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Upcoming Dates

April 13 - Passover

April 14 - Vaisakhi

April 15 - 16 - Tribal Dance Vision Presentation – see info below

April 17 - Spring Dance-a-Thon

April 18 - Good Friday – No School

April 20 - Ridvan

April 21 - Easter Monday – No School

April 22 - Earth Day

April 22 - Junior Boys Basketball Tournament

April 23 - Family Fun and Wellness Night – New Date

April 24 - Earth Rangers Assembly – see info below

April 28 - Federal Election – Polling Station at Silver Pines

April 29 - Junior Girls Basketball Tournament



PASSOVER – APRIL 13 – 20

Passover, also known as Pesach, is the eight-day Jewish Festival that commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Passover observances include avoiding leaven and are highlighted by the Seder meals that include four cups of wine, eating matzah and bitter herbs, and the most important aspect of Passover, the teaching of the story of the Exodus to our children. Passover begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the eighth day. Passover is celebrated by many Jews across all denominations because it is so essentially and uniquely a family holiday. Wishing all of our students, families and staff celebrating a Happy Passover. Chag Sameach!



VAISAKHI - APRIL 14

For Sikhs, Vaisakhi celebrates the birth of the Panth Khalsa order (the Order of the Pure Ones) established by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699. Vaisakhi is celebrated in April every year. Vaisakhi is celebrated in different parts of India and all around the world.



SPRING DANCE-A-THON - THURSDAY APRIL 17

We are very excited to have our students participate in our Spring Dance a-Thon. We will have snacks for sale for \$1 and \$2. Students are invited to dress in **tie-dye/colourful** clothes for Autism Acceptance Month.



FAMILY FUN AND WELLNESS NIGHT – NEW DATE – WEDNESDAY APRIL 23

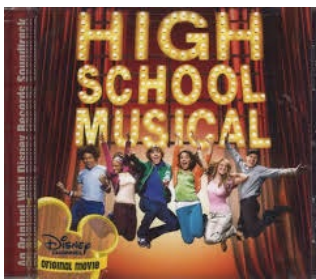
Don't Miss Out on the Fun!

Silver Pines PS is excited to invite you to our **Family Fun and Wellness Night** on **Wednesday April 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** It will be an evening packed with excitement and learning!

What's in Store?

- **Community Partner Booths**
- **Wellness & Mental Health Tips & Info**
- **Activity Rooms**
- **Inspiring Guest Speaker:** Youth Speak about ***Understanding Youth Mental Health.***
- **Raffle Prizes:** You will have a chance to win **Blue Jays tickets, gift cards, and movie passes.**

Bring your family and friends, and let's make unforgettable memories together!



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL – WEDNESDAY MAY 14

Disney's High School Musical Jr. is playing at Silver Pines on **Wednesday on May 14th 2025!** There will be only **ONE** performances for families at 7 p.m.

The fun-filled 60-minute musical, designed for middle school-aged performers, is based on the 2006 Disney Channel Original Movie and the subsequent National Tour. Our Grade 6-8 cast and crew includes more than 40 students led by a team of dedicated staff members.

Tickets will be available for \$2.00 each

Before each performance, we will also be having a special VIP seating draw! Purchase your VIP tickets at the show for an additional \$2.00 each. If your ticket is drawn, you will have access to

front row comfortable couch seats to watch the show!
Refreshments will also be on sale.

TRIBAL DANCE VISION PRESENTATION - APRIL 15 - 16

On April 15 and 16 we are excited to welcome Tribal Dance Vision to Silver Pines Public School! Students will explore First Nations history and traditions in Tribal Vision's high-energy performance! The artist will explain the history and significance of their dances and illustrate the cultural experience of First Nations peoples in Canada. This show is an introduction to the powwow culture of North American Indigenous people. Students will also join the artists for an interactive Q&A to learn more about their regalia, dances, and First Nations history.

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER (Friday April 18)

Good Friday is the Friday preceding Easter Sunday. For Christians, Easter is the most joyful celebration of the church year. Christians all over the world honour the resurrection of Jesus from the dead on Easter Sunday. Western rite Christians observe Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon that falls on or after March 21. Eastern Orthodox Christians celebrate it on the first Sunday after both the Spring Equinox and Jewish Passover. We extend good wishes and a Happy Easter to all staff, students and members of the Christian community who will be celebrating Easter.

RIDVAN – APRIL 20 – MAY 2

The Festival of Ridván (pronounced Riz-wan) commemorates the anniversary of the declaration of Bahá'u'lláh of His prophetic mission to his followers in 1863, proclaiming His identity as the promised Manifestation of God. This is a sacred and celebratory time, and Bahá'ís and their friends come together to remember the life and teachings of Bahá'u'lláh and find ways to serve their community. We extend good wishes to all staff, students and members of the Baha'i community who will be celebrating Ridvan.

EARTH RANGERS ASSEMBLY – APRIL 24

We will be having an Earth Rangers Assembly on Thursday April 24 for Kindergarten to Grade 6 students. The assembly will include an exciting "choose your own adventure" journey that showcases the vital roles of science in protecting animals and the environment. The Earth Rangers team will dive into the importance of species conservation and how our everyday actions can significantly impact Earth's biodiversity.

The assembly presentation will include the following:

- An immersive HD multimedia experience
- Live animals demonstrating their incredible natural behaviors
- Interactive components, including a fun trivia game to get students engaged
- Educational content linked to the curriculum

EQAO MATH WEBINAR - APRIL 29 - for Parents and Guardians

Join us for a free live webinar where EQAO staff will discuss math questions that Ontario students encounter when they participate in Ontario's large-scale assessments. These assessments are taken by all Ontario students in Grades 3, 6 and 9. During the webinar, EQAO staff will show how these math questions help assess the skills students are learning in their math classes. Staff will also share valuable insights from the past three years of assessment results, which can help parents and guardians support their children's math learning.

[Register](#)

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART – MAY 2

Our school is excited to participate in Jump Rope for Heart this year! Our students will discover fun ways to get active, practice healthy habits and learn about helping others while raising money to beat heart disease and stroke. Our Event Day is set for May 2nd. Please see the [Registration Guide](#) to learn more about how you can support.

SUMMER INSTITUTE 2025

Summer institute programs and learning opportunities are offered weekly to YRDSB students from June 30 to August 8. Please see link below for more information and registration.

[Summer Institute 2025 – Contact and Bursary Information](#)

GRADE 8 GRAD WEAR!

Grade 8 Grad Hoodies and T-shirts are now available for purchase. Please visit the following link for ordering information:

https://stores.inksoft.com/silver_pines_grads/shop/home

CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL

A reminder about the use of cell phones in school. Cell phones and other personal communication devices are to be turned off and kept out of sight during instructional time, unless otherwise permitted by the teacher for instructional purposes. Cell phones are not allowed outside at recess, lunch or anytime in hallways or washrooms. If students need to contact parents, they are expected to do so through the office with the permission of their teacher. Students should not be texting at school, taking photos of any kind, or going on social media. Failure to abide by this may result in confiscation of the electronic device. Please speak to your child about this at home and help us keep our school safe. Should you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the office.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP - PARKING IN THE FIRE ZONE

Please note that parking is not permitted in the Bus Zone/Fire Zone in the front.

Cars may be ticketed by the city. Please use the parking spaces in front of the school to park your car before coming into the office. You can also park on the street if there are no parking spaces in front of the school. Never leave your car parked, idling or unattended especially with children inside! Drive slowly, be aware of your surroundings, obey the road rules, crosswalks and speed limits.

As always, the safety of our students is our top priority. Please give yourself enough time and be patient with other drivers and our staff.

END OF DAY – EARLY PICK-UPS

Though we encourage families to make appointments and other engagements outside of our school hours, we understand that sometimes this is not possible. To limit disruptions to end of day routines in classrooms, we ask that any early pick-ups be **completed by 2:30pm**. The last 30min of the school day is a busy time for students and staff who are engaged in many end of day activities, and we would like to limit any additional disruptions to the learning of all of our students during this time. As always, please try to inform the office **and** your child's teacher by email/Edsby ahead of time.

FAMILIES PLANNING TO MOVE - students not returning in September

As we begin our planning for the 2025-2026 school year, we kindly ask you to inform the school office if your family has plans to move over the summer, or if your children will not be returning in September for any reason. This information helps us to ensure a smooth transition for all students and to make necessary staffing arrangements for the upcoming academic year.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps us in planning effectively for the new school year. Thank you for your support.

SNACK SHACK

Our Snack Shack is open every Tuesday!

PIZZA DAY

Please note that our School Council will be selling any extra pizza slices to students for \$3.00 (one slice) and \$5.00 (two slices) every Friday. We will only have a limited amount so it will be on a first come first serve bases.

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

We are excited to bring back SPPS Spirit Wear. Please use the link below or scan the QR Code to place your order

https://stores.inksoft.com/silver_pines_public_school/shop/home