

MORAINE HILLS HIGHLIGHTS

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TERRY FOX RUN/WALK

Congratulations and Thank You To The Moraine Hills P.S. Community!
We raised over \$2,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research.



**THE TERRY FOX
FOUNDATION**

SAFETY AND SECURITY

At Moraine Hills P.S., maintaining a safe and secure environment is our first priority.

We strive to ensure the safety of your children. We would like to remind you of some of the procedures which are in place:

- In order to ensure the visibility and accessibility of staff members on yard duty, all adults on outdoor duty wear reflective vests.
- Although we enjoy having visitors to the school, due to COVID restrictions we must

limit our contact to virtual meetings and phone calls.

- Our doors are locked after the general entry in the morning and remain locked until the end of the school. There is a door buzzer for those who need access while the doors are locked. If you are picking up your child, please identify yourself using the buzzer and we will bring your child to the door.
- We have security cameras located around and throughout the school.

- During the school year, we have regular Fire, Lock Down and Hold and Secure Drills.



October Calendar

- **Mrs. Deborah Snow**
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- **Mrs. Caroline Dawn**
Vice-Principal
- **Mrs. Roula Digiacinto**
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Moraine Hills P.S.
School Council

SEVERE ALLERGY ALERT

As you are aware, we have many students who have severe allergies. We ask that you refrain from sending any food items to school which contain (or may contain) :

Peanuts/Nuts or any of their By-Products



**SCENT FREE
ZONE**

Members of our school community have anaphylactic allergies to scents. Please refrain from wearing perfumed products into our building.

Personal Devices and Social Media at School

At Moraine Hills P. S. , we recognize that many of our older students have phones and other personal devices that they bring to school on a regular bases. It is important that all students understand that these devices are not to be used to take photos or to record other students, staff or activities. They are not to be used in class unless they are directed to do so by an adult in charge. Students' personal devices should not be used on the school yard. Students who use their devices inappropriately will be asked to

keep them locked in their lockers. The school is not responsible for lost/stolen/damaged devices.

We also recognize that many of our older student have social media accounts (e.g., Instagram, TikTok).

Social media has many benefits including helping us to stay connected. Unfortunately, it also can be used in ways that spread hurt, misinformation, and dangerous and very disrespectful trends.

While we have engaged in lessons at school about online safety, we suggest that families support this learning and have ongoing discussions about social media presence and how to act online. To help support these discussions we encourage families to look at [Media Smarts Social Media Tip Sheet](#) and [Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada 12 Quick Privacy Tips for Parents](#).



Thanksgiving, Monday, October 11th is a school holiday.
Best Wishes for a wonderful long weekend!



Friday, October 15th is a professional learning day for teachers. Students will have asynchronous learning activities to work on at home.

Hallowe'en and the Safe and Supportive Schools Policy

Please be reminded that the *York Region District School Board's Safe and Supportive Schools Policy* strictly prohibits weapons and replica weapons on school property. A distinction is not made according to how realistic the replica appears to be. All real and toy guns, knives etc. fall into the same category and possession on school property will lead to a sus-

pension which could be up to twenty days. The policy applies to all students, regardless of age. Please discuss this with your children and ensure that all such toys are left at home.

Laser pointers are considered potentially dangerous and therefore fall into the same category.

This reminder is especially important to note as Hallowe'en

approaches. As your children choose their costumes, please keep in mind that they are not allowed to bring any replica weapons as props for their costumes.



"Costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are in non-compliance with the York Region District School Board's Safe and Supportive Schools Policy"

Be Kind to Yourself
Be Kind to Each Other
Be Kind to the Environment
Walking or Cycling to School

As we start the 2021-2022 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 which include:

- Improved student academic performance by making children more alert and better prepared to learn.
- Contribution to the daily goal of 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous activity for children, improving their health and overall fitness.
- Reduced traffic congestion and improved safety for everyone in school zones.
- The promotion of a life-long habit that fosters 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!

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please note, the school parking lot is closed to traffic other than school transit vehicles during peak pedestrian times: 8:10—8:30 a.m. and 2:45—3:05 p.m.

If you are in the parking lot when the buses arrive, you must wait until they exit the loop. Vehicles may not pass the busses in the bus loop.

If you are dropping off or picking up your child, please do so at a nearby location in the neighbourhood and walk them the rest of the way if necessary. Parking is allowed on some streets, please check the signs carefully.

Please drive carefully in the school zone. It is imperative that you come to a full stop at the stop sign in front of the school. Please remember that making a U turn on the street in front of the school is very dangerous and that it is illegal to do so.

York Regional Police are concerned with the safety of school zones and will be increasing their presence during peak hours, issuing tickets to those who are not adhering to the law.



Message from Our Trustee, Mr. Simon Cui

We have many reasons to feel optimistic as we begin the 2021-22 school year. Schools have reopened to in-person learning, vaccination rates continue to increase, and our students can start to resume some of their favourite school activities.

As we return to school, our [reopening plan](#) continues to prioritize the health and safety of students, families and staff members. We are working with public health to ensure we are taking all appropriate measures. For more information on the plan, including health and safety measures, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening. You can also find additional information from York Region Public Health at www.york.ca/safeatschool.

The pandemic and last year's school closures affected students and families in many different ways. This has been a challenging time. Our caring, skilled and dedicated staff members are prepared to prioritize the mental health and well-being of students as they transition back to school, as well as supporting their academic learning and growth. If you are worried about your child, please speak to your child's teacher or principal. You may also find some of the [learning and well-being resources](#) on our website helpful.

Whether your child is attending school in person or online, we know how important it is that they feel safe, respected and valued. We want every student to feel supported, to take pride in their identities and to know that they matter. Any form of hate or discrimination in our schools is not acceptable. This school year, we will continue to implement the [Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy](#) launched in March to address anti-Black racism in schools. We also remain committed as a school board to honouring the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action](#). As an education system, it is imperative that we create learning environments that enable all of our students to feel valued and to be successful.

As your school board trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The Board of Trustees makes [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicates with the public, among other [responsibilities](#). We are also responsible for setting direction for the school board, through our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). This plan sets out four priorities: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership.

The relationship that we have with families is so important, and I will continue to keep you informed of our work and priorities. You can also find the [message from the Chair of the Board](#) on the Board's website. You are welcome to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

There are also many other ways you can stay connected with what's happening in the school board. Visit our [newsroom](#). Listen to our [podcast](#). Follow us on [Twitter @YRDSB](#) and on [Instagram @yrdsb.schools](#). Watch the latest videos, including news, features and profiles about our schools, students and staff members on our [YouTube channel YRDSBMedia](#).

As we begin another school year, I am so pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families. I hope you have a great start to the school year and wish you a happy, healthy and successful year ahead.

Simon Cui
Trustee – Richmond Hill Wards 1, 2 and 4



MORAIN HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

October 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	4 SCHOOL COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING DAY 3	5 DAY 4	6 DAY 5	7 DAY 1	8 DAY 2	9
10	11 THANKSGIVING	12 DAY 3	13 DAY 4	14 MEET THE STAFF EVENING VIRTUAL DAY 5	15 ASYNCHONOUS LEARNING DAY/ SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS DAY 1	16
17	18 DAY 2	19 DAY 3	20 DAY 4	21 DAY 5	22 DAY 1	23
24	25 DAY 2	26 DAY 3	27 DAY 4	28 DAY 5	29 DAY 1	30
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Indigenous Languages and International Languages - Elementary

Dear Students and Families,

We welcome everyone to the 2021-2022 Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) program year and thank you for your continued support and patience.

Due to the continuance of the pandemic, ILIL classes for SK to Grade 8 students will take place online, not in the school buildings. Please note that the program delivery model may change from online to face-to-face during the school year depending on circumstances. Teachers will teach live language lessons in real time using Google Classroom to provide both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities during the regularly scheduled language classes. All program updates will be made on our [Board ILIL program homepage](#).

Did you know research shows that speaking more than one language may:

- Deepen cultural awareness
- Enhance communication with people from diverse backgrounds
- Improve memory and concentration
- Enhance decision-making and multi-tasking skills
- Open future employment opportunities

International Languages Elementary Program, Resource Guide, Ontario Ministry of Education (2012)

Already Registered?

If you have already registered for our fall programs, we thank you. Your registration will be moved to the same day on the online Site. No further action is required (e.g., if you originally registered for Yoruba for Middlefield C.I. then you will be automatically moved to the Thursday ILIL Online Site).

Elementary Program Update and Registration

The first week of online classes will begin October 15, 2021. Please refer to our [ILIL Elementary Program](#) webpage for the most up-to-date information.

- Closer to date, teaching staff will reach out to families to provide students access to the Google Classroom (please check the emails regularly and/or expect a call from a Private Number/No Caller ID).
- Asynchronous lessons will be provided for the first initial classes to facilitate classroom setup and organization.
- Online registration is open and available to YRDSB and NON-YRDSB students:
 - Login here if you have an [existing Edsby account](#)
 - Or, to [create a new Edsby account](#)

NOTE: Use of a laptop or desktop is highly recommended. Edsby cannot support online registration from any mobile or tablet device.

- Program Fee Update:
Due to the switch in the delivery mode for our language programs (from face-to-face to online), the fee has been reduced to \$10 for each language class registration. This fee supports the costs incurred for licensing of the online platform and instructional materials. We appreciate your patience as we work through the refund process for students who registered prior to this decision being made.

Best regards,
The Indigenous Languages and International Languages Team

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