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Principal's Message

It has been a bustling start to the school year this September. We have been pleased to welcome back so many new and returning families this month and it has been wonderful to have the hustle and bustle return to our hallways. The first weeks of school have 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. Please take some time at home to ask your child about their learning each day.

The caretaking and board staff were hard at work over the summer, working to maintain and upgrade our facility. This work included some repairs to our Highview Spirit Playground, replacement of a portion of our roof, and significant repairs to our elevator. We would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of these staff members for their hard work while we were enjoying our summers.

This September, we welcomed several new staff members to our school. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the following new staff: Mrs. Beard (Health Assistant), Mrs. Berry (LTO FDK), Miss Hartley (Music/Art/Prep Coverage), Mrs. Lacrosse (CYW), Mme. Lipkus (French), Mrs. Maw (Grade 5/6), Miss Nadon (ADH), Ms. Ng (SERT), Mrs. Samarasena (Sec. A), Mrs. Simson (Deaf Blind Intervener), Miss Walji (LTO Grade 5/6), and Mrs. McConnell (Caretaker). We also welcome back Mme. Dao, Mrs. Psaros, and Ms. Richardson, who have returned to Highview this fall.

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 mark your calendar for our Meet the Staff night, on Thursday, September 28th from 6:30 - 7:30. We are all looking forward to another great year at Highview – Go Hawks!

M. Biemiller



School Organization 2017 - 2018

FDK: Mrs. R. Scott
FDK: Mrs. Berry and Ms. MacDermid
FDK: Mrs. Wride and Ms. Mah-Doucette
Grade 1: Mrs. Bakas
Grade 1/2: Mrs. Thyanithi
Grade 2/3: Mrs. Wright
Grade 2/3: Mrs. Anderson
Grade 3/4: Mrs. Brown
Grade 4: Mrs. Kim-Harper
Grade 5/6: Mrs. Maw
Grade 5/6: Ms. Walji
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. Yarmus
Social Adjustment Class: Mrs. Forte
Def/Blind Low Vision Class: Mr. Wiseman
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.



Upcoming PA Day

Please note the following date is a P.A. Day therefore there is no school for students on this day:

**Monday,
September 25th**

Parking Lot

As in previous years, the school parking lot will be **closed to traffic other than school busses during peak pedestrian times: 8:10 to 8:30 am and 2:55 - 3:20 pm.**

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.

Please note that the numbered parking spots are reserved for staff parking. These include those at the front and side of the school. We have two visitor spots at the front of the school located immediately beside the handicapped spots.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.



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.

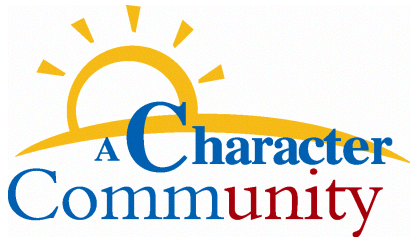
Terry Fox Walk/Run - Friday, September 29th

On Friday, September 29th, we will continue a longstanding Highview tradition by holding our annual Terry Fox Walk/Run. We are hoping for a wonderful afternoon and look forward to honouring the strength, determination and courage of a true Canadian hero.

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 will participate in our Walk/Run after lunch on the 29th. Students will be supervised at all times, and are reminded to dress for the autumn weather and bring a water bottle.



Character Matters



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

Laurence Sterne

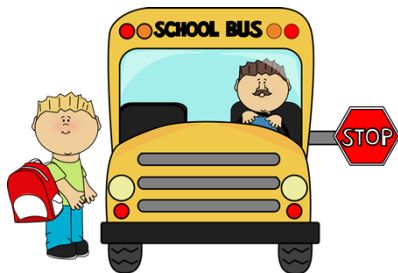
Our Character Trait for the Month of September is **Respect**. Developing respect in your child - both for themselves and for others - is an important life skill. We encourage you to talk with your child about what initiative means to them.

Character Calendar

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

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.



September 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Character Trait of the Month					1	2
3	4 Labour Day	5 Day 1 First Day of School	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9
10	11 Day 5	12 Day 1	13 Day 2 Volleyball Clinic @ Lunch	14 Day 3 Cross Country @ AM Recess Volleyball Clinic @ Lunch	15 Day 4	16
17	18 Day 5 Cross Country After School School Council Meeting (7:00 pm)	19 Day 1	20 Day 2 Cross Country After School	21 Day 3 Cross Country @ AM Recess	22 Day 4	23
24	25 P.A. Day No school to-day.	26 Day 5	27 Day 1 Cross Country After School	28 Day 2 Cross Country @ AM Recess Meet the Staff (6:30-7:30 p.m.)	29 Day 3 Terry Fox Walk/Run (1:30 p.m.)	30
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Respect