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Upcoming Dates

March 1 - 30 - Ramadan

March 20 - 21 - Naw-Ruz/Nowruz

March 28 - Character Assembly - Honesty

March 31 - Eid-ul-Fitr

April 2 - Family Fun and Wellness Night

April 7 - School Council @ 6:30pm

April 9 - Food Allergy Presentation for Students – see info below

April 9 - Great Big Crunch

April 10 - Chess Tournament



Spring is a time of renewal, new growth and new opportunity. Spring always brings forth a buzz of activity in the school and in classrooms, and may be a symbol of our continued efforts as a school community to work together in supporting and promoting the academic, social and emotional growth of our students.

NAW-RUZ/NOWRUZ – March 20 - 21

The beginning of spring also brings the celebration of Nowruz. Nowruz means New Day and is written and expressed as Naw-Ruz, Norouz, Nowrooz or Nowrouz depending on the community celebrating this day. The 'New Day' represents the New Year, which falls on the date of the vernal (spring) equinox, symbolizes the renewal of the world after winter, and is celebrated by multiple faiths, cultural groups and countries around the world, each attributing unique significance to the day.

For those celebrating **Naw-Ruz/Nowruz**, we wish you and your family a Happy New Year and celebrations.

EID-UL-FITR - MARCH 31

Eid-ul-Fitr, also known as the Festival of Breaking the Fast, marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan. It symbolizes the culmination of a month-long spiritual journey characterized by fasting, prayer and self-discipline. We would like to extend our warmest wishes to Muslim students, staff and families for a peaceful and joyous Eid-ul-Fitr celebration.

FAMILY FUN AND WELLNESS NIGHT – Wednesday, April 2

Don't Miss Out on the Fun!

Silver Pines PS is excited to invite you to our **Family Fun and Wellness Night** on **Wednesday April 2nd from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** It will be an evening packed with excitement and learning!

What's in Store?

- **Community Partner Booths**
- **Wellness & Mental Health Tips & Info**
- **Activity Rooms**
- **Inspiring Guest Speaker:** Youth Speak about *Understanding Youth Mental Health*.
- **Raffle Prizes:** You will have a chance to win **Blue Jays tickets, gift cards, and movie passes.**

Bring your family and friends, and let's make unforgettable memories together!

We can't wait to see you there!

FARSI WORKSHOP – EMOTIONS IN CHECK – APRIL 3

Essential Skills for Parents/Guardians

Family Services York Region (FSYR) is hosting a free workshop in Farsi for parents/guardians on April 3 at Highview Public School. [The flyer is available in both English and Farsi](#). This event is designed to help parents learn about the education system and practical strategies in regards to emotion regulation and enhance communication skills with their children.

کارگاه فارسی

مدیریت احساسات، هماهنگی در گفتگوها: مهارت‌های ضروری برای والدین/سرپرستان

در تاریخ ۳ آوریل یک کارگاه رایگان به زبان فارسی برای والدین/سرپرستان برگزار می‌کند. بروشور Highview PS مدرسه این رویداد به دو زبان انگلیسی و فارسی در دسترس است

این کارگاه برای کمک به والدین طراحی شده است تا با سیستم آموزشی آشنا شوند و راهکارهای کاربردی برای مدیریت احساسات و تقویت مهارت‌های ارتباطی با فرزندانشان بیاموزند

FOOD ALLERGY PRESENTATION – APRIL 9

Food Allergy Canada will be educating students on food allergy and how to stay safe. During this presentation, they will explain what food allergy is, the science behind it and what happens during an anaphylactic reaction. Students will learn how epinephrine works to treat anaphylaxis and how to properly use an auto-injector through a live demonstration using a trainer. Food Allergy Canada will also discuss ways students can be food allergy allies and help keep their friends safe from potential allergic reactions. The assembly will end with a Q&A, giving students the opportunity to ask questions and deepen their understanding.

EQAO MATH WEBINAR - APRIL 29 - for Parents and Guardians

Join us for a free live webinar where EQAO staff will discuss math questions that Ontario students encounter when they participate in Ontario's large-scale assessments. These assessments are taken by all Ontario students in Grades 3, 6 and 9. During the webinar, EQAO staff will show how these math questions help assess the skills students are learning in their math classes. Staff will also share valuable insights from the past three years of assessment results, which can help parents and guardians support their children's math learning.

[Register](#)

GRADE 8 GRAD WEAR!

Grade 8 Grad Hoodies and T-shirts are now available for purchase. Please visit the following link for ordering information:

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

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.

SNACK SHACK will be closed in March.

Our Snack Shack will be re-open every Tuesday starting in April.

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.

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