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Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that we are entering October already! The first month of school has been dedicated to developing appropriate structures, attitudes and routines related to learning success, as well as gathering baseline data regarding student learning. Students have engaged in a number of activities exploring their learning focus and developing their classroom cultures. 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 Staff event on Thursday, September 27th.

Our focus throughout September has been 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 throughout the school such as our Cross Country Team, practices for our Intermediate Volleyball Teams, and participating in our Terry Fox Run. As a school we raised over \$1700.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation and we thank you as a school community for your continued support of this worthy event. We are continuing to encourage students to bring in change to help us reach our school goal of \$1800.00, which would mean we get to shave Mr. Biemiller's head!

This year, we have welcomed several new staff members to our school. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the following new staff: Ms. Alston (ASD Class), Mrs. Ceci (LTO Gr. 5/6), Mrs. Khayatian (ADH), Mrs. Savic (ADH), Ms. Silvaggio (CYW), Mr. Wells, (CYW), Mrs. Wideman, (ADH). Also, please join us in welcoming back Mrs. Teseo (nee Bevens) (LTO - PREP), Mrs. Berry (LTO Gr. 5/6), Mrs. Molenhuis (Grade 1/2), and Ms. Shiranthi (Deaf Blind Intervenor), who have all returned to the school this year.

With the large numbers of young students in our school, physical safety is always a primary concern. We would like to encourage our students and parents to walk to school. Please join us in engaging our students in an active start to the day, while helping to keep our driveway and bus route safe.

Please note that we are continuing to use our online calendar format this year, with pertinent events being uploaded to our school calendar - please click [here](#) to access it.. 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 year.

M. Biemiller



School Organization 2018 - 2019

FDK: Mrs. R. Scott and Ms. MacDearmid
FDK: Mrs. Wride and Ms. Mah-Doucette
Grade 1: Mrs. DeFrancesco
Grade 1/2: Ms. Bakas
Grade 1/2: Mrs. Molenhuis
Grade 2/3: Ms. Anderson
Grade 3: Mrs. Wright
Grade 3/4: Mrs. Brown
Grade 4/5: Mrs. Kim-Harper
Grade 5/6: Ms. Ceci
Grade 5/6: Mrs. Berry
Grade 6/7: Mr. Shaver
Grade 7/8: Mr. Kaufman
Grade 7/8: Mr. Congram
Primary/Junior DD Class: Mrs. Halinaty
Junior/Intermediate DD Class: Mrs. Walker
ASD Community Class: Ms. Alston
Social Adjustment Class: Ms. Forte
Multiple Exceptionalities Class: Ms. Richardson
Primary/Junior Student Support Centre: Ms Ng
Junior/Intermediate Student Support Centre: Mrs. Scott





Anaphylactic Reactions

We have a number of students with life-threatening allergies to peanuts and/or tree nuts. To protect the safety of all our students, we ask that you do not send food containing peanuts, tree nuts or any of their by-products to school with your children for snacks or lunches.

We also ask that you avoid sending products, such as **Wow Butter** that replicate the appearance/taste/smell of nut products. The presence of these products in school makes it very difficult to monitor against nut products, and can both create anxiety and desensitize students with nut allergies.



Thank you for your support with this, working together we can keep our students safe.

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 2:50 to 3:15 p.m.** If you wish to drop off or pick up your child, please plan to do so in the neighbourhood. Parking is allowed on most side streets (check posted signage) but is NOT allowed on McClellan Way.

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.

Medication



Any student who requires medication during school hours is required to have a **York Region District School Board Medication Form** completed and signed by his or her parent/guardian. **It is especially important that parents communicate a life-threatening allergy to the school as soon as they are aware of it.**

All medication must be stored in the office (with the exception of emergency items such as *additional Epi Pens®*), and must be in their own container with medical labels/prescription information attached

Please contact the office if you require a form. If your child does need to come to the office for medication, please reinforce this responsibility with them.

Reminder to Parents

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

Monday, October 8th
Thanksgiving Day

Monday, October 22nd
P.A. Day

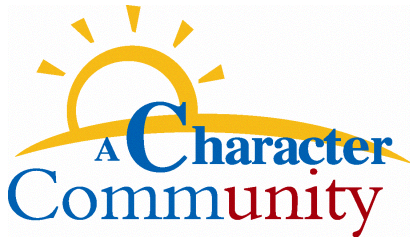
Student Absence

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.

Character Matters



Our Character Trait for the Month of September is **Respect**. Developing respect in your child - both for themselves and for others - is an important life skill. We encourage you to talk with your child about what respect means to them.

“Respect for ourselves guides our morals, respect for others guides our manners.”

Laurence Sterne

Our Character Trait for the Month of September is **Respect**. Developing respect in your child - both for them-

Character Calendar

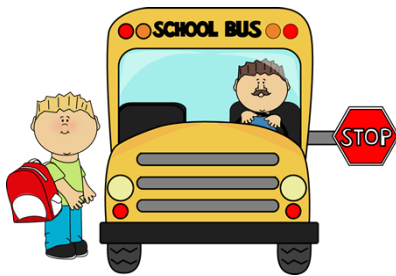
Respect, Responsibility, Empathy, Honesty, Fairness, Initiative, Perseverance, Integrity, Courage, Optimism

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

Our Character Trait for the month of October is **Responsibility**. A 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?

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 review 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

I am pleased to welcome all of our students and families to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This is an exciting time of year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the months ahead.

York Region District School Board is committed to advancing student achievement and well-being. The Trustees’ new [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#), developed based on feedback from the community, outlines four priorities that will guide this work: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, Build Collaborative Relationships and Empower Ethical Leadership. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts.

Our schools are stronger when families are engaged. There are many different ways families can support their child’s learning and get involved in life at the school, and I hope that you find opportunities to get engaged.

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



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. For more information, visit www.yrp.ca

- 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..



School Photo Day

Our School Photo Day is taking place on **Thursday, October 11th**. Please note that we usually have the kindergarteners go first so that they don't mess up their outfits before having their picture taken.

School Photo Re-Take is scheduled for Thursday, November 5th.

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.	Oct. 2, 2018	Arts Alexander Mackenzie @ The Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts	7:00 p.m.
	Oct. 17, 2018	IB Program Information Session	7:00 p.m.
	Oct. 24, 2018		6:30 p.m.
Aurora H.S.	Dec. 12, 2018		6:00 p.m.
Dr. G.W. Williams S.S.	Oct. 17, 2018	IB Program Information Session	7:00 p.m.
	Nov. 8, 2018		6:30 p.m.
Huron Heights S.S.	Nov. 22, 2018		6:30 p.m.
	Nov. 27, 2018	Arts Huron Heights @ Newmarket Theatre	7:00 p.m.
Richmond Green S.S.	Nov. 19, 2018		6:30 p.m.
Unionville H.S.	Oct. 30, 2018	Arts Unionville @ Markham Flato Theatre	7:00 p.m.
	Jan. 17, 2019		6:30 p.m.



IB INFORMATION NIGHT October 17, 2018

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	@ 7:00 p.m.
Maple High School	@ 6:30 p.m.
Milliken Mills High School	@ 7:00 p.m.



Meeting for Dr. G.W. Williams S.S. Relocation



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Visioning for the New Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School

Dear Parents/Guardians:

September 25, 2018

The York Region District School Board is relocating The Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School to the YRDSB school site located at Bayview Avenue and Borealis Avenue. The new school is scheduled to open in **September 2023**.

We would like to invite you to a "Visioning for the New Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School" evening so that you can provide your input regarding the design of the new facility. This opportunity might be of special interest to parents of students currently in Kindergarten to Grade 4 as these students will be among the first to experience the new school when it opens.

- At this meeting, parents will hear an overview of the parameters of the building process and will have an opportunity to provide input regarding the new school through a facilitated dialogue.

<u>Meeting Date and Location</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wednesday, November 7, 2018	Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School Cafetorium 39 Dunning Avenue Aurora, Ontario L4G 1A2	7:00 - 8:30 pm

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Superintendent Becky Green at 905-884-4477 or e-mail CEC.Central@yrdsb.ca.

Sincerely,

Becky Green
 Superintendent of Schools, CEC Central

Walking or Cycling to School

As we start the 2018-2019 school year, we would like to remind and encourage families to consider **walking or cycling with children to and from school**. There are many benefits to walking and cycling to school. It:

- Improves student academic performance by making children more alert and better prepared to learn.
- Contributes to the daily goal of 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous activity for children, improving their health and overall fitness.
- Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone in school zones.
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future.



For those who can't walk or cycle to school every day, choosing active travel once, twice or a few days a week can still provide benefits. You can also consider parking a block away from the school and walking the rest of the way. Include active travel as part of your daily routine!



Edsby is Coming to Highview P.S.

What is Edsby? Edsby is a cloud-based platform for K-12 that links a simple classroom design with powerful communication tools. Edsby provides a secure student, teacher, and parent engagement platform that will bring consistency in our communication practices across Elementary and Secondary panels.

Edsby offers many different features that YRDSB will roll out over the next several years, including:

- Absence Reporting
- A news river with school events and information
- Appointment Bookings for Parent/Teacher interviews (PTI) / Student-Led Conferences (SLC)
- Program Registration
- Access to your child's schedule and upcoming events



More information will be coming home in the upcoming weeks, inviting you to create an account for your family in Edsby and providing answers to frequently asked questions regarding the platform.

Music & Art Google Classrooms

Our new Music and Art Google Classrooms are up and running to provide easy access to resources and assignments for students!

Students in Grade 4-8 will be able to access the Highview Music Classroom using the Google Classroom code: r4dvdkl.

Students studying Art with Ms. Hartley will have access to the Google Art Classroom using code: ilfq8pb.



October 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
Character Trait of the Month							
Responsibility	1 Day 4	2 Day 5	3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6	
	7	8 Thanksgiving	9 Day 4 Sr. Girls' Vball Game @ HPS	10 Day 5 Area Cross Country Meet	11 Day 1 School Photo Day 	12 Day 2 Area Cross Country Meet (Rain Date)	13
	14	15 Day 3	16 Day 4 Sr. Boys' Vball Game @ Moraine Hills	17 Day 5	18 Day 1 Spirit Day-Wear Purple Sr. Girls' Vball Tournament @ Moraine Hills Sr. Boys' Vball Game @ SAC 	19 Day 2 Spirit Assembly - Wear House Colour	20
	21	22 P.A. Day No school today.	23 Day 3	24 Day 4 Gr. 7 Vaccination Clinic	25 Day 5 Sr. Boys' Vball Tournament @ Moraine Hills 	26 Day 1	27
	28	29....Day 2	30 Day 3	31 Day 4  Happy Halloween	1	2	3