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Upcoming Dates

May 11 – Dental Screening

May 17 – **Go Fish Musical**

May 19 – School Track and Field Day (Grade 4 – 8)

Thank you so much Silver Pines families

Thank you to all families and students who came to see D.O. Gibson on Thursday night! He taught us to stand up for ourselves and others and we learned so much about believing in ourselves to reach our goals! Thank you to our AMAZING tech team who helped out!



Asian South Asian Heritage Month Celebration

As May approaches, the YRDSB takes pride in recognizing Asian and South Asian Heritage month. This month provides a vital opportunity to explore, understand and affirm the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories of Canadians of Asian and South Asian descent.

Autism Awareness Month

To celebrate the work of Satoshi Tajiri, (the creator of Pokémon who is autistic) & to bring acceptance during autism awareness month, we dressed up as our own Pokémon characters.



Children's Mental Health Week



May 1-5, 2023 is children's mental health week. Click on the image to access the YRDSB's Toolkit, where you will find resources and workshops.

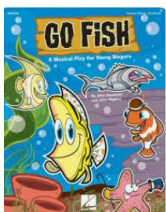
Save the Date! Go Fish Musical!

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!



Class Placements for 2023/2024

In the upcoming months, our teaching staff will begin organizing classes for the next academic year. A great deal of time, consideration and staff collaboration goes into placing students in balanced and positive learning environments. Please see attachment for more information.

Are You Moving?



Just a reminder if you will be **moving out** of the Silver Pines PS area by September 2023, please let us know as soon as possible. We are currently projecting our student enrolment and these numbers help us sufficiently plan for the next school year!

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.**

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;

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!

2023 Summer Learning Programs Available

During the month of July, YRDSB continues to offer credit and non-credit summer school program opportunities for elementary, secondary and adult students.

Registration is now open for the following programs:

Elementary Credit and Non-Credit Programs:

1. Camp Black Brilliance (for Black Families entering JK or SK)
2. Summer Institute (K-8)
3. Elementary Summer School (Grades 6-8 non-credit reinforcement)
4. Grade 8 Reach Ahead (credit)

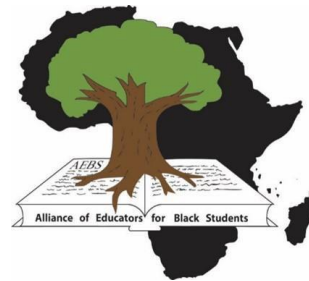
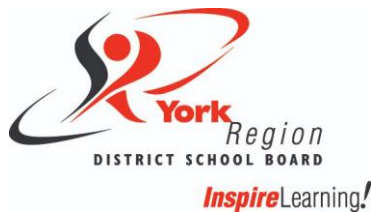
Secondary Credit Programs:

1. In-Person Learning
2. Online Learning

Adult Learning Programs:

1. Adult Literacy and Basic Skills
2. English as a Second Language
3. Citizenship Classes
4. Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada

For more information about summer learning programs and registration please visit www.yrdsb.ca and follow us on Twitter @YRDSB.



**Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS)
invites you to**

Family Engagement Conference 2023: Creating Dynamic Futures

Please join us to learn about mental health, special education, and ways to navigate the education system with appearances from children's authors Amaya James and Erica London.

Keynote Speaker: Dwayne Morgan

When:

Saturday, May 13, 2023

10:30am - 2:30pm

Light refreshments will be served

Where:

Richmond Green High School
1 William F. Bell Pkwy in Richmond Hill

Register Now !

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