

Silver Pines Parent **POST** November 1, 2024

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Upcoming Dates

November 3 - 9 - Treaty Recognition Week

November 4 - 10 - Holocaust Education Week

November 4 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm

November 4 - Parent Teacher Interview booking opens on Edsby 9am

November 8 - Progress Report Cards distributed electronically (beginning Nov. 8th)

November 11 - Remembrance Day

November 11 - Book Fair Begins

November 14 -15 – Parent Teacher Interview Night/Day

November 15 - PA Day

November 18 - 20 - Grade 8 Overnight Trip to Lake St. George

November 25 - Picture Day

November 27 - Movie Night at Silver Pines (more information to come)

Diwali – November 1, 2024

Diwali (also known as Deepavali, meaning 'row of lamps'), is known as the Festival of Lights and is a Hindu, Sikh, and Jain festival celebrated throughout the diaspora and around the world. Diwali / Deepavali celebrates the triumph of good over evil. The festival has a different significance for different people and is celebrated in different ways. To all those celebrating Diwali, we would like to wish you and your families a very happy celebration.



Food Drive at Silver Pines – October 28 – November 28

We would like to ask for your support in our school's food drive, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Richmond Hill. All food donations collected will be sent to the Richmond Hill Food Bank to help families in need within our community. We are accepting crackers, rice and pasta, juice boxes, canned food, boxes of cereal, coffee and tea bags and hygiene products. Please ensure all food items are non-perishable and peanut free. Your generosity will make a big difference! Thank you so much for your support!



**It's
Book Fair
Time!**

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The Fall Scholastic Book Fair is coming! – Nov 11 – 15

Every year Silver Pines hosts the Scholastic Book Fair/Sale in our Library for students and families. Our Fall sale will be held from Monday, November 11th to the morning of Friday November 15th. The library will be open for families to attend after school from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the evening of Parent Interviews (Thursday Nov. 14th) until 8:00 p.m., and the morning of the Friday P.A. Day (Nov. 15). Students will have opportunities to attend with their class during the week.

WANTED: Book Fair Volunteers

Ms. Jones is looking for a few more parent volunteers to help during the school days. Please email her at leslie.jones-lissack@yrdsb.ca if you're interested.

We hope to see you there!

Silver Pines is a NUT SAFE 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.

Lunch Drop-Off

If you are dropping off lunch for your child, please do so before 12:20pm. You can leave the lunch on the table outside of the office with your child's name on it. We have sticky notes and pens for you to use. Children should not be meeting their parents at the door or outside. We also encourage students to come to school with their lunch already packed. **Food delivery services (e.g. UberEats, Skip the Dishes) will not be accepted.** Students are reminded not to share food, utensils or drinks.

We will make every effort not to interrupt instructional time. Please inform your child in the morning if you are dropping off lunch or other items.

Reporting Attendance

Parents/guardians are asked to inform your child's school before 8:30am if your child is going to be absent or late to school. You can do so online by Edsby or calling 905-508-7303 option 1

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.

Become a School Crossing Guard

We are looking for caring individuals to help keep our students safe on their way to and from school. Apply online www.RichmondHill.ca or call 905-771-8800