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February 1-29- Black History Month

February 5- School Council Meeting- 6:30pm all are welcome

February 5- Grade 8 graduate Photo day

February 7- Winter Walk Day- Meet at Twickenham Park at 8:05am – see below information

February 7 – 9 – Dental Screening – Grade JK, SK, 2, and 7

February 10 – Lunar New Year



We would like to officially welcome **Ms. Plainos** who will be supporting our office team here at Silver Pines P.S. for next few months. I know both Ms. Plainos and Ms. Recine are very excited to be joining our school and are looking forward to connecting with our students and families in the days to come.

School Council Meeting – February 5th

Join us for our next school council meeting on Feb. 5th at 6:30pm in the library. All families are welcome to join us and learn more about our school council and all that we do to support our school.

Winter Walk Day – February 7th

February is Winter Walk Month and on Wednesday, February 7, we are celebrating Winter Walk Day. Join us on our Walking Wednesday for this annual celebration of winter walking and active school travel

Our staff at Silver Pines PS are inviting students and families to participate in Walking Wednesdays and Winter Walk Month by walking to school with them.

Meet at Twickenham Park located on Canyon Hill Ave just west of Larratt Ln at 8:05 a.m. (see map below for reference) and discover how much fun walking to school can be. The attached map provides an illustration of the walking route from start to finish.



While being active, students and families are reminded and encouraged to dress for the winter weather and give yourselves extra time to travel slowly especially in wintery conditions.

All students who participate will receive a prize. We will also be distributing prizes to our bus students who are not able to walk.

So don't hibernate, come celebrate!



Lunar New Year – February 10th

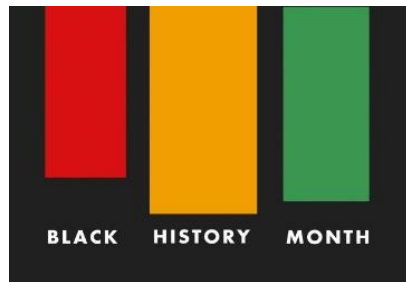


To help deepen our understanding, and to honour YRDSB's Diamond Days, please see this [Lunar New Year video](#).

Lunar New Year is a significant and meaningful cultural celebration for many people of East and Southeast Asian heritage including but not limited to Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese, Vietnamese and Indonesian communities. It is celebrated across the Asia-Pacific and diaspora communities around the world. This holiday commemorates the first day of the Lunar Calendar. The date is determined by the appearance of the moon and usually takes place between late January to early February. The official names of the new year may differ depending on the country, such as Tết Nguyên Đán in Vietnam or Tahun Baru Cina in Malaysia. For some, this occasion has religious significance as well.

We wish all those celebrating Lunar New Year a very happy celebration!

Black History Month



Black History Month and beyond aims to celebrate the richness and excellence of Black Canadians as well as to highlight their vibrant traditions, histories, arts, and cultures and their significant contributions to Canada and the world.

Silver Pines PS will be learning about the richness of Black history and significant individuals by attending workshops and participating in a school wide trivia challenge to build our knowledge of Black History. Please see community engagement events below:

Celebrating Black History Month / BHM365 Events 2024

* Dates and Events subject to change

Student Events and Family Engagement

Date and Time	Event Information/Details	Location
February 8, 2024	A Discussion for Families of Black Children on Pathway Opportunities for Students and Families. Register Here	Dr.Bette Stephenson Cafeteria
February 27, 2024 7:00-8:00pm.	Anti-Blackness in Schools - Virtual Affinity Session for Black Students, Families and Black Staff with Presenters Dr.Joi Spencer and Dr.Kerri Ullucci Register Here	Online Register to Receive Link
February 29, 2024 5:00pm - 6:30pm	Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight - Open to All: Student & Families Light refreshments will be served. Register In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration. Register Here	Dr Bette Rm 113

School Spirit Wear

A reminder that spirit wear clothing orders are due. Please see link below for ordering

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



Kindergarten registration for the 2024/2025 school year begins on **Friday, January 19, 2024.**
Kindergarten Registration Options for Families

Families can register using the following options:

- **Online** - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten > Registration. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.
- **By email** - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](http://www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten) at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address.
- **By phone** - Families can request support to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed.
- **In-person at the school** - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form.

Application Check-List

You can begin to apply for a computer on: February 1st, 2024
Application deadline: March 15th, 2024



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

Group Name: YRDSB | **Group Code:** G-YRDSB24

How to fill out your application

Scan QR code OR access application using the link your organization provided

Section A

Group Name: YRDSB

Group Code: G-YRDSB24

Name of School: *Please enter the name of the student's school*

Section B

This section does not apply to you.

Section C

I would like to pick up my computer in Mississauga RCT Warehouse (\$0.00 Shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a laptop, please ship my computer to my home (\$40.00 shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a desktop, please ship my computer to my home (\$50.00 shipping fee)

OR

I am part of the York Region District School Board Group order (\$20.00)

Section D

Pick your computer package and method of payment.

Our partner organization will need proof of eligibility (one of the following) before you can apply for a computer.

Proof of Financial Status (one of the following)

- Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment (most recent)
- Ontario Works Statement (Social Assistance)
- OSAP Statement of Funding
- Refugee Payment Received from government
- Letter from school supporting the application
- EI Benefit Statement
- ODSP (Disability Benefits)
- Second Career

Payment

You will have the following online payment options when completing your order:

- Credit/Debit Card
- Money Order or Certified Cheque
- A Third Party will be Paying (Ex. Ontario Works)

Certified Cheques should be made to: Renewed Computer Technology

The applicant's name must be added in the memo field. When you come to pick up your computer, please bring a government photo ID.

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Coffee with Tamil Social Worker

*Service in English and Tamil

**Join our Social Worker for the
Tamil Diaspora, Nijatha Subramaniam
virtually to chat about:**



- Tips to engage and connect with your child
- Ways to support your child's well-being and emotional ups and downs
- How to request and navigate getting support for your child at school
- Guidance for current challenges and concerns experienced by your child
- Resources in the York Region community to support your child's needs

Consultation sessions are offered by
video conference or telephone.

For more information and/or to book a consultation,
please contact Nijatha Subramaniam at
nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca
or 905-727-0022 ext. 4138 (voicemail only).





York Region District School Board **UBUNTU HEALING CIRCLE** **Winter/Spring 2024**



A virtual healing circle for Black identified students across YRDSB to join together in an inclusive affinity space, focused on supporting emotional well-being. This space is one that has been created to promote healing, wellness and resilience for Black identified students.

The group will be facilitated by members of the School Social Work Team.
Students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend and participation will occur virtually.

Grades Served: Grade 7 to Grade 12 students from schools across YRDSB

Modality: Virtual offering

Language of Service: Services will be offered in English.

Total sessions: 8 sessions

Date: Wednesday, February 28th, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Weekly)

For more information, or to sign up: Please ask your Teacher, Guidance Counsellor, SERT, Student Success Teacher, Principal, or Vice Principal to contact either: Melanie Beckford, RSW or Tracy Thomas-Elleston, RSW
at the following email address: communitycareteam@yrdsb.ca



SKY Lantern

"MAKE YOURSELF SEEN AND HEARD."

Chinese Heritage Student Support Group

"To foster genuine dialogues and enhance the school lives of Chinese Heritage youth by fostering civic participation and greater awareness in emotional well-being. This support group provides an opportunity for Chinese Heritage students to nurture their inner strengths and co-construct more inclusive, student-centered school environments."

Grades Served: Grade 6 to Grade 8 students from schools across YRDSB

Consent: Social Work Referral and Consent Required

Modality: Virtual offering

Language of Service: Services may be offered in Cantonese, Mandarin, and/or English. (TBD based on linguistic comfort or preferences of students)

Total sessions: 6 sessions* (format can be adapted based on the needs of the students/school)

Timing: Groups will be run after school hours

Date: Group 1: Winter (January 2024 to March 2024)

Group 2: Spring (March 2024 to June 2024)

RSVP: by emailing the Community Care Social Worker (Chinese Heritage) at
charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca

