity to learn more about the tremendous skill needed by these athletes and to broaden our understanding of the needs of others. We would like to thank School Council who have agreed to support the rental of some wheelchairs specifically designed for wheelchair basketball, to allow our Junior and Intermediate students to participate in this sport.

The character trait for October is **Responsibility**. Our focus for students includes coming to school prepared for learning. Students are expected to arrive on time each day prepared for the day with their lunch, their completed homework, any materials needed for class and dressed appropriately for the weather. We understand how busy families are with activities and evening commitments, so it is important to help children develop a schedule that allows them to honour their responsibilities, including homework. We want to reinforce the importance of punctuality and regular attendance. It is vital that students develop good habits in this area. We also encourage children to take responsibility for their own belongings at school through ensuring that their belongings are put away at the end of the day.

Please note that we are trialing a new calendar format this year, with pertinent events being uploaded to our school calendar located [here](#). This is updated on an ongoing basis as events are confirmed, and we would encourage you to check this calendar regularly for updated events throughout the month.

M. Biemiller



Student Safety at Highview

Student safety is of paramount importance at Highview P.S. For this reason, we remind all stakeholders of the following:

Visitors to the school must sign in at the office and wear a "Visitor" sticker while on site. This ensures that staff are aware of who is in the school at any given time.

- **If you have a lunch to drop off**, please leave it on the lunch table in the foyer.
- If you need to **speak to your child or bring something to him/her**, please come to the office and we will make these arrangements for you.
- If you meet your child at the end of the day, please arrange an outside meeting spot for you and your child.
- **If you wish to meet with a teacher**, please make these arrangements ahead of time or contact the office and we will buzz

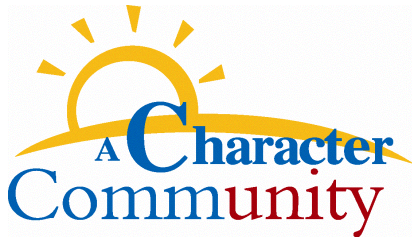
down to see if the teacher is available.

The bus loop is for school busses only. With a significant number of students accessing busses, this area is dedicated to York Region DSB busses during pick-up and drop-off hours.

The Parking Lot is closed to traffic during entry and exit times. In order to control traffic and ensure a safe arrival and departure from school, the school parking lot will be closed to all traffic other than school busses and staff vehicles during peak pedestrian times: 8:10 to 8:30 a.m. and 2:55 to 3:20 p.m.

Staff supervision commences at 8:20 a.m. Students are supervised in the yard commencing at this time. While we encourage students to arrive before our entry bell at 8:30 a.m., students should not be arriving prior to 8:20 a.m. as there is no formal supervision available until 8:20 a.m.

Character Matters



Our Character Trait for the month of October is Responsibility.

“Accept responsibility for your actions. Be accountable for your results. Take ownership of your mistakes.”

Suggestion for promoting Responsibility with your child: brainstorm with your child all the ways he/she can show responsibility at home. Are there simple tasks that he/she can become responsible for such as setting the table, taking the dog for a walk or making his/her bed?

Character Calendar

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

Reminder to Parents

There will be no school for students on the following days in October:

**Monday, October 9th
Thanksgiving Day**

**Friday, October 20th
P.A. Day**

Student Absence

Please remember to call the school to report ALL absences. When you call in, we ask that you state the reason for your child's absence - illness, medical appointment (doctor or dentist), parent vacation or religious holy day.

The answering machine is available 24 hours a day at **(905) 727-6642**. Please spell your child/ren's last name and state their teacher's name.

Please understand, if we cannot locate a child or parent in a reasonable amount of time after the morning and afternoon attendance, then, as per YRDSB's Safe Arrival policy, the police will be notified.

Student Registration Verification Forms

It is very important that we have up to date information for both parents and emergency contacts for each student. Many people are in positions where they are not readily available throughout the day, and it is critical that we have alternate contact numbers for a relative or trusted family friend.

If you have not already done so, please be sure to return the purple “STUDENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION VERIFICATION” forms as soon as possible. We don't want to find out in an emergency situation that a work number or cell phone number is out of service or that your home information is incorrectly recorded in our files.

Additionally, if any of this information changes during the course of the school year, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!

Promoting Success for Students of First Nation, Métis and Inuit Ancestry

The York Region District School Board provides an opportunity for students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit ancestry to self-identify. The process is voluntary and the information gathered will be kept confidential.

The self-identification process is the first step in providing:

- Culturally specific learning opportunities or activities;
- Additional support for academic achievement and well-being, including designated support staff;
- Communication between schools, First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education staff, Aboriginal students and their families;
- Connections to post-secondary institutions, community groups, service providers and other partners;
- More learning opportunities for all members of the school community to develop a greater understanding of Aboriginal perspectives, cultures and histories.

New students can self-identify when they register with the Board. Current students can complete an Aboriginal Self-Identification Form which can be obtained from their school.

For further information, please see the Information for Parents and Students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit Ancestry brochure available from the school or speak with the school principal.

Healthy School Committee

The Healthy School Committee is busy planning many healthy initiatives for the upcoming year. Here's what's happening:

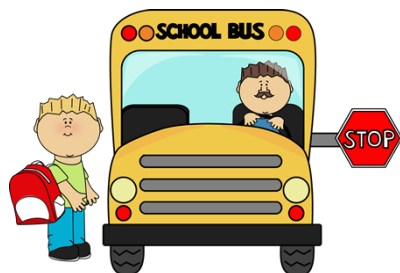
We have our healthy snack program up and running. A container of fresh apples is delivered to each class on Mondays. Classes may refill their apple containers over the week as needed. Cheese strings are also available for students as part of their snack. These are kept in the office.

We are looking for parent volunteers for our Healthy School Committee. If you are interested please contact Laura.Johnson@yrdsb.ca.

Walk to school Wednesdays is back!! Students will get points if they walk (even a few blocks) or ride their bikes to school. The class with the most points will get to stay in at recess and use the gym to play a favorite game. The winning class will also receive the Golden Sneaker to keep in their classroom for a month. So please continue to encourage your children to participate in the walk to school Wednesdays. Let's get active, Highview!

Late Bus Report

Student Transportation Services works closely with school bus operators to help ensure safe, reliable transportation is provided to students. Occasionally service times may be disrupted for various reasons. As a result, parents and guardians are encouraged to re-view the Late Bus Report at [Late Bus Report](#).



Cell Phone Use at School

Students are prohibited from **using** cell phones at school, unless it is an emergency, or with special permission from a staff member. On occasion, teachers may give students permission to use Smart Phones as learning tools. If this is to be a regular occurrence, you will receive a "Bring Your Own Devices" form home from the teacher.

As you can appreciate, cell phones can be a distraction at school, and at times are misused (violating academic honesty or privacy rules). Students who need their phones before or after school must turn them off and store them out of sight while on school property. **At no time are cell phones to be used at recess or lunch for listening to music, texting, etc.**

The first time a cell phone is inappropriately visible at school, it will be confiscated for the day. If this happens a second time, a parent will be asked to pick up the phone at school. As is the case with all items of value, the school will not be responsible for any loss, theft or damage.



Message from our Trustee

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning students and families. This is an exciting time of year and I hope you are starting this new school year as trustees are - with optimism and a commitment to working together to continue advancing student achievement and well-being.

An important part of that commitment is working together with staff members, families and communities to ensure our schools provide an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive. This takes on increasing importance given recent local and global events. We take pride in the diversity of our communities and will continue striving to uphold the values of equity and inclusivity in our system.

Trustees have had a busy summer, welcoming our [new Human Rights Commissioner](#) and beginning the [process for selecting a new Director of Education](#) as we continue to move forward implementing the [Minister's Directions](#).

An important part of the director selection process includes collecting input from students, staff, families and community members - input that will be used to shape the job description, interview questions and more. I encourage everyone to share their thoughts through the [survey](#) available in September. We will continue to keep you updated as this work progresses.

Our schools are stronger when we work in collaboration with families and communities. Partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving the goals we have for our students, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get engaged with the school and your child's learning this year.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.





Merit Award

presented to

Highview Public School

for collecting

7 huge bags of running shoes and soccer cleats

September 2017



Dekpor Basic School
Dekpor, Ghana, Africa

Thank you for making a difference!



IB INFORMATION NIGHT October 17, 2017

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme is student-centred with a focus on developing intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills for students who live, learn and work in a rapidly changing world. The program emphasizes critical and compassionate thinking, community involvement, and intercultural understanding. It is founded on international standards and assessment. Students who complete the Programme earn both an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and an IB Diploma.

Current Grade 8 students and families interested in the Programme are invited to attend an information session at the school which will be offering the IB Programme in their area. During each session, information about the Programme and the application process will be shared. To determine your area please visit the YRDSB [school locator](#).

Alexander Mackenzie High School	@ 7:00 p.m.
Bayview Secondary School	@ 7:00 p.m.
Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School	@ 6:30 p.m.
Maple High School	@ 6:30 p.m.
Milliken Mills High School	@ 7:00 p.m.



Walking to School Safely

This is a good time for parents to remind their children about pedestrian safety. York Regional Police has provided the following safety tips on their website to help keep students safe on their way to and from school:

- Walk on available sidewalks.
- Always cross at intersections.
- Obey crossing guards.
- Stop before stepping into the roadway.
- Be visible and indicate crossing intentions.
- Look and listen for traffic in all directions.
- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Cross safely when the roadway is clear.
- Walk. Do not run or cycle across roads.
- If possible, use the buddy system.

For more information, visit www.yrp.ca.



School Photo Day

Our School Photo Day is taking place on Monday, October 23rd. Please note that we usually have the kindergarteners go first so that they don't mess up their outfits before having their picture taken.

We look forward to seeing everyone dressed in their best and wearing a big smile!



Does your child have asthma?

Does your child suffer from asthma? While children are now allowed to carry their puffers with them while at school, it is still important for the office to know if your child suffers from asthma. If you have not already done so, please let the office know as soon as possible so that we are aware of his/her condition in the case of an emergency.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!



Secondary School Information Evenings

The York Region District School Board offers a variety of interest based opportunities at the secondary school level including arts and athletic based programs, as well as the International Baccalaureate program. Below is a listing of the information nights for some of the specialized programs in addition to the dates and times for the information evenings for our Aurora based secondary schools. We encourage parents to consider attending the information evenings for any programs they are considering for their child. A full listing of all secondary school information evenings can be found [here](#)

Alexander Mackenzie H.S.	Nov. 9, 2017 Oct. 25, 2017	Arts Alexander Mackenzie @ The Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
	Oct. 17, 2017	IB Program Information Session	7:00 p.m.
Aurora H.S.	January 11, 2018		6:00 p.m.
Dr. G.W. Williams S.S.	Oct. 17/17 Oct. 17/17	IB Program Information Session	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Huron Heights S.S.	Nov. 16/17 Nov. 28/17	Arts Huron Heights @ Newmarket Theatre	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Unionville H.S.	Jan. 18/18 Nov. 7/17	@ Markham Flato Theatre Arts Unionville @ Markham Flato Theatre	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Westmount C.I.	Nov. 2/17 Oct. 19/17	Arts Westmount @ City Playhouse Theatre	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.



Learning Disabilities Awareness Month



**In recognition of Learning Disabilities month,
Trillium Woods PS School Council presents,**

DJ Cunningham

As a renowned guest speaker on the topic of Learning Disabilities, we are pleased to welcome DJ Cunningham into our community. DJ co-founded and is the CEO of LEARNstyle Ltd. He was diagnosed with a learning disability at a young age himself. In his own words:

"I have come to embrace challenge. Challenge is what makes me feel alive. Being diagnosed with a learning disability and ADHD in grade 4, I have experienced challenges all of my life. Dealing with this life of challenges has resulted in me becoming a master of resiliency."



WHEN: Thursday Oct. 19, 2017
TIME: 6:30 PM
WHERE: Trillium Woods PS
18 Alamo Heights Dr.
Richmond Hill, ON



October 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Character Trait of the Month						
Responsibility	2 Day 4	3 Day 5	4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6 Day 3 School Bus Safety Evacuation Program	7
	8	9 Thanksgiving	10 Day 4 School Council Mtg @ 7:00 p.m.	11 Day 5	12 Day 1 Area Cross Country Meet	13 Day 2
	15	16 Day 3	17 Day 4 Regional Cross Country Meet	18 Day 5	19 Day 1 Spirit Assembly @ 2:00 p.m.	20 P.A. Day No school today.
	22	23 Day 2 School Photo Day 	24 Day 3 Gr. 8 Trip Info. Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.	25 Day 4	26 Day 5 Gr. 7 Vaccination Clinic	27 Day 1 Int. Trip to Kettleby Day Camp
	29	30 Day 2	31 Day 3 Hallowe'en Hop  Happy Halloween	1	1	3