

Silver Pines Parent **POST**

October 4 – 18th 2013



Calendar Events – Important Dates

October 7	School Council Meeting
October 11	P.A. Day—No School
October 16-17	GROW Interactive Learning Program
October 24-25	Photo Days
Oct. 28	Gr. 7 Hep B Immunization & Gr. 8 Human Papillomavirus (HPV) female Immunization
Oct. 30	Photo Retake Day
Nov. 14-15	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Nov. 15	P.A. Day—No School
Nov. 25-29	Scholastic Book Fair
Nov.29	Gr.8 Human Papillomavirus (HPV) female Immunization
Dec. 20	P.A. Day—No School

School Council 2013-2014 Meeting Dates: Upcoming

October 7, 2013 (Election of new council)

November 4, 2013

December 2, 2013

Please see monthly calendar posted on school's website for more information

Admin Message

What an incredible week it has been! We had a great BBQ/Curriculum evening full of great food from Fire it Up BBQ, music and dance courtesy of Bounce Entertainment and a lot of informative dialogue about curriculum and the year at a glance! Having our community police officer there and Crimestoppers helped highlight Safety Week and the important safety messages that we share with students on an ongoing basis. Thank you to our community partners for their support.

A big thank you shout out goes out to our School Council volunteers for organizing the BBQ! Your hard work and dedication is appreciated by all! Having some of our graduates come back to earn community volunteer hours by supporting the event was great as well! Thank you grade 9's!

Our sincere thanks also goes out to our wonderful staff: caretaking team, office support, EAs, DECEs and teachers for all your support in making the evening a great success. We all enjoyed chatting and connecting with you and getting to know you better. We are a team and together we can have great impact on our students' social, emotional and academic success. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Best Regards,

Aneta Fishman

Sherry Zarif

Principal

Vice Principal

BE A LEADER~BE A LEARNER~HAVE A VOICE~HAVE FUN!

Intramural Sports Program

Coming Soon!

Stay Tuned For More Information!

An intramural sports program for students (grades 6-8) interested in playing sports in a less competitive environment while learning about cooperative play, team work and fair play.



Sports will include volleyball, basketball, dodge ball and other sports. It's a great way to get involved in our school community and have some fun too!

Walking To School Safely

This is a good time for parents to remind their children about pedestrian safety. York Regional Police has provided the following safety tips on their website to help keep students safe on their way to and from school:

- * Walk on available sidewalks
- * Always cross at intersections
- * Obey crossing guards
- * Stop before stepping into roadway
- * Be visible and indicate crossing intentions
- * Look and listen for traffic in all directions
- * Make eye contact with drivers
- * Cross safely when the roadway is clear
- * Walk. Do not run or cycle across roads
- * If possible use the buddy system



For more information, visit www.yrp.ca



Terry Fox Walk

On Friday, September 27th students in all grades went on a community walk in honour of Terry Fox, a Canadian that embarked on a cross-Canada run in 1980 after he was diagnosed with cancer. The Terry Fox Foundation was created after Terry was forced to stop his run in Thunder Bay, Ontario. It's goal is to provide funding for cancer research. The Silver Pines community has done an exceptional job supporting this worthwhile cause by raising \$2,360.50 this year. Way to go Silver Pines!

Halloween

Under the Province Safe School legislation, students may not bring toy replicas or other items resembling guns, knives or any other weapons, as accessories to their Halloween costumes. Such items may cause unnecessary fear, anxiety and misunderstanding and must be kept away from the school. In addition, staff will remind students that they cannot bring to school any toy costume accessories, including fake blood, as part of their Halloween costume.

This applies to all students at all levels, including Kindergarten. Please note that while the celebration of "Halloween" is not part of Ontario Curriculum, some classes may choose to weave Halloween celebrations and/or traditions as part of the daily work and curriculum expectations for specific grades. Individual teachers may send notes home to inform you of expectations and / or options for wearing a costume. Please do not send your child to school in a costume in the morning. If wearing a costume is part of what the teacher decides to do with their class, they will inform you. Regular instruction and programming will continue as we take extra care to be inclusive in our practice at school and to ensure that everyone feels safe as per Board policy and protocol. If you have any concerns / questions, please don't hesitate to let your child's teacher know.

In addition, following Halloween, please refrain from having your children bring candies to school. Aside from the candies not being a healthy snack choice, they also may contain nuts, peanuts or other allergens. Please check the snack ingredients carefully if you choose to send it to school with your child. Thank you for your understanding. As always, if you have questions, please contact your child's teacher or a member of the administration at the school.

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Literacy Links

BOOKS



A Descriptive Paragraph by: Arielle K. Gr.6

"Books are like people. Some are happy, some are sad, some are excited or bored. All books have different personalities. I love books. If I find a good one, I go ecstatic. Everybody likes to read different kinds of books and every book likes to be read by different kinds of people. Not only are books interesting to read voluntarily, but they play an important part in learning necessary facts in school and in your daily life. As I said before, books are fun to read for the enjoyment. Not everybody is big into reading, but I am! Being a reader, I know every book, big or small, interesting or not, can help you in some way. Whether it's to learn something or to simply pass the time, books are an outstanding invention. And ask yourself this, " If we didn't have the wisdom, information, and entertainment books provided us with, where would we be today? "

Imagine a world without the stigma of learning disabilities.....If we can imagine it, we can do it!

October is **Learning Disabilities Month**. While some parents believe that learning disabilities (LDs) are a school issue, the reality is that living with an LD may have an ongoing impact on a child's friendships, school, work, self-esteem and daily life. Statistic Canada reports that 3.2% of Canadian children have a learning disability and that more children in this country have a learning disability than all other types of disabilities combined. Students with learning disabilities can succeed when solid coping skills and strategies are developed. Students with LDs are intelligent and have abilities to learn despite difficulties in processing information. Difficulties in processing information can affect the way in which a student takes in, remembers, understands and expresses information. Learning disabilities can affect a person's ability in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, writing and mathematics.

Our classrooms and staff work to assist students in maximizing their strengths while overcoming their disabilities. However misperceptions about LDs can foster barriers between people. Together we can bring them down. If your child is experiencing challenges or is diagnosed with a learning disability, please contact your child's teacher, our amazing Special Education Team or school administration, to discuss ways to partner together to support your child.

Primary Special Education Resource Teacher – Katherine Laco

Junior Special Education Resource Teacher – Jennifer Arro

Intermediate Special Education Resource Teacher – Christina Sarich

Special Education Resource Teacher – Heather Elson

Recommended resources:

For information, community and parent programs and much more:
<http://www.ldayr.org>

LD Online, the world's leading website on LD and ADHD:

<http://www.ldonline.org>

A Gentle Reminder

At Silver Pines, we embrace our wonderful Canadian weather! All students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 are expected to go out for every recess unless the Principal/Vice Principal decides that weather conditions are so poor that it would be detrimental for them to be outdoors. Students are to come to school ready for the weather and prepared to be outdoors for up to 40 minutes at a time. We always monitor the weather and, in extreme conditions e.g. wind chill and storm conditions, we keep the students indoors or shorten the recess breaks.

We often receive requests from parents asking us to keep their children indoors during recess times because they are not feeling well. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff or facilities to supervise students who are sick or still recovering from an illness. Students with heavy colds, etc., which are serious enough to prevent them from participating in physical education, recesses or other outdoor activities, should remain at home until their condition improves. This will likely benefit the students concerned and prevent the spread of their illness to others.

As we approach the winter season, please make sure that your children are dressed properly for our invigorating winter days. It is advisable for students to bring extra pants and socks. A change is often necessary due to the wet and cold weather of the winter months. An indoor pair of shoes is recommended as well. To avoid adding to our clothing collection in the Lost and Found, please be sure to label all articles of clothing. Boots, hats, mitts/gloves, and snow pants for the younger children will help make recess an enjoyable time.

