



Silver Pines
Public School

Message from Administration

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of another school year! It has been incredibly busy and exciting with many wonderful events that have created lots of great memories. We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to all the students, parents and staff who have made a contribution to such a successful year. We greatly appreciate the many ways you have contributed to our school, such as accompanying our students on class field trips, helping with pizza lunches, and volunteering at our school wide events. We have been working on meeting the needs of all our learners and participating in case studies to identify best practices for our students learning styles.

Thank you to School Council for their fundraising efforts. The funds raised have provided us with resources for our Wolf Den and social skills clubs, brand new recess equipment, an outdoor garden, and to support our electives programs. The funds have also paid for Agendas for all students for next year. What an amazing contribution to our school community! We welcome new parents to our **school council** and hope to see new faces at our first meeting on **October 7st 2019**.

We offer our big CONGRATULATIONS to our Grade 8 Graduates who celebrated at our ceremony and party on Wednesday night. We are very proud of the young individuals you have become and we wish you all the best in High School. You will be missed. Thank you all!

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Last Day of School — Early Release

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 27, 2019**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Thursday, June 27, 2019 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:30am**. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

Tentative Organization for 2019/2020

The Board continues to respond to the Ministry of Education's mandated requirements related to primary class size. In doing so, this has allowed us to make great gains in creating primary classes that maximize teacher time with students in support of their learning.

As an administrator I have worked with our Superintendents and Board staff to plan for the upcoming school year. Each school board in the province will have to meet Ministry expectations. In general, on a board-wide basis, 90% of primary classes must have 20 or fewer students, and only 10% may have up to 23. In addition, while classes in grades 4-8 will not have a hard cap, each school board will be required to demonstrate regional averages.

This is our tentative classroom organization for September 2019

Four Kindergarten classes	One Grade 5 class
One SK/Gr 1 class	Two Grade 6 classes
One Grade 1/2 class	Two Grade 7 classes
One Grade 2 class	One Grade 7/8 class
One Grade 2/3 class	Two Grade 8 classes
One Grade 3 class	One Community class
One Grade 3/4 class	
Two Grade 4/5 class	

SCHOOL BUS for 2019/2020

Please visit www.schoolbuscity.com for information in August regarding school bus pick up and drop off times. **ONLY** students who qualify to ride the bus may get on the bus. Students who are in grade 4 and who may have taken the bus last year are not eligible to ride the school bus if they live within 1.6kms of the school.



Message From Our Trustee

As we near the end of the school year, this is a good time to celebrate all your child has learned and achieved. I hope that you have seen evidence of their growth and learning throughout the year.

Supporting the well-being and achievement of our students is a partnership with families and communities, and I want to thank you for all that you do to help strengthen our schools and support your child's learning. We know that when you ask your child about their learning, help them make connections or participate in school events, our students and our schools benefit.

I look forward to continuing to build relationships with families over the summer months and in the 2019-2020 school year. As we go into the summer, there are many opportunities to continue supporting your child's learning - whether helping to plan a family trip, visiting a local museum, reading a book or participating in one of the many exciting [summer learning programs](#) offered through the Board. I hope that whatever you have planned, you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

I would also like to offer a special congratulations to the graduating class of 2019. We wish you all the very best as you move on to this next phase of your life. We look forward to welcoming back all of our new and returning families in the fall.

A [message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees](#) is also available on the Board website at www.yrdsb.ca.

Welcoming Viola Desmond Public School to Silver Pines

As communicated earlier this month, Silver Pines P.S. will temporarily act as a holding school for the new school, Viola Desmond P.S. We have developed plans to ensure a smooth transition for all our students and we expect a successful entry in September. The students of Viola Desmond will be housed in the back wing of Silver Pines, as well as the small gym. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us once our office reopens on Monday, August 26th, 2019. We appreciate your support in welcoming Viola Desmond Public School students to our school.



Coming in 2019/20



Library Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help organize our school library. If you are interested, please contact our school office. We appreciate your support.



Ideas for Summer Activities for Children

From [Very Well Family](#)

Pick your own...whatever. Find a farm with blueberries, strawberries, tomatoes, flowers, etc., and get picking.

[Play outside](#) in the rain. Smell the rain on the pavement; splash in puddles; make mud pies.

Make your own rain. Douse everyone with the hose or sprinkler.

Cook out...frequently. Go beyond the burgers. Try veggies or fish. The kids might like them more if they come off the grill!

Make "smores." Chocolate + marshmallow + graham cracker = summer

Camp out. First-timers, try backyard camping.

Camp in. Put the sleeping bags on the floor and have a family slumber party.

Stargaze. Invite friends and make a party of it.

Catch lightning bugs. And then watch them flicker away into the night.

Rearrange the furniture. Give the kid's graph paper and have them draw out a plan first.

Make your own pancakes. Try this kid-friendly [recipe](#).

Invite friends over for a game night. Have a kids' games table and an adult one too.

Stop to smell the flowers. (Go to a botanical garden.)

Talk to the animals. (Go to the zoo.)

Get wet. (Go to a water park.)

Have a puzzle race. Use [100-piece puzzles](#) and see who finishes first.

Play a card game. Maybe crazy eights, spoons, etc. Take your pick.

Play a board game. Candyland, chess or Monopoly, depending on age and inclination.

Make good use of nearby parks. Go to your local park's website, print the schedule of activities and tape it to the refrigerator.

Pack a [picnic](#). And plop down to eat it just about anywhere, at a free concert, in a park or in your own backyard.

Experiment with new hairdos. Let the kids try out not-permanent colors or braids. Or maybe a spiked look.

Dig in the sand at the beach. Doesn't matter if it's in the ocean, lake or bay.

Set a goal and complete a home project. Find ways to let the kids help.

Take an early morning bird walk.

Grow vegetables. And then eat them.

Grow flowers. And then arrange them.

Let the kids cook dinner. In fact, make a tradition of it.

Host the kids' friends for a sleepover. And then maybe your kids will be invited next—giving you a free evening.

Go to your favorite local museum.

Go to a carnival or county fair. Eat cotton candy, fried dough or something really bad once this summer.

Decorate your walkways with chalk.

Take a hike. Choose a route near your house or take a drive to a more distant park.

Plant a butterfly garden. Watch the butterflies flutter by.

Make [fresh lemonade](#). Maybe even sell it at a lemonade stand!

Take a road trip to a nearby city. Spend the night if you can or just make it a day trip.

Show the kids science is fun. Try these [experiments](#).

Go to a matinee. Find a bargain movie houses and pay less.

Watch family movies. Kids can't get enough of themselves on the big screen.

Read a chapter book aloud. Or even go on and read a whole series together.

Listen to a classic as an audiobook.

Teach the kids a game you haven't played since you were a kid.

Meet friends at the playground. Not groundbreaking, but always popular nonetheless.

Visit a historic house.

Make ice cream.

Use bikes as a mode of transit. Show the kids the way to the store or a friend's.

Take bike rides for fun. Either leave from your own house or drive to biking trails.

Go fishing. In many places, kids can drop a line in without a license.

Paddle a kayak or a canoe. Or if you're really adventurous try white water rafting.

Jump rope. Chant these jump [rope rhymes](#).

Press summer flowers. Make a pressed flower picture.

String beads. [Beading for kids](#) can be as simple or complex as you choose.

Blow bubbles. Make your own!

Play miniature golf. Can you make the last hole-in-one for a free game?

Eat at the counter of a diner. And let the kids spin on the stools.

Find a new place to play. Easy idea: Clear out the basement or garage. Complicated idea: Build a tree house.

Build a Lego castle. Clear off a table and make it a family project.

Master a new skill together. Learn to juggle, play harmonica, do the hula hoop, etc.

Build a fort. Try pillows in the living room or cardboard boxes in the yard.

Write/illustrate a comic book. Make it a group effort or let everyone do their own.

- Run in the Run in the yard.** Kickball, wiffleball, Frisbee, and the tag will keep you moving.
- Visit a local farmers market.** And feast on the fruits and veggies of the season.
- Create art with beach items.** Check out these seashell crafts
- Have breakfast in bed.** Take turns being the server and the served.
- Play with clay.** Then bake your creations to make the
- Make play dough creations.** Then rip them up and do it again.
- Make paper airplanes.** See whose goes the farthest.
- Join a [summer reading club](#).** Parents can list all their books read over the summer too, but I doubt you'll get a prize.
- Keep a sketch diary.**
- Write in a journal.** At the end of the summer share selections with each other about the highlights of the season.
- Teach the kids to skip stones.**
- Make photo gifts online.** Grandparents will love them.
- Take lessons together.** Cooking, yoga, tennis, music, etc.
- Play croquet on the lawn.** And try bocci too.
- Set up a badminton net.** You could use it for volleyball too.
- Create a [treasure hunt for kids](#).** Do it on your own property or around town.
- Erect a bird feeder.** And then watch the show from your window.
- See a dramatic performance together.** Doesn't matter if it's a puppet show in the park or a touring Broadway show.
- Put on your own dramatic performance.** Write a script, sew costumes or just do a little improv.
- Play charades.** Turn all that drama into a game.
- Make music.** Either make your own instruments or play traditional ones.
- Break out the family movies.** And the popcorn too!
- Have a garage sale.** Kids can earn spending money by selling their old stuff.
- Go to a flea market or garage sale.** And they can spend that money they just earned. (See if the kids are better negotiators than you.)
- Climb trees together.** Of course, only if the kids are big enough, and you are brave enough.
- Get a book of [riddles](#).** See if you can stump each other, then write your own.
- Keep your kitchen cool.** Make [no-bake cookies](#).

Enjoy your time together!

This year the funds raised from our Pizza lunch program were able to fund the various initiatives:

Computer Cost-Sharing (Chromebooks & iPads)
Student Agendas
Graduation contribution
Recess equipment
Athletic fees (tournaments)
Electives Support
School Play Performance
Annual Playground Maintenance
Various School Events
(Film festival, T&F freezies, transportation for Robotics club)

Thank

You

Goodbyes and Welcomes

It is always hard to say farewell to the wonderful people we work with, but we are excited for the new opportunities they will be embarking on.

We say goodbye and offer congratulations to our illustrious Vice Principal, Lisa Hascal, who is being promoted to Principal of King City Public School. It has been a pleasure to work alongside her the last two years at Silver Pines and previous 5 years at another school. She has been a wonderful partner and she will be missed. We will be welcoming Shauna Small as our half time Vice Principal. We are happy to have her join us here at the Pines.

We have a few Teachers, Educational Assistants and DECEs who will be moving on to other positions as well. We offer our best wishes to: Mr. Halkusis, Ms. Rankel, Ms. Vallozzi, Ms. Bloomfield, Ms. Neveu, Ms. Franco, Ms. Q and Ms. Simos.

Thank you all so much for your hard work and dedication! You will be missed.

We will be welcoming a few new staff members and look forward to having them join our family in September!

Have a safe and relaxing summer! See you in September!



**HAVE A SAFE AND
HAPPY SUMMER!!**