

## *Silver Pines PS Contact Information*

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### Upcoming Dates

June 5 – 8 – Grade 3 EQAO

June 6 – Area Track and Field

**June 7 – End of Year BBQ 5:30pm**

June 7 – 8 – Scientists in School (Grade 1)

June 8 – Grade 7 Field Trip – RHHS Musical

June 9 – Volunteer Tea 11:00am

June 12 – School Council Meeting 6:45pm

### End of Year School BBQ Celebration - June 7<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 – 7:30pm.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our End of Year BBQ on Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 7:30pm. We are very excited for you to join us as we enjoy some great food, make connections with one another and play exciting games and activities. There will be raffle prizes for all students who attend and a **Surprise Grand Prize** from our School Council!!!

Please note that BBQ food items are pre-ordered. There will be no BBQ items sold at the event, however, there will be snacks and treats for sale.

### Early Release – June 30<sup>th</sup>

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Friday, June 30, 2023**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Friday, June 30, 2023 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:30AM**. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

**Library Books** are due back to school on **June 13<sup>th</sup>**. All students and families are asked to return any borrowed materials from our school library by this date.

### **EQAO Continues for Grade 3s**

Students will be taking part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1–3) or Junior Division (Grades 4–6). These assessments, developed by Ontario teachers and assessment experts, are administered to all Grade 3 and Grade 6 students in Ontario’s publicly funded school system by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO).

#### **At Silver Pines:**

**Grade 3’s will be writing EQAO week of June 5 - June 9, 2023**

**As consistent attendance is necessary. We kindly advise NOT to book any appointments or events during scheduled EQAO writing times.**

Each assessment includes a language and mathematics component, along with a student questionnaire. During the assessment, students will complete four language sessions that range from 15 to 35 minutes each and four mathematics stages that each take about 30 minutes to complete. Each session or stage will be completed in one continuous sitting, and the sessions and stages may be administered throughout the administration dates.

Students will have the opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions on the online assessment and its platform through EQAO’s online sample test.

EQAO assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in *The Ontario Curriculum* for reading, writing and mathematics, which are what teachers teach in the classroom every day. Therefore, your child does not need to prepare in any special way. Students will complete the assessment in their regular classrooms with their current teachers and are simply encouraged to do their best and show what they know.

In the fall, EQAO will share individual reports for all our students. Your child’s results are private and will give you an indication of their achievement in relation to Ontario’s provincial standard. The standard, or Level 3, represents the range from B– to B+. Meeting the standard means your child has a solid grasp of the required knowledge and skills, which is a good indication that they will be ready for the next grade. The results of the assessment do not affect your child’s grades or report card in any way.

For more information about EQAO and to view a sample test, visit EQAO’s website, [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or your child’s teacher.

Georgia Petinarelis Vice principal, 905-737-9898 ext.502



## PARENTING STRATEGIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER BREAK!

Let's talk about it!

Kids don't come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to-understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

**June 13, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**We welcome parents, guardians, caregivers and  
community members to attend this virtual session!**

This session will focus on how to ensure a safe and engaging environment for children with strategies to:

- how parents may get “trapped” in escalations and power struggles;
- understanding various traps ways to avoid these traps and develop age appropriate and do-able strategies; and
- how parents can have a successful, stress free summer break

**Facilitator:** Uma Bhatt, R.S.W. York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families



**Register Today!**

This free parent presentation is brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

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## **Indigenous History Month**

In June, and beyond, we celebrate the brilliance, joy and significant contributions Indigenous Peoples of Canada have made and it is a perfect time to reflect upon the long relationship between the many different Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island and Canadians throughout history