

Silver Pines Parent **POST**

June 23, 2014



Calendar of Events – Important Dates

June 23	Grade 8 graduation
June 25	Report cards go home
June 26	Early dismissal—students go home at 11:30
June 27	P.A. Day— no school
Sept 2	School Begins
Oct 1	Community BBQ & Curriculum Evening

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Message from the Admin Team

As another school year comes to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone - students, teachers, support staff, office staff, caretaking and our parent community for a wonderful, engaging, and optimistic year. We would like to applaud and celebrate the accomplishments of all of our students. They have achieved so many academic and social goals, that have contributed to our culture of leadership and learning in a variety of memorable ways. Congratulations to all of our students on a successful, rewarding, and outstanding school year!

Each year, schools experience changes in staffing and this year is no different for Silver Pines. Although saying goodbye is difficult, we wish all staff members leaving us the best of luck in the future. We thank all the staff members listed below for their incredible contributions to our school. Whether you've been here for a number of years or a short while, your impact on students has been incredible and we are grateful for all the support you've shown our students and our community.

Ms. Arro	Mrs. Fishman	Mrs. McPhail	Ms. Sandiford
Ms. Bogdanov (LTO)	Mrs. Jalali (Temp)	Ms. Moffitt	Ms. Sousa (LTO)
Mr. Cohen	Ms. Khajevand	Ms. Palermo	Ms. Stevens (LTO)
Ms. Cuddy	Mr. Maisel (LTO)	Mrs. Pathak	Ms. Zaretsky (LTO)
Mrs. Dynes	Ms. Malach (LTO)	Ms. Rizik	Ms. Zia
Ms. Elson			

We warmly welcome the following staff to our Silver Pines family:

Ms. Diakiw	Ms. Harper	Ms. Horga	Ms. DeLuca
Ms. Jaja	Ms. Marinucci	Ms. Merchant	Ms. Asif
Ms. Peckhover	Mr. Scarlato	Ms. Yu	Ms. Johnson
Ms. Zeraatkari	Ms. Morra	Mr. McLean	

Thank you again to everyone for a wonderful school year. Have a happy and healthy summer vacation. Stay safe and have fun! We look forward to seeing everyone in September!

Best regards,

Aneta Fishman

Principal

BE A LEADER~BE A LEARNER~HAVE A VOICE~HAVE FUN!

Sherry Zarif

Vice Principal

Inspire Learning!

GOODBYE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HELLO

Dear Silver Pines Students and Families,

It is with bittersweet emotions that I write this letter to you. It's not easy to say goodbye... especially to a wonderful community such as the one we have at Silver Pines.

It's hard to believe that two and a half years have passed by so quickly since I first joined Silver Pines P.S. I take this opportunity to thank all of you for welcoming me to the family quickly and without hesitation (well maybe just a bit of hesitation :). I fondly remember my walk of the school, my first communications with parents, my first interactions with students, my first school council meeting... so many firsts. Thank you for always having a voice, for caring so much about our students and for making sure that students always come first in our decision making process. Thank you for asking many questions, making suggestions, always thinking out of the box. Thank you for the support you've shown me in my time here. Whether through student leadership or through parent involvement and volunteerism, your support has meant more than you know and I'll treasure the learnings forever.

This year, has been particularly exceptional as we all collaboratively worked to create our Touchstone:

SILVER PINES TOUCHSTONE

At Silver Pines we are one big family. We lift each other up if we fall.

We include everyone and strive to make all members of our community feel safe and welcome.

We are not afraid to stand out and make a difference.

We are kind and caring, treating others the way we want to be treated.

We use our voices to tell the truth and stand up for what we believe in.

We ask questions, have fun, and think critically & creatively.

We take initiative to care for ourselves and the world around us.

We set academic and social goals and persevere to achieve them, moving forward while learning from the past.

We are a big forest of trees; we grow tall, we grow strong, we grow together, but branch out in our own way.

Be a leader,

Be a learner,

Have a voice,

And inspire learning!

So as I say my goodbye, and branch out in my own way as the principal of Anne Frank P.S., I wish everyone an amazing, fun and safe summer break! I look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things that will be happening at Silver Pines in the years to come. I know that I leave you in great hands with Ms Diakiw and Ms Zarif as well as all the amazing Silver Pines 2014-2015 staff.

Yours,

Mrs. Fishman

Early Dismissal June 26



Thursday, June 26, 2014, is a **half day** for elementary students in the York Region District School Board. This means that students are expected to be in class for the morning, and **will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.** for the summer.

Families, please note that if your child is a bussing student, s/he **will return home on the bus** after dismissal 11:30 a.m. If your student does not take a bus, please be sure that other care is in place if needed!

As always, please remember that the it is a regular morning of school and all absences must be reported to the school beforehand.

Save the Dates



- **Tuesday, September 2:** School Resumes for SK-Gr. 8
JK Students: Supported entry 1:20 - dismissal at 3:00. Regular start on Sept. 3 for new JKs.
- **Wednesday, October 1:** Curriculum Evening & Community BBQ
Stay tuned for more info!

Kid's Kitchen Co.

June 2014

Have a fantastic summer!

Thank you to all our wonderful customers and schools for a great school year. Once again it has been a pleasure serving you hot lunches this year.

Our lunch program will begin again in the new school year during the week of September 8th. Menus will be available on-line mid- August at www.kidskitchen.ca. Please stay tuned for more details.

Leave the lunches to us at camp!

Kid's Kitchen proudly serves many summer day camps in the GTA. If your child will be attending summer camp, please check if we are servicing their camp and allow us to take care of lunches this summer.

We're here to help!

We have live Customer Service available to assist you. Summer hours will be from 9am to 2pm. Please call **905-944-0210** or email information@kidskitchen.ca.

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer break. See you back in September!



Summer Reading Activities

In the summer, spend time reading! Here are a few ways to support your child to maintain or increase their current reading level:

Create a weekly activity schedule. For example:

Monday: Write about and draw your favourite character in the book so far. Create an adjective tree that includes words to describe that character.

Tuesday: Write down all the new words you read and find their definitions by talking with an adult or looking in a dictionary. Draw and write the definition beside the new word in a journal

Wednesday: Make a prediction about what you think might happen next. Write about it.

Thursday: Write about and draw one setting from the story.

Friday: Retell the details in the story so far.

Weekend: Free Choice from the list above!

Drawing is a great idea!

Remember, visualizing what we read helps us to understand a text better.

Talk About It!

Just decoding words doesn't mean we understand a text. Talking about what we have read confirms and increases our understanding.

Choose more than just books!

Read a magazine...Read a blog...

Read a newspaper...

Read a brochure from a tourist attraction to find non-fiction information...Read signs for information...

Explore a non-fiction text, and extract information...

Share the facts together....



Enjoy a wonderful summer reading!

Fabulous Fun at the SPPS Fun Fair



Thanks again to all contributors and participants in this year's Fun Fair! The event was a great success, and we enjoyed every minute of it!



Welcome to Kindergarten Evening

Once again, the Welcome to Kindergarten Evening at Silver Pines was a huge success. We had so much fun welcoming and getting to know the newest members of our school community!! The bright smiles, questions, and new friends we made were inspiring! Welcome, kindergarten students!!



Principal & Vice Principal for the Day

Congratulations to Hanna C. and Julia S., winners of Principal and Vice Principal for the day!! “Ms. C.” and “Ms. S.” learned a great deal about running the school and keeping the staff and students organized and well-cared for. Great job, girls!!



Private Summer Programmes

کلاس های خصوصی آموزش زبان انگلیسی
از طریق درس علوم و فرانسه (مقدماتی)
برای دانش آموزان (کلاس های ۱ تا ۸)

Location: Alexander Mackenzie High school

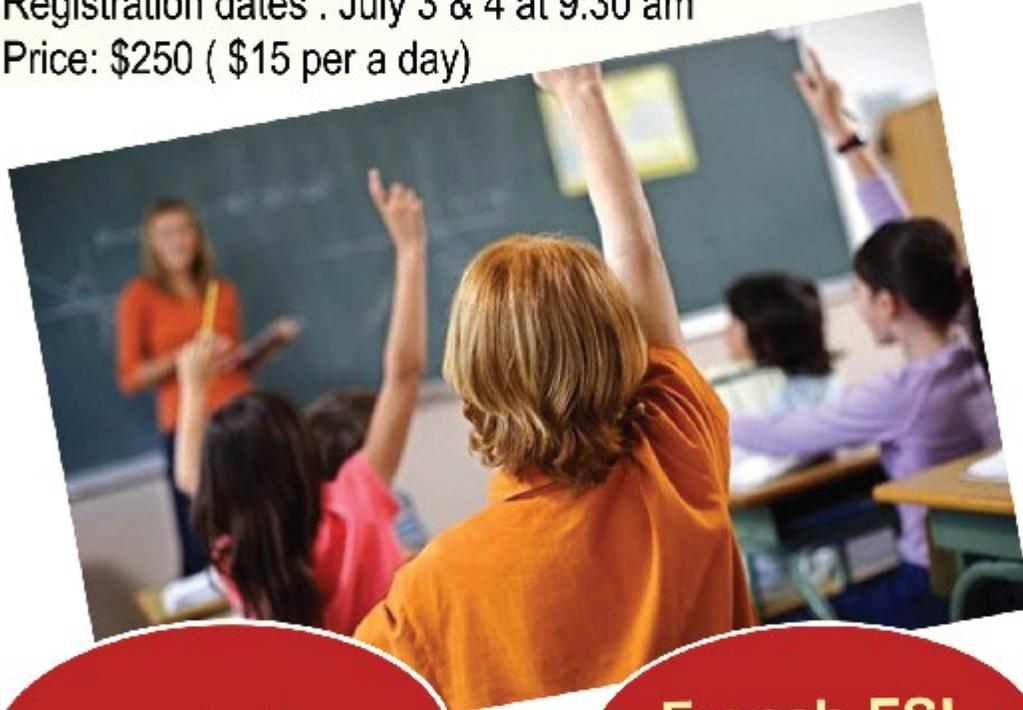
Date: July 3 to August 1, 2014

Time: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Morning Class
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Afternoon Class

Days: Tuesday - Friday

Registration dates : July 3 & 4 at 9:30 am

Price: \$250 (\$15 per a day)



ESL Science

Gr.1-Gr.8

French-FSL

FSL Beginner

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با خانم افروز سرمدي تماس حاصل نماييد

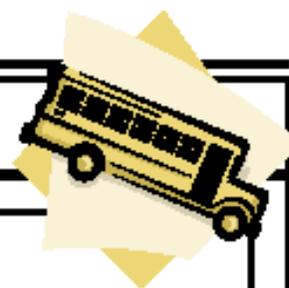
905-884-2046 (Ext: 265)

Learning English Through Science / French

Learning English Through Science / French

Address: 300 Major Mackenzie Dr. W (Major Mack / Bathurst)

Parents - For Your Information...



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Student Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.





**Idayr - Learning Disabilities
Association of York Region**
The right to learn, the power to achieve

Academic, Transition, and ADHD Coaching for Youth and Adults

What is Coaching?

Coaching is defined as a "thought-provoking and creative process that inspires individuals to maximize their personal potential and achieve a specific result." The benefits of life coaching in assisting individuals achieving their career and personal goals are being recognized internationally. Many CEOs and top business executives use coaches to help reach a specific goal in their professional development. Learning Disabilities Association of York Region's coaching program utilizes these same life coaching strategies to help youth and adults self-manage and reach their full potential. Working with professional trained coaches recognized by the International Coaching Federation, LDAYR offers customized coaching programs.



Academic Coaching

Academic coaching is an interactive process that focuses on the personal relationship created between student and coach. During the process the coach encourages the student to become more self-aware by understanding his/her strengths, values, interests, purpose and passion. Academic coaching can help students strengthen their self-esteem, increase self-awareness, learn how to negotiate their deficits and manage challenges, increase self-regulation, learn to set and meet academic goals, develop academic skills (note taking, study and test taking strategies), manage their time, meet deadlines, and organize themselves. Academic coaching is available for students ages 12+.

Transition to Postsecondary Success Coaching

Evidence suggests that the age of 16 is "too late" in the process for students to specify a postsecondary or career vocational course of study (Weidenthal & Kochhar-Bryant, 2007). Students need to start transition planning early to ensure their curriculum choices and education plans will address their needs so they can meet their postsecondary goals. At the postsecondary level students must be their own spokesperson, self-advocate, and more independent. There is a significant difference between secondary and postsecondary school environments and services provided in each setting. Through informed, careful planning, and coaching, these differences can be addressed along with the development of the self-determination skills required to equalize access and increase opportunities for postsecondary success.



ADHD Coaching

ADHD coaching is a specialized type of life and client driven coaching that is structured around the recipient's unique needs. ADHD coaching uses specific techniques geared toward working with the unique brain wiring of individuals with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder. Coaches work with clients to help them better manage time, organize, set goals, and complete projects. In addition to helping clients understand the impact ADHD has had on their lives, coaches can help clients develop "work-arounds" strategies to deal with specific challenges, and determine and use individual strengths. Coaching is adapted to the neurological wiring and behaviours that create barriers for the person living with ADHD in work, school and life. Coaching uses a pragmatic, outcome-based approach to achieve realistic goals for the client.

For more information on our coaching programs and coaching rates, please contact us at info@ldayr.org or visit us at <http://www.ldayr.org>

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