

Silver Pines PS Contact Information

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Upcoming Dates

May 9 – Welcome to Kindergarten

May 11 – Dental Screening

May 17 – **Go Fish Musical**

May 19 – School Track and Field Day (Grade 4 – 8)

May 22 – Victoria Day – No School

May 23 to 26 – Book Fair

May 29 to June 9 – Grade 3 and 6 EQAO

May 30 – Immunization for Gr 7 & 8 Students

June 2 – PA DAY

June 7 – End of Year BBQ

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Students will be taking part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, Primary Division (Grades 1–3) or Junior Division (Grades 4–6). These assessments, developed by Ontario teachers and assessment experts, are administered to all Grade 3 and Grade 6 students in Ontario's publicly funded school system by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO).

At Silver Pines:

Grade 6's will be writing EQAO week of May 29 - June 2, 2023

Grade 3's will be writing EQAO week of June 5 - June 9, 2023

As consistent attendance is necessary. We kindly advise NOT to book any appointments or events during scheduled EQAO writing times.

Each assessment includes a language and mathematics component, along with a student questionnaire. During the assessment, students will complete four language sessions that range from 15 to 35 minutes each and four mathematics stages that each take about 30 minutes to complete. Each session or stage will be completed in one continuous sitting, and the sessions and stages may be administered throughout the administration dates.

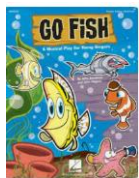
Students will have the opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions on the online assessment and its platform through EQAO's online sample test.

EQAO assessment questions are directly based on the expectations set out in *The Ontario Curriculum* for reading, writing and mathematics, which are what teachers teach in the classroom every day. Therefore, your child does not need to prepare in any special way. Students will complete the assessment in their regular classrooms with their current teachers and are simply encouraged to do their best and show what they know.

In the fall, EQAO will share individual reports for all our students. Your child's results are private and will give you an indication of their achievement in relation to Ontario's provincial standard. The standard, or Level 3, represents the range from B- to B+. Meeting the standard means your child has a solid grasp of the required knowledge and skills, which is a good indication that they will be ready for the next grade. The results of the assessment do not affect your child's grades or report card in any way.

For more information about EQAO and to view a sample test, visit EQAO's website, www.eqao.com.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or your child's teacher.



Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Our Grades One to Four (including the 4/5 class) will be performing in the musical "Go Fish".

"Go Fish" is a story of friendship, told by a cast of characters played by some of our Grade Three and Four students. Our classes will be singing songs throughout the show to move our story along.

We hope to see you then!

Class Placements for 2023/2024

In the upcoming months, our teaching staff will begin organizing classes for the next academic year. A great deal of time, consideration and staff collaboration goes into placing students in balanced and positive learning environments. Please see attachment for more information.

Are You Moving?



Just a reminder if you will be **moving out** of the Silver Pines PS area by September 2023, please let us know as soon as possible. We are currently projecting our student enrolment and these numbers help us sufficiently plan for the next school year!

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.**

Dress code

The student dress code supports respect for the learning environment. Respect for self and others is evident when students dress in a suitable and proper manner for all school activities. Indoor shoes are required for all students, and appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoors should be provided according to the weather conditions.

Also clothing that portrays the following is NOT permitted:

- clothing that reveal undergarments
- short shorts, short tops, low riding pants, see through clothing
- alcohol, tobacco or harmful substances or products through symbols or mascots;
- profanity or sexually explicit words or pictures (implied or obvious);
- pictures, symbols or words that directly demean the ethnicity, race, culture, religion, national origin, gender or disability of an individual or group;

Students who do not comply with the Dress Code will:

- be reminded by a staff member and referred to the office if needed;
- have parents contacted to arrange to have appropriate clothing brought to school and/or be sent home to change;
- be provided with an appropriate clothing item by a school staff member if parents/guardians are unable to be contacted.

Being Prepared for School

In efforts to reduce traffic in and out of our school, we are asking parents to **not drop-off items to the office**. This is a great exercise in organization for students to practice coming prepared to school every day (remember your lunch, agenda, homework and library books!) It is also a good habit to check the weather in the morning and dress children appropriately (dress in layers)!

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 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!

2023 Summer Learning Programs Available

During the month of July, YRDSB continues to offer credit and non-credit summer school program opportunities for elementary, secondary and adult students.

Registration is now open for the following programs:

Elementary Credit and Non-Credit Programs:

1. Camp Black Brilliance (for Black Families entering JK or SK)
2. Summer Institute (K-8)
3. Elementary Summer School (Grades 6-8 non-credit reinforcement)
4. Grade 8 Reach Ahead (credit)

Secondary Credit Programs:

1. In-Person Learning
2. Online Learning

Adult Learning Programs:

1. Adult Literacy and Basic Skills
2. English as a Second Language
3. Citizenship Classes
4. Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada

For more information about summer learning programs and registration please visit www.yrdsb.ca and follow us on Twitter @YRDSB.