



# SILVER PINES PARENT POST

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## SILVER PINES IS A SCENT FREE SCHOOL

We have many students and staff who are highly sensitive to various scents. We ask that you remind your children to refrain from spraying themselves with perfume, cologne, body spray/mist, etc.. Recently we have had to remind many students in Grade 7 and 8 around this. We appreciate your support.



## SNACK SHACK - Last Day this Tuesday June 11th

Our Snack Shack is open on Tuesday. We are selling treats for \$1 or \$2.

LIBRARY BOOKS are due back to school on **June 14th** - All students and families are asked to return any borrowed materials from our school library by this date.

Are You Moving? If you will be moving out of the SPPS area by September 2024, please let us know as soon as possible. We continue to project our student enrollment and these numbers help us efficiently plan for the next school year!

## EARLY DISMISSAL - JUNE 27TH

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. **On Thursday, June 27, 2024**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of **Thursday, June 27, 2024** only. **Students at Silver Pines PS will be dismissed early that day at 11:30 am.** Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Families whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

## UPCOMING DATES:

June 10 - Area Track and Field

June 13 - Grade 6 - 8 Soccer Tournament

June 14 - Grade 5 - 6 Trip to the Movies

June 20- Grade 8 Graduation at The Avenue

June 21- Primary Playday Gr.1-3

June 25- End of Year BBQ, Kindergarten Celebration

June 27- Last day of School-Early Dismissal 11:30am

## END Of Year School BBQ - June 25th

Our End of Year School BBQ Celebration is soon approaching. We are very excited for you to join us as we enjoy some great food, make connections with one another and play exciting games and activities. There will be raffle prizes for all students who attend and a Surprise Grand Prize from our School Council!!

**Save The Date – June 25<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 – 7:00pm.**

### **BBQ Order:**

BBQ Catering will be onsite offering 4 different food combos which include either a beef burger, veggie burger, chicken burger or hotdog along with a bag of chips or fries and a drink. Halal, Kosher and Gluten Free (bun) Options Available. Orders can be made on school cash online **from May 29th to June 17th.** **No late orders!**  
**Food will not be sold at the event! Please order ahead of time on school cash online.**

### **We Need Your Help**

We are asking families who are able to – please donate items for our raffle baskets. All items must be new. Donations are due to the office by **June 20<sup>th</sup>**

Here are some items to consider

- Books - Kindergarten to Gr 3
- Spa – soaps, skin creams, nail care
- Baking items (no food) – baking utensils, bakeware, recipe books
- Sports- balls, skipping ropes
- Toys – popular kids toys
- Beach/summer – bubbles, sidewalk chalk, water toys
- Games – board games, cards and card games
- Movies – popcorn, movie
- Arts & Crafts – stationary, art paper, craft kits
- Gift Cards – Indigo, Amazon, Cineplex, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE AND PARTICIPATION.

We look forward to seeing you all at the event.

## Rising: Celebrating Jewish Heritage with Storytime A Program for Families with Young Children (Ages 4 - 9)

YRDSB families with young children, ages 4 to 9, are invited to a delightful storytime session at Anne Frank Public School on June 18th, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm, in celebration of the PJ Library Book of June 2024, "Rising" by Sidura Ludwig. This is an opportunity to learn about Jewish traditions in a fun and engaging way that is age-appropriate for young children and brings the whole family together!

**Register Today! - Limited Spots Available June 18, 2024 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm Location: Anne Frank Public School, School Library Registration Form: [bit.ly/PJLibraryBookRising](https://bit.ly/PJLibraryBookRising) Contact: [leonora.buskin@yrdsb.ca](mailto:leonora.buskin@yrdsb.ca)**

### BACK PARKING UPDATE:

The back of our parking lot (Kiss & Ride loop) is being used to store materials for construction over the summer. We ask families to be cautious when making turns in our loop as this space might be restricted.



### SILVER PINES IS A NUT SAFE SCHOOL

We would like to remind you that **Silver Pines Public School is a Nut Safe School.**

Please note that students are not permitted to bring food that contains any nut products. In addition, food items are never to be shared at school. Please check the ingredients carefully before sending food to school.

Please remember that several of our children will experience anaphylactic shock if they are exposed to even a tiny amount of peanut oil or peanut butter. In fact, some children will go into anaphylactic shock if they even smell peanuts or peanut products. When this happens, the child must be immediately injected with an epi-pen and then transported to the hospital for emergency treatment. If treatment is not given immediately, the results can be fatal.

For this reason the school **MUST be a PEANUT AND NUT-SAFE ZONE.** What this means is that no peanut or peanut products of any kind may be brought into the school. We are asking for your assistance in dealing with these children's allergies. Talking about the situation with your children will also help, since the more information they have, the better they will understand the reality of the risk to those children with peanut allergies.

### Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) Program

Please see link regarding important information regarding registration for the Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) 2024-2025 program

year. <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/2024-05/YRDSB%20Indigenous%20Languages%20and%20International%20Languages%20-%20Flyer%202023-2024.pdf>

### SUMMER PROGRAMS

The York Region District School Board will be pleased to offer a variety of summer learning programs for students in summer 2024. Please see link

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/elementary-school/summer-programs>

Adult Non-Credit English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are available on an ongoing basis including the summer semester from June 17 to July 26, 2024. Online and in-person classes throughout York Region are available from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. & 6 to 9 p.m.

Please contact 905-731-9557 or [uplands@yrdsb.ca](mailto:uplands@yrdsb.ca) for more info.

### 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.

### END OF DAY - EARLY PICK UP

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!

### FREE ONLINE MATH HELP

TVO Learn Mathify offers free online math help for students. [Please click on this link for more information.](#)

### ARRIVING ON TIME!

The instructional day begins at 8:30 am. Students arriving after this time are considered late for school.

***Please make every effort to ensure your child arrives at school as close to 8:15 am as possible, so that they are ready for the prompt, 8:30 am start to the instructional day.***

### Free Recreation, Sport Programs, Summer and Overnight Camps

For Children and Youth ages 4-18 whose families participate in one of the following:

- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Rent Subsidy (including STAR and Ontario Housing Benefit)
- Childcare Fee Subsidy (income below \$43,000)

Some programs are only eligible to families in York Region Housing Communities

- Housing York Inc.
- Non-Profit Housing
- Cooperative Housing

For More Program Information and Eligibility:

Call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 or visit [york.ca/recreationsubsidies](http://york.ca/recreationsubsidies)