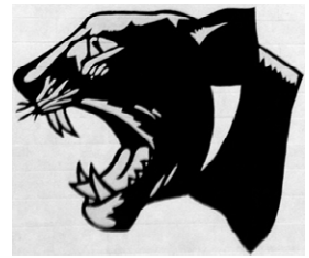


# JOHNSVIEW VILLAGE VOICE



JUNE 2016

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

As we head down the home stretch, I would like to thank all who make this such a great school to learn and work in. Our School Council continues to support our students by sponsoring programs like "Scientists in the School" and by funding resources that are beyond the scope of the school budget. Your contributions are very much appreciated. Other volunteers in the school also make a positive impact on our students and school community. These are the parents and grandparents who accompany students on field trips, assist teachers in the classroom and the library, and organize the healthy snack program. Thank you for enriching the lives of our students on a daily basis.

### Leaving JVPS

Ms. Basian  
Mr. Jones  
Mrs. Kingston  
Ms. Knowland  
Ms. Mehran  
Ms. Rennie  
Ms. Hickman

### New to JVPS

Ms. Fisher  
Ms. Mohan  
Mr. Smith  
Ms. Wong  
Ms. Kahlon DECE  
Ms. Matlin EA

JVPS would like to thank our departing teachers for all of their efforts and devotion to our students over the years the departing staff have contributed to the life of the school in so many ways to enhance the learning experience for all of our students. We will truly miss them and we wish them all the best as they start their new schools for September. We would like to especially thank Mrs. Kingston as she retires at the end of this school year. Mrs. Kingston has been a devoted member of the Johnsvie Village School Community. I know you will join me in wishing Mrs. Kingston all the best as she starts this new chapter in her life. We would like to warmly welcome our new staff and we look forward to working with them in the new school year.


Finally, I would like to say a very big thank you to a wonderful staff – caretakers, administrative assistants, educational assistants, support staff and teachers. Your hard work, dedication, and commitment to the Johnsvie school community is greatly appreciated. I would also like to wish all the families at Johnsvie Village a safe and fun filled summer and the teachers and I look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, September 6, 2016** ready and eager to start a new school year.

## Character Matters

### Optimism

**We maintain a positive attitude. We look on the brighter side of situations. We are able to see opportunities even in the face of adversity. We have hope for the future.**

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To learn more about YRDSB's Twitter protocol please visit the [YRDSB website](#).

## Mrs. Kingston is Retiring!!!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs. Kingston a fond farewell as she retires this year after a wonderful career with York Region District School Board. Mrs. Kingston has spent 25 years at Johnsville Village P.S. She has taught in every division and was a homeroom teacher in Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. She has worked for 10 principals and she was the ELL teacher for around 20 years. Mrs. Kingston had the original Demonstration ELL Classroom for many years where teachers and administrators visited to observe modeling of newest strategies for ELL. One highlight of her career was when she was invited as guest lecturer at York University to teach education students about ELL.

Mrs. Kingston has held many roles here at Johnsville and in the Board. For example she acted as the:

- Literacy Mentor teacher for about 12 years
- Primary Division Lead
- Positive Student Behaviour Lead
- Principal Designate
- Adjunct Professor – Host Teacher for teacher candidates
- Tragic Response Team - Area West team member
- School Council teacher representative



She has enjoyed participating in Extra Curricular activities at the school such as: the Art Club, designing backdrops for school plays; participating in the before school Breakfast Program; acting as the teacher representative for the Millennial Project of founding the Peace Garden; and coaching Together We're Better student groups.

In her spare time Mrs. Kingston is a wife, a mother of two sons, a grandmother of two granddaughters. She is an active member of National Council of Jewish Women; a Book Club member; an avid traveler; and she enjoys going to the theatre, movies, the symphony and the opera.

We wish you all the best in your retirement and we thank you very much for your years of service and dedication to Johnsville Village P.S. and the Johnsville Community.

## YEAR END SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Another year is coming to a close, I want to thank everyone who supported School Council this year, along with our Council members! We were successful in raising money to support Scientists in the Classroom for all grades this year, and have heard that the kids thoroughly enjoyed this program.

School Council will start up again early in the Fall. We're always looking for parents to volunteer to sit on Council as a member, or come out to the meetings and provide your thoughts and opinions on how we can make Johnsville a better school for everyone! Keep an eye on the blog in September to see when our first meeting will be taking place.

To all parents, have a happy and safe summer!

## SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM

**Johnsville School Age Program** is open Monday to Friday from 7:00am – school start and school finish to 6:00pm from September to June including PA days. Before & After School Programs are offered full-time as well as on a part-time basis when possible. The program supports children JK/SK to 12 years old. Our Child Care Programs are fully licensed with the Ministry of Education. For more information or to register for please call 647-883-1414 or email us at [johnsville.banda@socialenterprise.ca](mailto:johnsville.banda@socialenterprise.ca) Subsidized spaces are available through a Purchase of Service Agreement with the Region of York.

## JUST KIDDING



## ARE YOU MOVING?

If you are planning on moving out of our attendance area over the summer months, or if your child **will not** be returning to Johnsview Village Public School for the 2016-2017 school year, please give your notice to the office as soon as possible. This will help us in planning for next year's classes and staffing.



## LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN SEPTEMBER

Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. All kindergarten children will enter through the kindergarten door. We kindly remind all parents to say their goodbyes outside to foster independence in their children. The first day for JK students will be a half day from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m.

Students who will be in grades 1 - 8 will be met by teachers in the school yard and will be directed where to line up. Please do not drop your children off before 8:45 a.m. All children are expected to walk around the school using the sidewalk and the path to enter the school yard where supervision at 8:45 a.m. is provided.

In case of rain, students in grades 1 - 8 will enter the front foyer and go directly to the gym where they will be sitting by grade.

For pick up at the end of the day at **3:30 p.m.** students will be dismissed from their dismissal doors into the school yard. The dismissal doors are as follows:

Kindergarten:	Kindergarten Door
Grade 1—3 :	Primary Door
Grade 4—8 :	Intermediate Door

We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

**Please do not call the office regarding class placement. This information will only be made available on the first day of school.**

## CLASS PLACEMENTS

As our school looks ahead at organizing classes for September 2016, it is valuable for parents to understand the procedure used in student placement decisions. The ultimate goal in all our efforts at Johnsvie Village P.S. is to enhance student learning.

We attempt to place students in the most positive learning environment possible given each individual pupil's skills, knowledge, attitudes, and work and social habits. A great deal of time is spent ensuring that each student's academic and social needs are met. We use the following criteria in order to determine class placement:

- ⇒ Class sizes consistent with Ministry and Board guidelines
- ⇒ A gender balance in each class
- ⇒ A range of performance levels within each class
- ⇒ Matching pupil leaning styles with teaching strategies wherever possible
- ⇒ Promoting positive social relationships while minimizing unproductive associations

Please be aware that staffing is unclear at this point due to enrollment fluctuations, teacher transfers, leaves, and reallocation of teachers to different grade levels. As we near the end of the school year, decisions will be made based on the aforementioned criteria. It is important to recognize that while we try to place each child in the optimum learning environment, all final decisions regarding pupil placements remain the responsibility of the school principal. Please note that we cannot accept requests for individual teachers.

All students will find out their classroom placements on the first day of school, Tuesday September 6, 2016.

## CASH ON LINE

Starting in October, all pizza and submarine orders can be paid thru cash on line. **No more trying to find exact cash or write cheques.** Procedures how to set up an account are attached to this package. If you require assistance please contact the Office in September.

## **SEPT 6 EARLY DISMISSAL FOR JK STUDENTS ONLY**

In order to ensure a successful start to the new school year all Junior Kindergarten students will be at school on September 6, 2016 for the MORNING ONLY from 8:45 to 11:30. Please see the more detailed information in this newsletter. Parents will need to make arrangements to pick up their children at the school at 11:30 on Tuesday September 6. We look forward to teaching our youngest learners in September.

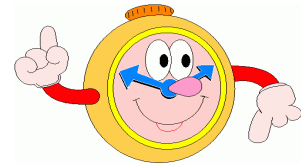
## **PARENT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION—SUMMER PROCESS**

During the summer months please contact the West Community Education Centre if you require records or information related to CRA Tax Benefit applications, etc. They can be reached at 905-764-6830.



## **LATE ARRIVAL IN SEPTEMBER**

If your child will be arriving AFTER Tuesday, September 6, 2016, please notify the office in writing so that your child's place will be held.



## **REPORT CARDS**



Report cards were be sent home on Tuesday, June 28 with your child. This will provide parents the opportunity to review the report card and establish goals for September. If your child is absent, you may pick up their Report Card at the office up until Thursday, June 30th. Any Report Cards not picked up will be kept in the office and will be available to be picked up when the office reopens the week of August 29th.

# 2016/2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 2016/2017 school year calendar has been approved by the Ministry of Education as follows:

Labour Day	Monday, September 5, 2016	<b>PA Days for 2016/2017</b>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 10, 2016	Monday, September 26, 2016
Winter Vacation	Monday, December 26, 2016 to Friday, January 6, 2017	Friday, October 28, 2016
Family Day	Monday, February 20, 2017	Friday, November 25, 2016
Mid-Winter Break	Monday, March 13, 2017 to Friday, March 17, 2017	Friday, January 20, 2017
Good Friday	Friday, April 14, 2017	Friday, February 3, 2017
Easter Monday	Monday, April 17, 2017	Friday, June 2, 2017
Victoria Day	Monday, May 22, 2017	Friday, June 30, 2017

## EQAO PRIMARY AND JUNIOR DIVISIONS

Tuesday, May 23 to Tuesday, June 5, 2017

## STUDENT EVENTS THIS YEAR

**Character Matters Awards** **Jump for Heart**

**Boy's Area Finals** **Basketball Champs**

Healthy Snacks

**Holiday Concert**

**Student Council**

**Spring Musical**

**Terry Fox Run**

**Track and Field**

**FUNDRAISING**



# SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER

Each summer, Student Transportation Services of York Region (STSYR) makes adjustments to bus route schedules to accommodate new students and new school openings. **As a result, some students may experience changes in their bus schedule or route number.** Please confirm bus information for September by checking [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) as of August 22. If you are unable to find the information you require, please contact your school.

During the first two weeks of school, students should arrive at their bus stop *10 minutes early*. After this, students are asked to arrive 5 minutes early as each bus route develops its regular routine and service times

## Transportation Eligibility

In accordance with Board policies, transportation is provided for students who live within their designated Home School attendance area and outside their grade appropriate Non-Transportation Zone. Transportation eligibility changes throughout a student's school career. **Please note students currently in Grade 3 and Grade 8 who use school bus service may see a change in their eligibility as they transition to Grade 4 and Grade 9.**

### Eligibility JK- Grade 8

- All YRDSB students in JK - Grade 3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are **not eligible** for transportation. All YRDSB students in Grades 4 - 8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are **not eligible** for transportation.

Parents of students entering Grade 4 and Grade 9 may confirm their transportation eligibility by accessing the Bus Stop Information tab at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com). Students not eligible for transportation who wish to obtain York Region Transit information should visit their website at [www.yrt.ca](http://www.yrt.ca) or phone 1-866-668-3978.

## **JVPS on Twitter**

We are happy to announce that Johnsville Village P.S. is now on Twitter @JohnsvilleVPS. The account will be managed by school staff and you will be able to view our Twitter feed on our school website page very shortly.

If you follow us, you can expect posts about the following:

- New content on our website or blog
- Special school events
- Classroom and school activities
- Important reminders

### **Availability**

We will update and monitor our Twitter account during regular office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Staff may tweet beyond the hours listed when necessary.

### **Feedback**

We welcome feedback and ideas from all our followers, and will endeavour to join the conversation when possible. However, we may not be able to reply individually to all messages received on Twitter. The school will not respond with details regarding identifiable individuals, including students and staff. Families looking to resolve individual concerns regarding their children are asked to contact the school office.



## HELPFUL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION TIPS

Please consider the following helpful tips and suggestions when preparing for your child to ride the bus to and from school:

- ⇒ Often parents want to drive children to school on the first day. STS recommends that if you drive your children to school the first day, you also pick them up from school.
- ⇒ Communicate any changes to daycare locations to your child's school prior to the start of the school year to ensure your child's placed on the correct bus.
- ⇒ Ensure your grade JK-1 child has a Safe Rider sticker affixed to their backpack to help ensure they are dropped-off at the correct bus stop location.
- ⇒ JK, SK and Grade 1 students must be met at the bus stop by a parent/guardian.
- ⇒ Keep current phone numbers, records and emergency contact details with the school office.
- ⇒ Record the bus company name and route # for your child and keep in a safe and accessible place.
- ⇒ Have an alternate arrangement for your child should unexpected circumstances such as traffic delay or any other emergency occurs.

Student Transportation Services of York Region would like to thank you for your cooperation as we continually focus on providing safe, efficient transportation for students.





## MORNING ARRIVALS

To ensure that the bus loop runs smoothly and students are arriving on time.

**Everyone is reminded that school begins promptly at 9:00 a.m.**

We are noticing that parents are blocking the bus route before start of school, at 9:00 a.m. Please follow all road signs which indicate where parking is permitted. Please note that supervision starts at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 9:00 a.m. We expect that ALL children will be dropped off BETWEEN 8:45 and 9:00 a.m. If you are dropping your child off at 9:00 a.m. they will be late.

Thank you for ensuring that your children arrive on time and to continue to work with us so that **ALL** children are safe.

## Lunch Supervisors Wanted for the 2016-2017 School Year

If you are interested in being a lunch supervisor, please contact the school office. This is a paid position and requires all applicants to have a Vulnerable Sector Screening Check. The hours of work are from 12:50 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.

## MEDICATION

Any medication that is kept at school, inhalers, epi-pens, etc., will be sent home on the last day of school. Medication **will not** be kept over the summer for the following school year.



## 2016/2017 School Agendas

We encourage all students to use an agenda on a daily basis. An agenda:

- Is a tool for students to record homework, important dates and notes.
- Is a useful way for teachers and parents to communicate.

Parents/guardians, please check your child's agenda daily. Please note that agendas will be provided to students in Gr. 1 to 6. As in previous years, Gr. 7 & 8 students will have access to an online agenda.



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## Johnsview Village P.S. is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt.

To view a presentation about the program, go to <http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>.

**Follow the easy steps on the next page to register and get started!**



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## Step 1: Register

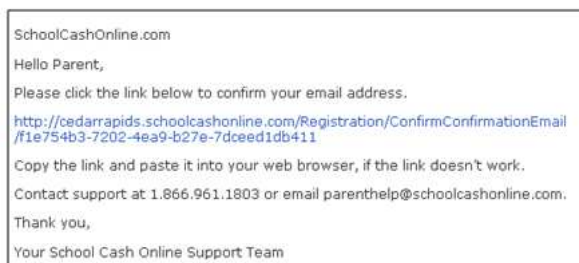
- Click on the School Cash Online button on our school's website at <http://johnsvilllage.ps.yrdsb.ca/> and select the **"Get Started Today"** button.
- Complete each of the three Registration Steps

**\*For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**



## Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



## Step 3: Find Student

**NOTE: A STUDENT NUMBER IS REQUIRED**

*This step will connect your children to your account.*

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

## Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

## NEED HELP?

**If you require assistance, select the *GET HELP* option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or [parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com).**

# Ontario's Well-Being Strategy for Education

## Fact Sheet for Parents

**Well-being** is fundamental to overall student success. Students can't learn if they don't feel safe and welcome at school, if their mental health is at risk and if they don't have the tools or the motivation to adopt a healthy, active lifestyle, both inside and outside of school. Children and students who have strong relationships and a positive sense of self are most likely to reach their full potential.

There are four key components to the ministry's well-being strategy:

- **Positive Mental Health** involves helping school boards develop and implement mental health and addiction strategies and working with staff to support positive mental health for all students, including supporting those with mental health needs or addictions.
- **Safe and Accepting Schools** set out expectations for all school boards to provide safe, inclusive and accepting learning environments that support the achievement and well-being of every student. These expectations include addressing and preventing bullying and creating a positive school climate.
- **Healthy Schools** are key to establishing the learning conditions necessary to help students reach their full potential. With these conditions in place, students are more likely to adopt healthy, active habits and continue with them throughout their lives.
- **Equity and Inclusive Education** involves identifying and removing discriminatory biases and barriers in the system to support student achievement and well-being - by demonstrating respect for our diverse identities and strengths.



# What is Well-Being?

Well-being is a positive sense of self, spirit and belonging that we feel when our cognitive, emotional, social and physical needs are being met. Well-being in early years and school settings is about helping children and students become more resilient, so that they can make positive, healthy choices to support learning and achievement, now and in the future.

## What Makes up Well-Being?

The ministry is focusing on four domains of well-being, which include:

- **Cognitive** — the development of abilities and skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, and the ability to be flexible and innovative.
- **Emotional** — the ability to learn about and experience emotions, and understand how to recognize, manage, and cope with them. It includes developing a sense of empathy, confidence, purpose and resilience.
- **Social** — the development of self-awareness, including the sense of belonging, collaboration, relationships with others, and communication skills.
- **Physical** — the growth and development of the body, affected by physical activity, sleep patterns, healthy eating and healthy life choices.



Promoting well-being is about fostering learning environments that encompass all four of these domains of well-being. Educators and staff who are motivated and enthusiastic about their work are an essential part of promoting well-being and achievement.

## Next Steps

We plan to work together with our education partners, such as school boards, to determine what well-being looks like, what is needed to support it and how best to measure it. We also want to learn from the good work that has already been done to promote well-being in Ontario's education system. By determining how best to measure well-being, we can also understand more clearly what is needed to create positive learning environments and focus on how this supports everything we do. It also allows us to figure out how to improve student well-being across the province.

In addition to our work with students in elementary and secondary schools, in the future we will also be expanding our focus to include children in the early years system, as well as educators and all staff.

Our goal is that all children, students and staff will feel supported in the areas of cognitive, emotional, social and physical well-being. We know that children and students will be more successful when they have a positive sense of self, spirit and belonging, and the skills to make positive choices.

Ontario is committed to helping students build the knowledge and skills associated with positive well-being, so they can become confident, capable and caring citizens.

Promoting well-being is one of the ministry's four goals outlined in *Achieving Excellence, Ontario's Renewed Vision for Education*. Learn more at [ontario.ca/eduvison](http://ontario.ca/eduvison)