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Upcoming Dates

April 21 – Eid-ul-Fitr

April 24 – Student Survey Opens

April 24 – Jr. Girls Basketball Tournament

April 25 – Jr. Boys Basketball Tournament

April 25 – School Clean Up Day

April 26 – Parent Engagement Event – 6:30pm

Celebrations

To all those who celebrate [Eid-ul-Fitr](#), we would like to wish you and your families a very safe and happy celebration. To help deepen our understanding, and to honour YRDSB's Diamond Days, please see this [Eid-ul-Fitr video](#).

To all those who celebrate [Ridvan](#), we would like to wish you and your families a very happy celebration. To help deepen our understanding, and to honour YRDSB's Diamond Days, please see this [Ridvan video](#).

Dress code

The student dress code supports respect for the learning environment. Respect for self and others is evident when students dress in a suitable and proper manner for all school activities. Indoor shoes are required for all students, and appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoors should be provided according to the weather conditions.

Also clothing that portrays the following is NOT permitted:

- clothing that reveal undergarments
- short shorts, short tops, low riding pants, see through clothing
- alcohol, tobacco or harmful substances or products through symbols or mascots;
- profanity or sexually explicit words or pictures (implied or obvious);
- pictures, symbols or words that directly demean the ethnicity, race, culture, religion, national origin, gender or disability of an individual or group;
- overt symbols or references to gangs or gang language.

Students who do not comply with the Dress Code will:

- be reminded by a staff member and referred to the office if needed;
- have parents contacted to arrange to have appropriate clothing brought to school and/or be sent home to change;
- be provided with an appropriate clothing item by a school staff member if parents/guardians are unable to be contacted.

Being Prepared for School

In efforts to reduce traffic in and out of our school, we are asking parents to **not drop-off items to the office**. This is a great exercise in organization for students to practice coming prepared to school every day (remember your lunch, agenda, homework and library books!) It is also a good habit to check the weather in the morning and dress children appropriately (dress in layers)!

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 to 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. Thank you for your cooperation!



We will be inviting all students in Grades 4-12 and students in Grades K-3 to participate in the 2022-23 Every Student Counts Survey beginning April 24. Surveys will be available online and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

The surveys will provide the Board and our schools with valuable information about the learning experiences of students and families this year that are used to inform Board and school planning and to support student achievement and well-being.

Students in Grades 4-12 will be given class time to complete the survey at schools.

Students in Grades K-3 are encouraged to complete the survey at home with their family.

As our first partners in education, we value input from families and encourage parents/guardians to complete the survey. The information provided will be confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation.

Please contact Research Services at research.services@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions or visit the Board website to learn more.

April is Autism Acceptance Month

We believe that autism acceptance is a year round adventure!
This month is a perfect time to get started learning more about autism and neurodiversity.



Monday - Satoshi Tajiri, the creator of Pokemon is autistic. To celebrate his work, dress up as your favourite Pokemon character, or create your own!

Tuesday - Love and acceptance go a long way! Wear red to show support and acceptance of Autistic individuals

Wednesday - One characteristic of autism is to show incredibly focused passion for topics of interest. Dress up to show something that you love!

Thursday - To celebrate the beauty in the diverse spectrum of the human mind, wear a variety of colors of tie-dyed clothes to school.

Friday - Autistic people often have a variety of sensory sensitivities. Dress up in your most comfortable clothes today (PJs acceptable).

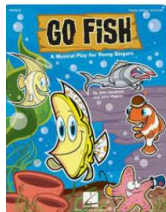


Save the Date! Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Our Grades One to Four (including the 4/5 class) will be performing in the musical "Go Fish".

"Go Fish" is a story of friendship, told by a cast of characters played by some of our Grade Three and Four students. Our classes will be singing songs throughout the show to move our story along.

We hope to see you then!



Silver Pines 'Go Fish' team



Summer Programs

The York Region District School Board is pleased to offer a variety of summer learning programs for elementary students in summer 2023.

[Camp Black Brilliance](#) is available to children of Black families who are entering Junior or Senior Kindergarten in September 2023.

[Elementary Summer School](#) is available for students in Grades 6, 7 and 8. This program is designed to reinforce the curriculum.

[Summer Reach Ahead](#) is available for students in Grade 8. This program provides an opportunity for students to earn a high school credit.

[Summer Institute](#) is for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8. The program includes academics, recreational and athletic activities.

[Tutoring Support Programs through Community Partners](#) (depending upon Ministry funding)

Parent Workshop:

Building an Understanding of Anti-Black Islamophobia (see attachment for details)