



The Holland Landing Highlights

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From the Office

We have much to be thankful for!

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.



Save the Date!

Meet the
Teacher

On **Thursday, October 22nd** you are invited to join us for *Curriculum & Meet the Teacher Night*. Due to Health and Safety priorities, this year's event is being held virtually (online). Each family will be invited (via email) by their child's teacher(s) to a Google Meet where they will have an opportunity to meet the teacher, hear about the upcoming year, take a peek into the school/ classroom, and have an introduction to the new Ministry Math Curriculum.

More information about the schedule and how to join the virtual event will be shared next week.

We hope that you will be able to join us!

Dismissal Routines

To help support physical distancing on our school grounds, we will continue to dismiss our Kindergarten, grade 1, 2, and 3 students between 3:20 and 3:30. This will allow a little extra space in our hallways, as well as time for staff to walk our younger students to their bus lines and release students to families before the older students exit the building at 3:30. Please note, there is no expectation that families pick up promptly at 3:20, the idea is that by staggering the dismissal between 3:20-3:30, we reduce the crowds at the front of the school, and on our tarmac area. Thank you for your support!

Please remember to wear a mask when on school grounds. Thank you for remembering to leave promptly once you have met your child(ren) - gathering on the school grounds is not permitted at this time.



Parents of Black Children

United Parents Project HOW YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT!

Parents of Black Children has launched a new United Parents Project, funded by Ontario Trillium Foundation, designed to support families with Black children as they navigate the education system. Three information sessions have been held over the past two weeks with community members, school board and system leaders and allies. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend.

If you were not able to attend, please [download the presentation](#). If you'd like to learn more, don't hesitate to [contact Parents of Black Children directly](#). There is more information on the [Parents of Black Children website](#).

If parents need any support at all, they just need to [complete the intake form](#) and Parents of Black Children will respond.

Learning Disabilities Awareness Month October 2020

The greatest hurdle a person with an LD often has to overcome is the stigma and public perception. Too often labelled lazy, stupid or incompetent, they begin to hide their disability and instead struggle in silence. Along with their strengths and above-average intelligence, some simple supports can help people with LDs excel in their chosen field. Our hope is to see Ontario as the leader in destroying the barriers created by stigma.

October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month. Please help us raise awareness to reduce stigma and allow people to get the support they need to reach their potential.

Here is a link to LDAO's LD Awareness Month:

<http://www.ldao.ca/ld-awareness-month-october/>

York Hills Centre for Youth and Families - Virtual Programs & Webinars

Please see the linked flyers below for more information, including registration information.

[September & October Webinars and Events](#)

[November & December Webinars and Events](#)

Highlights include:

- **Calming Stormy Waters– Supporting Children Through Separation And Divorce**
- **Plugged In – Tips And Strategies For Managing Screen Time**
- **Conscious Parenting – Raising Teens**
- **Starting School Differently – Facing Fears and Moving Forward during COVID 19:** Starting school or starting a new school year can be stressful at the best of times, let alone during a global pandemic. While the return to school will be welcome and exciting for many students, others will be feeling anxious or frightened. Join this *new webinar to see that you are not alone, and to hear some helpful tips and strategies on how to help your child(ren) navigate some of the complicated emotions they may be facing with going back to school.

OCTOBER 13, 2020

6:30 – 8:30 PM

ZOOM WEBINAR

Registration through Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/york-hills-centre-for-children-youth-and-families-10725006171>

Family Services York Region - Virtual Group Sessions

Please see the [linked flyer](#) for more information, including registration information.

Highlights include:

- **Triple P Parenting & Triple P Parenting Teens:** Triple P stands for Positive Parenting Program. This unique program has been proven to be effective in providing parents with tools to help their children and teens with behavioural and emotional problems.
- **Family Transitions:** This 7 week group promotes a healthy transition for parents going through separation or divorce. This course will address self care and is designed to help a parent manage the anger and resentment that often accompanies relationship breakdown.
- **Transgender Support Group:** A free group for anyone experiencing or questioning changes on the gender spectrum. Discussions include but are not limited to a variety of issues such as coming out, health and hormones, dealing with discrimination, negotiating relationships. This group is ongoing.
- **South Asian Women's Support Groups:** Ongoing programs for South Asian Women. Topics will include Parenting, Health & Nutrition, Family Stress, Immigration & Legal Information, Yoga & Exercise, Employment and other topics that matter to you and your families.

School Council

2020-2021 School Council

Chair - Zalema Mavor

Secretary - Laura Rawlinson

Treasurer - Shauna Marques, Fernando Marques

Members - Nizam Alkins (YRDSB employee), Nicole Cruickshank, Megan Sanderson, Karen Clubine, Andrew Foster, (YRDSB employee), Catherine Foster (YRDSB employee – HLPS employee), Anne Page, Derek Young, Mandy Godward, Julie Sangster (Community Member), Erin Perry, Hayley Hobor, Lori Prvu (YRDSB employee), Leanne Oppedisano (HLPS Teacher Representative), Melissa King (Principal)

Please join us at our next virtual School Council Meeting on **Tuesday, November 3** - invitation and link to meeting will be sent to all families one week before the meeting.

Reach Out!

If you have a question for our School Council, or any items you would like to be brought to our attention, please email our Chair - Zalema Mavor holland.landing.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

Highlights From the Week

Fire Drill

We held our first Fire Drill of the fall term this week.

The Ontario Fire Marshall in conjunction with the Assistant Deputy Minister, Indigenous Education and Well-Being Division have provided information on how fire drills can be held during COVID-19 to adhere to Public Health restrictions in place.

We sounded the fire alarm for approximately 15 seconds, so that students could hear what it sounds like, and understand that when we hear this sound we need to evacuate the building immediately. Next, classes practiced their evacuation procedure by division, with physical distancing in place. Students exited the building and went to the “rally point” in the field where we took attendance and ensured everyone evacuated safely.

We ended our drill with an announcement to explain that should the fire alarm sound continuously, with no previous announcement that it was a drill, everyone is to evacuate as per our usual procedure (with no physical distancing).

Our students and staff did a great job, and we will have two more opportunities to practice this fall.



Terry Fox Run

It was a beautiful day to be outdoors walking and running for Terry Fox! Our students and staff created cards to share who they were running for.

More pictures, and student writing to come!



Thank you to our families and community for donating! There is still time to donate - our school link is still open: <http://www.terryfox.ca/HollandLandingPSHollandLanding>.

