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Upcoming Dates

February 17 - Family Day – No School

February 18 - 21 – Swan Lake – Grade 2 and Grade 4

February 18 - 21 - ART Career Fair

Week of February 18 – Term 1 Report Cards Distributed Electronically

February 21 - Intermediate Boys Basketball Tournament

February 26 - **Pink Shirt Day**

February 26 - Winter Concert Grade 1 – 5 (9am and 7pm)

February 28 - Intermediate Girls Basketball Tournament

March 1 - 30 - Ramadan

March 6 – International Womens Day / Great-Big Crunch

March 7 - Spring Dance a Thon



MONDAY FEBRUARY 17 – FAMILY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

A reminder that this Monday February 17 is Family Day. Schools are closed. Wishing all of our families a happy long weekend.



WINTER CONCERT – FEBRUARY 26 at 7pm (Grade 1 – 5)

We are excited to invite families to join us for our **Grade 1 – 5 Winter Concert**

- **February 26, 2025**
- **Students are asked to arrive at 6:20 p.m. to join their classes. Doors open at 6:30pm and the concert will begin at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Seats are first come first serve.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

TERM 1 REPORT CARDS

Report cards are part of our ongoing communication to support student achievement and well-being. We hope that the Term 1 report card will provide valuable feedback for your child while supporting conversations about learning at home. Your child's report card will be distributed between **February 18 to February 21, 2025**. These reports will be distributed electronically via student **Board Google GAPPS accounts**.

Early Reading Screening Results

Beginning-of-year Early Reading Screening results for Year 2 Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students are reflected on Term 1 report cards.

Early Reading Screening (ERS): Communication of Results on Report Cards

As per Ministry of Education requirements, all students in Year 2 Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 were screened in Fall 2024. Results of the beginning-of-year screening were shared with you in the fall and will be reflected on your child's Term 1 report card (Kindergarten Communication of Learning or Elementary Provincial Report Card). It is important to keep in mind that the screening only provides one piece of information about your child's language and literacy skills, and that **results of the screening are not used to determine your child's grades**. Instead, the results provide information to identify the support they need to be on track for reading proficiency.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Students should come dressed appropriately for the weather and for outdoor play. Students can stay warm by wearing layers of loose-fitting clothing, a hat, scarf, jackets, snow pants and mittens or gloves. Students may also want to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet.

RECESS

If students are well enough to come to school, they are expected to go outside for recess. Our students benefit from spending time outside and being active. We monitor weather conditions throughout the day. If there are extreme weather conditions, we may consider a shortened or indoor recess.

BUS OR SCHOOL CANCELLATION

When an extreme cold or inclement weather day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) is cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. Please notify the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.

There may be rare instances when emergency weather events occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure. Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, board and school websites and on [X @YRDSB](#).

SNACK SHACK

Our Snack Shack will be open every Tuesday. We are selling treats for \$1 or \$2

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 basis.

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION NEWSLETTER

February's Mental Health Newsletter <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/node/4534> for families and caregivers has a focus on Wellness at Home: Building a Foundation for Mental Health.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Join us for an inspiring evening as we celebrate Black History Month with interactive performances, student showcases and dinner. See flyer attached for more information.

LEARNING TOGETHER CONFERENCE FOR KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES – FEBRUARY 18 AND 22

The York Region Child and Family Collaborative, in partnership with the York Region District School Board, York District Catholic School Board and EarlyON Child and Family Centres in York Region, invite families of children eligible for Kindergarten in September 2025 to join us for a 2-Part Conference – *Please see flyer for more information* - [2025 Learning Together conference flyer](#)

CHINESE ART AND LITERACY FESTIVAL

Please see [link](#) - This festival aims to deepen participants' understanding of Chinese cultural heritage, promote appreciation and respect for cultural diversity, and enhance social harmony. Register by March 5, 2025.

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