

PARKVIEW PULSE

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A Message from the Administrative Team

We have had an excellent start to the school year. The Parkview staff have worked very hard to ensure a smooth transition and our students have settled in well. Throughout the year we will continue to build strong relationships between home and school in order to support our children in reaching their full potential.

Thank you to all our families who joined us on our Meet and Greet evening! It was a wonderful opportunity to meet so many of our Parkview families. One way that we can continue to work together to ensure our children's success is by supporting the development of learning skills and work habits which are Responsibility, Organization, Independent Work, Collaboration, Initiative and Self Regulation. The development of learning skills and work habits begin at an early age and are often an indicator for future success.

We continue to promote global citizenship at Parkview. We do this by embedding character education in our school on a daily basis. Currently, our Culture and Compassion club are trying to give back to others through their "We Scare Hunger" campaign. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to a great year ahead! For more information on upcoming events please visit our school website at <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/parkview.ps/Pages/default.aspx>

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Vice-Principal

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SCHOOL DAY TIMES

8:25am

Entry Bell

8:30-10:30am

Learning Block

10:30-11:00am

Recess

11:00am-12:20pm

Learning Block

12:20-1:20pm

Lunch

1:20-3:00pm

Learning Block

3:00pm

Dismissal

A Message From Our School Council

On behalf of Parkview School Council, it was wonderful to see many familiar and new families at Parkview's recent Meet and Greet Evening on October 12. We hope that you felt welcome and had an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet his or her teacher(s)

School Councils have several objectives and one in particular as stated by the York Region District School Board is to "encourage the involvement of all members of the school community in support of student learning, achievement and well-being."

There are many School Council Sub-Committees that you can be part of to help our school if interested:

School Council Environment Committee

School Council Family Partnership Committee

School Council Fundraising Committee

School Council Grade 8 Committee

School Council Healthy Living Committee

School Council BBQ Committee

School Council Hot Lunch Committee

School Council Primary Play Structure

A Message From School Council (continued)

If you would like more information about any of these committees please contact me. Alternatively, if you have an idea for something you would like to see or do for our school community please let me know.

As a parent of two children at Parkview I'm excited about this year not only for my own children but all children at Parkview. We are very fortunate at our school to have dedicated and passionate teachers, wonderful caretakers and stellar office support administrative staff. With the addition this year of both our new Vice-Principal Ms. Osman and our Principal Ms. Anand it has only added to the positive spirit at our school. Go Parkview Panthers!

Thank you for your time and it would be my privilege to hear from you.

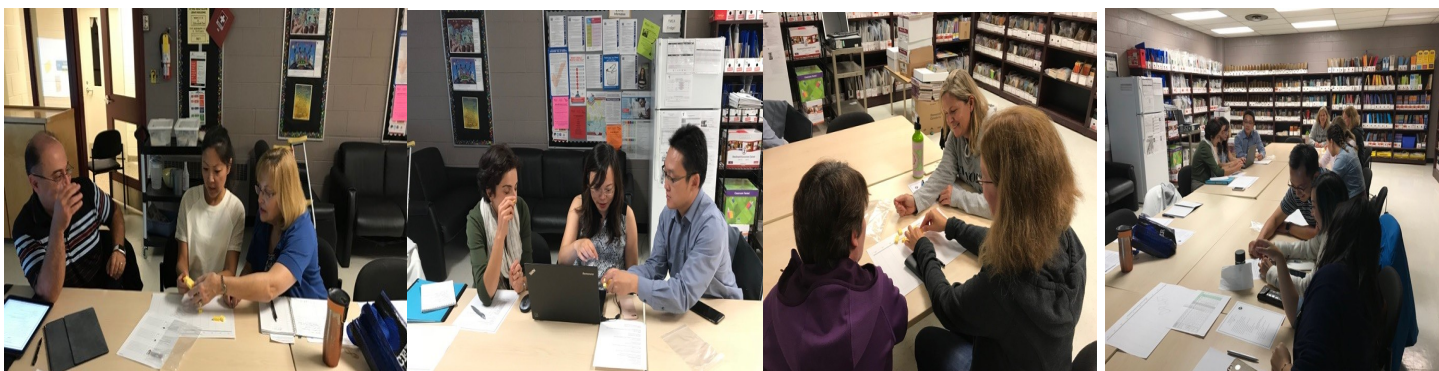
Regards,

Anoosh Sharif, Chair, Parkview School Council

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to our dedicated school council for all their commitment and support, you make Parkview a great place to be!



CURRICULUM CORNER

As the year continues, you may hear your children speaking about Learning Goals and Success Criteria. Learning Goals are brief statements based on the Ontario Curriculum that clearly identify what students are expected to know and do. Success Criteria allow students to understand what success 'looks like' and how to achieve it. Success Criteria allow students to monitor progress and assess their own work. Success criteria are used by teachers to provide students with descriptive feedback. It is important that our children are actively engaged in the learning process. You can support your child at home by talking about his/her learning. Some questions that you can ask your child are:

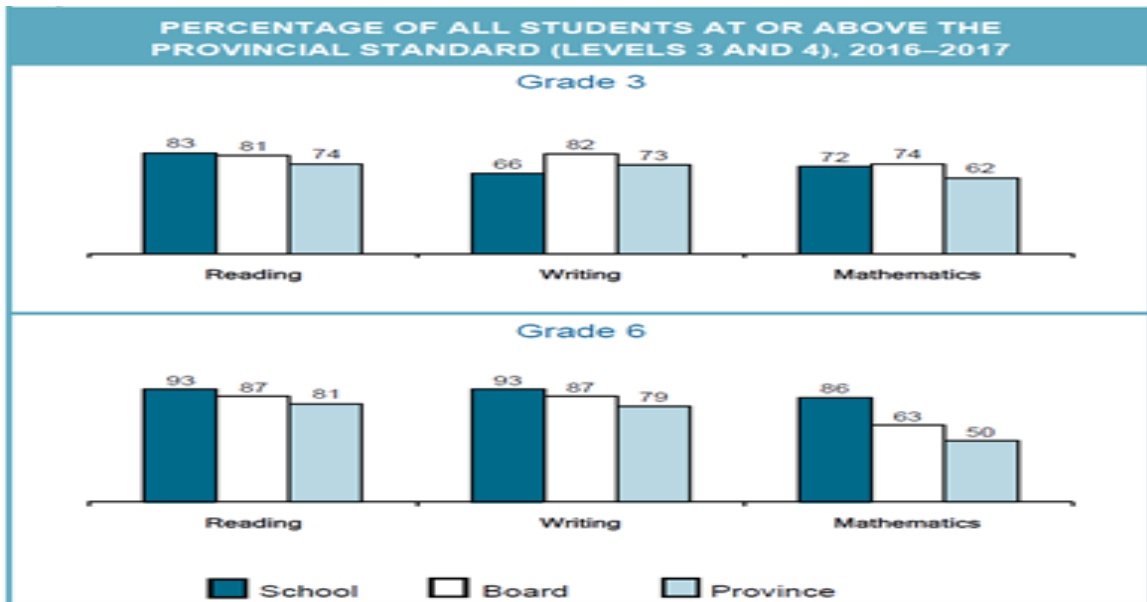
- What did you learn more about today?
- How did your new learning connect with what you already knew?
- What do you think you need to learn more about? Why?
- What did you do well?
- What success criteria did you use to improve your work?
- What are some next steps or goals that you need to set?

~Adapted from: Ontario Ministry Of Education~



EQAO

During the 2016-17 school year, our Grade 3 and 6 students from across Ontario participated in a provincial assessment of reading, writing, and mathematics. This assessment was conducted by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency whose mandate is to ensure greater accountability and help improve the quality of education by providing clear and timely information about student achievement in Ontario schools. Below is a summary of our school results:



EQUITY CORNER

Parkview students and staff celebrated Orange Shirt day in order to Recognize the resiliency and bravery of Residential School Survivors. October also marked Islamic Heritage Month, at school we shared weekly announcements in order to recognize the contributions made by Muslims to present day society. Our Culture and Compassion minister, Ehsha also took the lead in organizing our announcement for International Girls Day. Our Culture and Compassion Club is also organizing the 'We Scare For Hunger Campaign' at Parkview in order to collect non perishable food items to donate to Markham Food Bank. We are so proud of our Parkview students and staff for being change agents! Thank you Parkview staff for your dedication to equity & inclusive education!



ECO CORNER

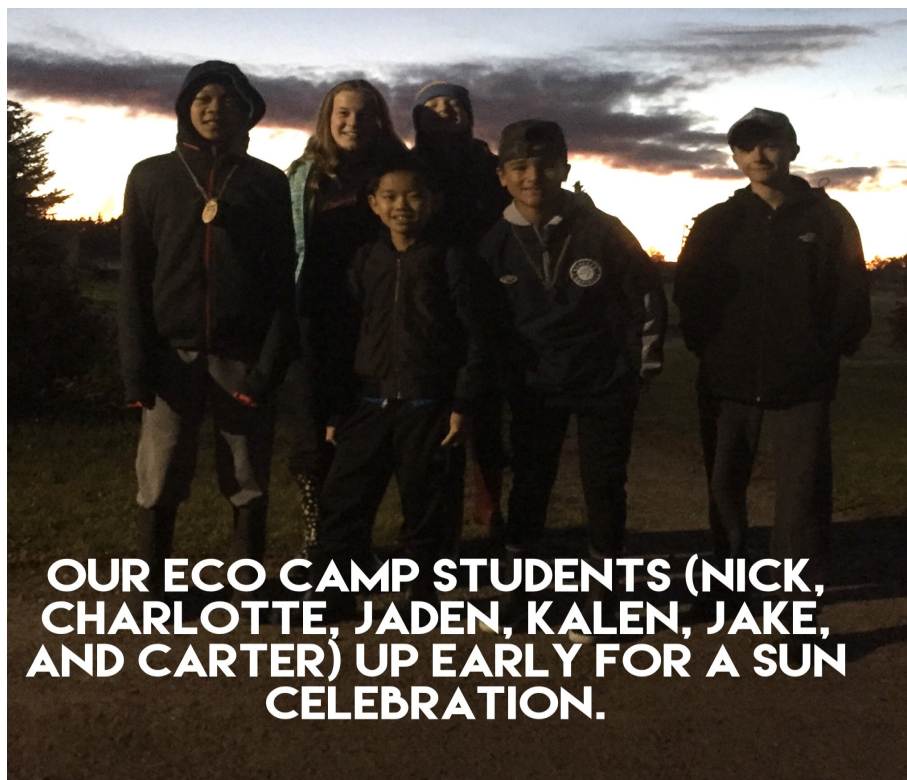


The Eco Cabinet is collecting empty 2-L pop bottles for an exciting project. There is a drop box in the front foyer for rinsed, empty bottles. Thank you!

ECO CAMP

At Eco Camp, we learned about the environment and how we can be leaders at our school with our ideas. We had four programs that we did over the span of three days. They were: Earth Matters, Go With The Flow, Leadership and Ephemeral Art. In the Earth Matters program, we learned how to identify plants and animal tracks and we learned how to heighten our senses when outdoors. When we did the Go With The Flow program, we walked down into the valley while reading *The Water Walkers* story. The true story of Nohkomis (Josephine Mandamin — the grandmother water walker) who walked around all the oceans in Canada trying to inspire others to respect nibi (water in Ojibwe). Later we got to go into the stream to explore the water. We looked at all the aspects of the stream including: animals, plants and the temperature. We then made a water filter and tested it on the water from the stream. The Leadership Program showed us how teamwork is the best way to get things done but a leader of the group is very effective. We first did an activity on low ropes called Four Ships Crossing. It helped us learn that in order for a leader to be successful, the leader needs a reliable team. Then we did a land skis activity, where we all had to work together to win a race! Then we did the Inuit Blanket where we would sit on a parachute blanket and be launched into the air. In the Ephemeral Art program we learned to create art with what is around us. Eco Camp helped us to become better all around eco leaders.

By: Carter



Learning to use our sense of hearing (top) and exploring the stream (bottom)

NEWS FROM OUR CABINET MINISTERS

Athletic Ministers

Do you like being active? Well, we are the Athletic cabinet ministers and we organize activity-based events for the students at our school. So far this year, we have helped out with:

- Primary Soccer
- Terry Fox Run and donations
- Colour House Run
- Cross Country

We are looking forward to collaborating with teachers on many other activities that will bring fun and exercise to their learning day, such as:

- Primary Dance
- Primary and Junior Floor Hockey

Stay active Parkview!

Your Parkview athletic cabinet ministers, Katie , Madeleine , Brendan , and Hudson

Eco Ministers

New year, new ministers. Our names are Kalen and Charlotte and we are your eco ministers with big ideas to make Parkview a more eco friendly school. Some of our initiatives are:

- Creating terrariums out of recycled 2L pop bottles (which we are collecting in the front foyer)
- Lights out lunches (LOL) everyday to conserve energy
- Grading garbage, recycling and green bin sorting per class

Thing we are going to do later this month...

- Silver garbage can award

We can't wait to put all of our ideas into action. Thank you for your continued support.

-Eco Team Ministers

AV Ministers

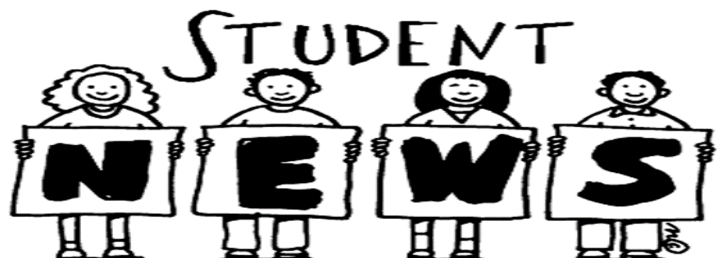
The Audio/Visual Cabinet ministers are Gwynneth and Thomas. The cabinet is responsible for taking pictures and videos of each Spirit Day and other events around Parkview. We will share these pictures with our school community very soon through videos that will be on display on our new monitor in the front foyer. Remember to smile when you see us with our cameras.

Culture of Compassion Ministers

We are Parkview's Culture of Compassion ministers. Culture of Compassion is a group that wants to make a difference globally and locally, and we want to start here at Parkview. One of the things we have been organizing is the "We Scare Hunger" food drive. "We Scare Hunger" is an initiative where we collect non-perishable food items and give it to those in our community who are in need. The food drive is going on until Halloween. Please help and support this cause by bringing in canned goods, pasta, condiments, and more. Next month in November we plan on supporting those men who face health crises. "Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for that one person" - Unknown

Sincerely Your Culture of Compassion Ministers

Johanna & Ehsha



NEWS FROM OUR CABINET MINISTERS

Social Ministers

Our cabinet takes the responsibility of delivering students' hot lunches to classes on Sushi Wednesdays and Pizza Fridays. Another part of our job is tallying points for spirit days. Each student at Parkview is in a colour house (one of our school colours) Black, White, Gray, or Red. Each month we have one spirit day for students and staff to participate in (near the end of the month). The spirit day for October is Halloween, or orange and black day. Parkview students are encouraged to wear their wacky, scary, or cute Halloween costumes to school! If students/staff do not want to wear a costume for Halloween, they can still show school spirit by wearing orange and/or black. In October, we will also have our intermediate (grade 7&8) Halloween dance! If the gym is not available in time, we might have a Halloween party in the library instead. At the end of November, we will have our sports themed spirit day! Students will be encouraged to wear sports clothing or jerseys to show school spirit!

Until next time,

Your social cabinet ministers,

Amelia and Maddy

Arts Ministers

Hi, we're the Arts Cabinet ministers, Alena and Cheryl. In Arts Cabinet we decorate the spirit board every month, we do banners and posters for other cabinets such as Culture of Compassion, and we make the school a brighter and more colourful place. The teacher in charge of Arts Cabinet is Ms. Nakada. We also help teachers decorate their classrooms. Lately, we have been working on many projects, including:

- 3 banners (2 for the Terry Fox run and 1 for "We Scare Hunger")
- Decorated a big box for the "We Scare Hunger" food drive
- 2 posters for Treats Sales
- Decorated a teacher's board for "Meet and Greet" night



PRIMARY SOCCER LEAGUE

Primary Soccer House League Comments

Athletic Ministers:

"Watching the kids have fun and being active is what we love about helping run Primary soccer. It gives us the opportunity to take leadership and responsibility in the Parkview community. We learned about the kids, and they learned about us as we developed friendships during the games."

Here are some comments from the Primary students who came out to play soccer:

"I liked playing with the bigger kids, because it makes the game harder."

"I liked being goalie and player, and scoring goals."

"I liked playing with my friends and running around."

"I liked going on the big field and playing my favourite sport."

HALLOWEEN

Each year, many of our students celebrate the tradition of Halloween. Students celebrating this occasion in costume at our school must comply with the Safe School's policy. Costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are not in compliance with York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0. Please DO NOT send these accessories to school with your child. Please note that this policy applies to all students at all levels, including Kindergarten. Our Social Cabinet has also organized a Spirit Day for October 31st, students are encouraged to wear orange or black or a costume. Please do not send masks or any food to school, this will ensure student safety. Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to having a safe and enjoyable Halloween!

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Here are some helpful tips from York Regional Police and Health Canada to keep in mind as your children head out to trick or treat:

- Parents should know the route that older children are going to take
- Tell your children to stay in a group, walk slowly and communicate where they are going
- Wear reflective clothing or reflective stripes on dark costumes
- Don't wear masks that can restrict vision. Face make up is a better choice
- Carry a cell phone in the event of an emergency
- Children should remain on well-lit streets and always use sidewalks
- Remind kids to never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat
- Throw out any treats that are not wrapped, those in torn or loose packages, or any that have small holes in the wrappers
- Discard homemade candy or baked goods



CROSS COUNTRY

Thirty one students participated from Parkview competed at the Cross Country meet. We are so proud of all of our Parkview Panthers! They represented us so well! Emily placed 7th, Nathan placed 5th, Connor placed 10th, Nyema placed 5th, Peter placed 11th. The junior boys team: Nathan, Connor, Justin, Casper, Ryan and Cameron finished in 3rd place and the senior boys team: Peter, Mason, Hudson, Malychai and Ryan finished 2nd in the region. Congratulations Panthers! A special thanks to Mr. McCammon, Ms. Yeung, Ms. Kruchak, and Mr. Hewson for coaching the junior and intermediate teams.



PARKVIEW'S PAL PORCH

The Pal Porch is an improvisation of the Buddy Bench (see Youtube). During recess, any student that is looking for a pal/buddy is welcome to sit on the porch of Portable Two and signal that he/she is looking for someone to spend time with or get to know. The porch will be available any time, during any recess. The purpose of the porch is a visual signal that a student is open to playing with a new person or looking to spend time with a person he/she already knows. Therefore, the main notion is that the porch offers/creates a more inclusive recess experience for each Parkview student. Thank you to our grade 6 students and Ms. Kemp for taking the lead with this!



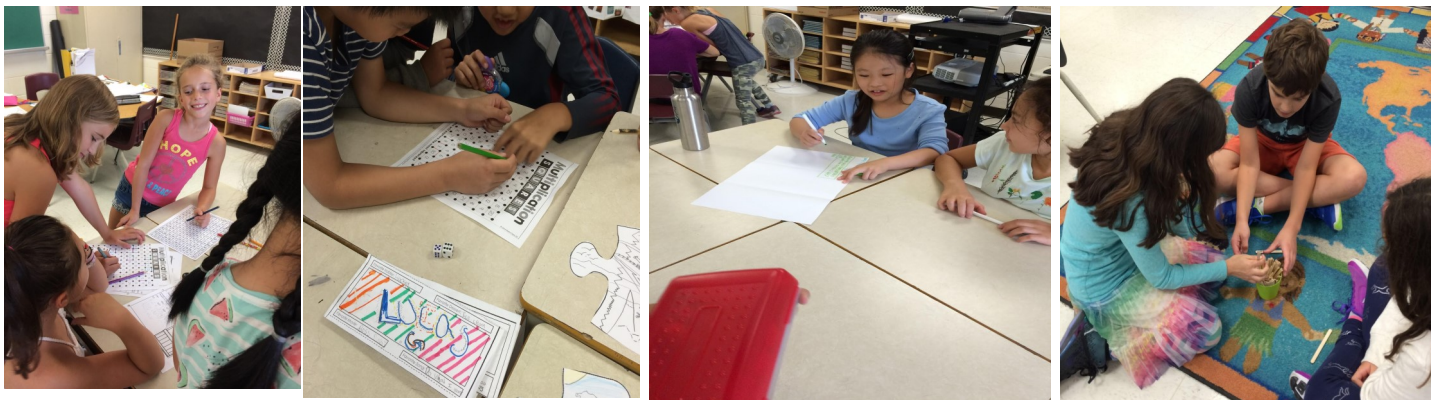
MEET & GREET

It was wonderful to see our Parkview families at our Meet & Greet! Thank you to Ms. Vikse for organizing the book fair and to our community for supporting this fundraising event! Thank you to the entire Parkview staff for organizing an informative evening!



ENGAGED IN LEARNING AT PARKVIEW

Grade 4 Panthers —Building math Fact Fluency with Games



Kindergarten– Learning about Fall in Ms. Nakada & Ms. Soda's classroom



Sensory Bin Exploration



Sorting & Patterning with Loose Parts



Pumpkin Provocation



Kindergarten Diversity Tree

This is our classroom tree where we value a welcoming and an inclusive learning environment. Each apple represents the diverse interests and talents each child brings into our class. Ms. Chau & Ms. Awais



One warm fall afternoon Mrs. Shim and Mrs.Thakur's class decided to go on a nature walk to investigate signs of Fall. We loved this beautiful tree because of all of the fall colours. The tree inspired us to to collect some nature. We collected colourful leaves, pine cones, pine needles, seeds and sticks. After reading the book "Leaf Man" by Lois Eh-lert, we created our own nature inspired art!



TERRY FOX WALK

We had a very successful Terry Fox Run on Friday, October 6, 2017. Leading to the run, we had daily trivia questions about Terry Fox for all classes to answer, daily quotes connected to Terry Fox, and a whole school math challenge focusing on how far Terry Fox ran during his Marathon of Hope. Last year, we collected just over \$1000 so we established a goal of \$3000 this year. Mr. Hewson even challenged the school to raise over \$5000 and if they did he would fulfill a challenge decided by the class who raised the most money. As a school, we raised \$4892.00 - an incredible total - well done, Parkview! Mr. Hewson has even decided to follow through and will be growing his beard until the end of December and is not allowed to shave it until then! Thank you to our community for their support in continuing to ensure that Terry Fox's Dream towards finding a cure for cancer continues.



INDOOR SHOES

Please make sure your child has a pair of indoor shoes for school. With wet and slushy weather, outdoor shoes track in mud into the hallways and classrooms. If the students are able to change into indoor shoes when they are in the building it will contribute to a cleaner school environment for us all.



COLD WEATHER

Although our weather isn't too cold right now, we know that the cold weather is fast approaching. That being said, it is important that children dress warmly to maintain their comfort when the weather is cold. Let us bundle up to keep warm!

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather is not affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.

Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home, picked up by parents/guardians at 3:05 pm..**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information.

RADIO

590 AM 640 AM 680 AM 860 AM 1010 AM 1050 AM
1540 AM 1580 AM
88.5 FM 89.9 FM 92.5 FM 93.1 FM 94.9 FM
95.9 FM 97.3 FM 98.1 FM 99.1 FM 99.9 FM
101.1 FM 102.1 FM 104.5 FM 100.7 FM 107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CFTO TV CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB on twitter.

Please note that school bus charters will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled.

