



Silver Pines
Public School

March\April Calendar of Events

March

2nd: Amazing Math Race Family Math Night

8th/9th: Primaries on Parade Concert

(Parents welcome to attend on the 9th)

14th-18th: March Break

19th: Earth hour

22nd: Gr 4 Science Centre trip

25th: Good Friday—No School

28th: Easter Monday—No School

31st: Spring Photo Session

31st: Talent Night



April

4th-6th: Gr 8 Overnight Lake St. George trip (Class 78A and 8B)

6th-8th: Gr 8 Overnight Lake St. George trip (Class 8A and 8B)

18th/19th: Dental Screening

22nd, 25th-28th: Jr Basketball tournament

26th: Gr 7 and 8 Immunization

27th: Gr 8 Graduation Photos

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

March 14th –18th is the March Break. Enjoy some time with your families and take some well deserved time to have fun and relax. Spring is around the corner.

March 25th is Good Friday. There will be no School

March 28th is Easter Monday. There will be no School

Please remember that if your child is going to be late or absent, you must report it before 8:30 am on the day of the absence or late using the safe arrival system. either by phone 1-855-203-2994 or online at yorkrdsb.schoolconnects.com

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A Message from Administration...

Silver Pines has been and will continue to be a busy place. We have been rehearsing for Talent Night and the School Play. Junior students have been busy in the Makerspace and have been playing around with our new green screen. That has been Fun. Our intermediate boys and girls basketball teams competed in the area tournament and had some close games. Our Choir and Bands have continued to practice and the primary students are getting ready for their Primaries on Parade concert.

We had our Amazing Math Race Family night and what a fantastic night. We had around 250 students and parents join us for all the fun. Prizes were won and learning was happening. Math can certainly be fun!! Thanks to all our Teachers for sharing their evening with us!

The staff have been continuing to work on developing their comprehensive math programs and at the end of March and into April will spend two half days collaboratively planning a math unit that they will teach in May. All teachers who teach Math will be part of the collaborative learning and planning sessions. We have had a Ministry of Education Teacher come into two of our classrooms to plan collaboratively with teachers to look at student thinking and how to tweak instruction to promote deeper learning in the classroom.

Our School Council has supported the school with \$5000 and we are very grateful. We have spent the funds on buying a scoreboard for our school teams, subsidizing Scientist in the School for every student by \$5 per student and providing materials for our Maker space and Green Screen rooms.

We thank our Council for planning and supporting us in the Dance-a-thon and our upcoming fundraiser of the "Big Box of Cards" in April.

Best Regards,

Lindsey Diakiv
Principal

Trish Yeates
Vice Principal

MakerSpace

Over the years the idea of technology always fascinated me, from how the toaster ejects to how a modem beeps. When the MakerSpace opened in the Library I knew it was the right choice for me. Not only was it fun to take the electronics apart, but I made friends too, who were just as creative as me. Miss Leppington and Mrs. Jones Lissack were always very encouraging and helped me with my projects. Experiencing technology this way was mind-opening fun.

MakerSpace is open to Grades 4, 5, and 6 on Day 2 at lunch recess and open to Grades 7 and 8, Day 4 at lunch recess.

Written By:
Paul F. (Silver Pines Student)

SILVER PINES is on TWITTER
@pines_ps



I will be tweeting as often as possible. Tweets will keep you informed of upcoming dates and reminders as well as interesting information and daily events happening at school. Follow us on twitter

Planning on Moving??

Each year at this time we begin to plan our staffing and classes for the upcoming school year. It is important for us to know how many students to expect for September at Silver Pines grades JK to 8. If your children (grades JK to 7) will not be returning to our school in the fall, please inform the office as soon as possible .



Earth Hour: March 19th

This year Earth Hour will take place on Sat.,y, March 19th from 8:30 pm – 9:30pm. In support of Earth Hour, will participate in our own Earth Hour/Power Hour (Annual Lights Off/ Monitors Off Hour) on Monday, March 11th from 12:30 —1:30 p.m.



School Council

Our next School Council Meeting will take place April 4th at 7pm All parents are invited to attend and we are looking for new School Council Members. There will be a presentation on the new Human Growth and Development. We hope to see you on the 4th! 2016 MEETING DATES: April 4th and May 2nd!

Meetings are open to all parents.
We hope to see you there!



Things we are Excited about this Year—Mr McLean's grade 5\6 Class

In the past school year the hot chocolate and ribbons group raised more than \$2000 for Sick Kids Childhood cancer research! Isn't that amazing? We have worked so hard to reach our goal and made a difference in Silver Pines PS and all the sick kids. It has been so much fun being a part of the hot chocolate group. It's great seeing so much happy faces wanting hot chocolate and making a difference. Every cent we made goes to Sick Kids hospital for helping childhood cancer research. The hot chocolate group and ribbons group did amazing, everyone who participated in Mr.McLean's Gr. 5/6 class. Doing the announcements almost every day when we sold hot chocolate was really fun and a new thing to do. I am so glad I was a part of it, and can't wait to see all the happy faces when the kids in sick kids find out what Silver Pines PS has achieved. Leanne, Gr. 5

One of the most exciting things that I did this year was being on the volleyball team. It was a lot of fun even though we only won one game in the area tournament. Everyone on the team was super nice. I was number 63. I had never been on a school team before and it was a lot of fun! I will definitely try out again next year! I thought volleyball people play on the beach, but it is actually super fun! I cannot wait for next year's tryouts! - Andrew Millar, Gr. 6

Whenever I think of school I think of the fun activities. The one I am most excited for is selling hot chocolate with my amazing group! Over the past three months, we have been selling hot chocolate and I've seen how much fun it could be to work with other people and contribute to the cause. The main reason we have been selling hot chocolate it to raise money for (Sick Kids Cancer Research). In the past three months we have raised up to \$2280, which our class (Mr. Mclean 5-6 Class) thinks is a lot and we are all proud raise that much money. Josh.G

My favorite part of Silver Pines Public School is the basketball team because even if you are not good you still get to try out and have fun doing it. Another reason why I like the basketball team is because the coaches are super nice and they give everyone a chance. Any grade can try out over grade 3 which is pretty cool. By:Jacob G, Grade 5

The thing in this year that got me really excited was band. I was at first just a priority instrument but even if I wasn't I still would of joined. Before I actually started I thought it was going to be really boring but it is actually really fun. I enjoy band a lot and the pieces we are doing are fun to play and learn this makes me enjoy the Bass clarinet even more than usual. -Meghan, Gr. 6

Something I thought was exciting was the Sick Kids cancer money fundraising. I thought that was exciting because it's something different than normal school activities and doing the same things over and over again is boring. Also I think it's exciting because it doesn't require things like homework like some school activities do and I don't like homework. That's why I thought this was exciting. By: Karen, Gr. 5

This year I helped sell ribbons chocolate and sour keys to raise money for childhood cancer research. There were big line ups every time we sold. it was a success. We raised LOTS of money) we worked really hard and it was super fun to do. Doing this was the most fun I've had in school this year. by: Abby, Gr. 5
This year I'm excited for band because this is the first time I'm in band and Mr.Densham has been asking me to be in band and he is retiring so I'm in band and since he has been asking me to be in band I'm in band for him and thank you Mrs. Diakiw for letting the grade 6's play Instruments and it is a great opportunity for me because I will be on instruments for 3 years! By Jayme, Gr. 6

This has been my first ever basketball tryout for school I'm a little bit nervous but mostly excited because I think I'm pretty good at basketball and plus all my friends are a t the tryout and I'm happy to spend time with them and learn even more basketball than I do now. Nicholas, Gr. 6



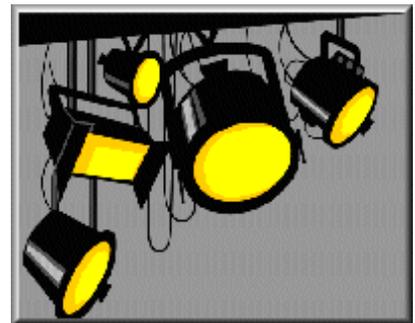
Theatre Tech experience

Written By: Siwan B

Theatre tech at Silver Pines is such a great learning opportunity! We learn to co-operate with our peers and fellow teachers using technology. If something goes wrong we help each other through it and ensure that the show goes on!

The important skills we learn in theatre tech are related to lighting, sound, organizing a backstage crew, special effects, props, sets, makeup, and costumes. Students get to choose what they want to learn about and then our teachers train the students to master their skill.

On the night of the show we will put all of our amazing skills together to create an outstanding performance! During the show you'll get a great feeling seeing that all your hard work paid off. When there is a shark at the show we will act calm and make sure that the show goes smoothly. We all work together to make the show phenomenal!

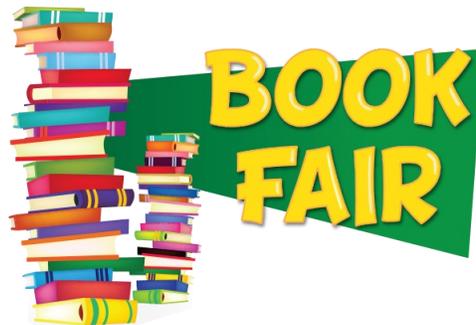


Book Fair Experience

Written By: Audrey X.

The atmosphere in the Learning Commons was electric. Students and teachers were as busy, as bees, co-operating together to find that perfect book. Everyone worked together and achieved the goal of creating and running the Book Fair. I could tell that everyone had a blast!

Students and teachers alike helped out with the Book Fair. Everyone had a certain job to do, and the Fair turned into a great learning opportunity for both the customers and the volunteers. People got to try different jobs such as working at the cash register, boutique, security, advertising, cleaning, and inventory. I myself got to experience all the activities which was very fun. I learned how to use a cash register, sell and advertise merchandise. The customers were very nice and considerate when buying books. They lined up one by one to pay for their items and looked at nic-nacs. The book fair really brought the school together in a common interest, a love of reading!



Charlie's Angels

Written by: Audrey X.

Laughter and Cheer filled the large gym. Children and teachers were expressing their creativity and talents, throughout the show. Everyone was having fun. Everyone was filled with self esteem and happiness. This is Charlie's Angels Play, a place where everyone can express themselves whether it's from acting, dancing or singing. And they truly want to be in school.

Charlie's Angels is a very fun activity in the school where children from grade 6-8 get to express themselves in a safe environment. From all the rehearsals that I've been to, I have always seen smiles and laughter from the actors and teachers. I am, the Assistant Director of Charlie's Angels. I get to take a part in a leadership role and become an actor playing Sully. The students are all super nice and kind when being critiqued (told what needed to be worked on), which I find is very helpful. I've seen many of my friends and students like Sarah G, stepping out of their shadow and trying out for a major role in Charlie's Angels. This boosted her self esteem for herself, and I find that it is incredible what the play can do to help others express themselves and come out of their shadow.



Our Amazing Math Race was a Success! Thank you to all of our Teachers who made it happen and our community for sharing their evening and having some math fun with us!



Blokus Experience for Math Night Written by: Brandon K

Paper and cardboard invaded the classroom floor. The assignment Mr Scarlato's gave his Grade 6 Class was not a small one. The ideas and "exploits" the students were creatively coming up with, to quickly achieve their goal were insane and clever. The race for all shapes began, and everyone was in it for the win. Scissors snipped and coloured paper moulded into shapes, the challenge was on and we were ready to step up. We needed to create 21 giants shapes per group to fully make a life-sized replica of the Blokus game. This was all going toward the Amazing Race themed Math night, but honestly the creation of the Blokus game felt more like "The Amazing Race". The class was divided into 4 "Teams" which would later on be known to be the heroes, who built the giant, life-sized blokus game.

All and all this has been an amazing experience for me, and everyone had a blast with the game at Math Night! We put a lot of effort into it and we put a smile on every single individual. What a great night!