

Dear Families,

We hope everyone is well, and that you have been able to take some time for your own mental health by enjoying a relaxing walk outside and seeing the leaves change from green to an incredible display of vibrant colours while we experience this continued fall weather.

Change in School Administration

We would like to thank and say **goodbye to Mr. Arnott** at the end of the week for all of his help and support during his short tenure as Principal at Silver Pines. He will be missed by all of us. We also want to **welcome our new Principal, Mr. Sandiford** who will be starting at Silver Pines on November 7th.

Cross-country team

Congratulations to all members of our cross-country running team who trained for almost 2 months for the Area Cross Country meet at Richmond Green. A special thanks to our coaches; Ms. Green, Ms. MacIntyre and Ms. Battaglia. We would like to send a special cheer to one of our Grade 8 students: Taiya, who qualified and ran in the Regional Finals at Bruce's Mill to represent our school. Congratulations also to Parsa who qualified for the finals but was unable to run.



GO WOLVES!

Volleyball

The Intermediate girls and boys volleyball teams started their season last week. These students have also been practicing hard for the upcoming tournament. Thanks Mr. Pappas and Mr Radia for all of your time with these student-athletes.

Social Justice League

The Social Justice League is a group of Grade 6-8 students who have volunteered to take on leadership opportunities within the school. We are a group of like-minded individuals whose goal is to bring awareness to issues surrounding equity and social justice. We are also committed to school spirit and bringing fun activities back to Silver Pines! Ms Greig is coordinating this group.

HALLOWEEN AT SILVER PINES

It was great to enjoy the 'spirit' of the fall at Monday's Halloween Dance and games and activities throughout the school. It was wonderful to see all the creative costumes for the Halloween celebrations today for those that were celebrating. Thank you to the Student Justice League for operating the snack

bar for our students, to our DJ Mr Pedroza and his crew, and to Mr Pappas and his class for organizing the Primary games in our gym.

***As you read through this newsletter, please keep in mind the following information (in part) that was sent to parents by the YRDSB earlier this week.**

At this time, the most current information we have is that the government is legislating a contract for CUPE. However, in a news conference this afternoon (yesterday), CUPE leadership stated that they will stage a province-wide political protest on Friday, November 4, 2022. While we monitor this situation and its potential effect on school operations, we encourage families whose children attend in-person learning to begin making alternate arrangements for childcare.

The situation provincially continues to evolve and we would like families to have the most up-to-date information possible. We encourage you to visit www.yrdsb.ca/bargaining and monitor emails from the Board regularly in the event there is new information to share. You may also follow our Twitter account [@yrdsb](https://twitter.com/yrdsb) for immediate updates.



Photographers and School Photos - Nov. 4 and retake is Dec. 2, 2022

Picture day is coming this week! Students will be photographed on Friday, November 4th with the exception of students in Ms. Feldman, Ms. Sylver and Ms. Kashef's class who are on a field trip and will have their class photos taken on Dec 2nd. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. We would like all students to be included in a group picture unless you prefer otherwise. Please notify the school.



School Council MEETING- Monday, Nov. 7 @ 6:30 - Library

Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, community and school boards. School councils provide advice on school matters and help to strengthen the important relationship between schools, parents/guardians and their communities. All members of the school community are welcome to be a part of the Council. We are still looking for parents to help fill some of the various positions on our Council this year. All are welcome to attend our November meeting.



Pizza Lunches

Special lunch days will be returning starting on **Friday, November 4th**. All orders will be processed through cash online. Thanks to the parent volunteers for helping to manage these pizza days. Our lunch time may be adjusted to help with pizza delivery.



Remembrance Day: November 11th

Silver Pines is planning a special assembly for Remembrance Day. Our School Social Justice League has been tracing and cutting out wreaths for Remembrance Day. They will distribute one to each class to decorate for November 11. During the assembly, the SJL will be facilitating a wreath presentation, playing of the last post and reading poems.



Progress Reports go home: Week of November 21-25, 2022

Teachers have been working with students to help develop the learning skills and goals necessary to succeed at each grade level. Assessment, evaluation and reporting on the progress and achievement of students allows us to share curriculum expectations and provide information to all parents specific to their child's program. All families will receive an electronic copy of their child's Progress Report during the week after the Parent-Teacher interviews.



Parent/Teacher Interview Night/Day: Nov 17th PM, Nov 18th (AM)

Invitations and sign-up will come through Edsby . Nov 18th is a PA Day.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on November 17 and 18, 2022. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and learn more about the classroom and their progress. We look forward to meeting with you face-to-face. For help signing up for the Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit our board website. Please note the following important timelines:

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| October 18 - 22nd | Parents/guardians to create Edsby accounts. |
| November 1 - 8th | Parent-teacher Interview schedule opens at 9:00 a.m. for booking. Log into your Edsby account. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby account and a notification to your email. Instructions for signing up for interview slots are found here . |
| November 14th | Interview Scheduler closes at (9:00 a.m.) |
| November 17 - 18th | Parent-Teacher Interviews |
| | *November 18th is a PA DAY |

If you are looking for more information about the key elements of the report cards in your preferred language, please refer to the following links.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reportCard.html>

<https://staffweb-yrdsb.msapproxy.net/services/assessment/AEC/Pages/GSParents.aspx#>

SCHOOL LIFE

ASSESSMENT, EVALUATION AND REPORTING

Report Cards

Kindergarten students receive:

- one provincial Kindergarten Communication of Learning: Initial Observations in November
- one provincial Kindergarten Communication of Learning in February
- one provincial Kindergarten Communication of Learning in June

Elementary school students receive:

- one progress report card in November
- one provincial report card in January/February
- one provincial report card in June

On the progress report card, teachers will indicate if a student is:

- progressing very well
- progressing well
- progressing with difficulty

Secondary school students receive two provincial report cards each semester. An interim report is also issued after the first six weeks of instruction.

Assessment and Evaluation

Students are important partners in the assessment process and will be supported in:

- Understanding what they need to know and do to reach the provincial standard.
- Setting goals for growth.
- Building on their strengths, using their learning preferences and focusing on their areas of need to achieve success.

Teachers will support students in a variety of ways, including:

- Sharing learning goals and success criteria.
- Showing samples of student work.
- Providing opportunities to receive, give and use descriptive feedback.
- Teaching them to set their own goals and monitor growth in relation to learning goals and success criteria.

Students are responsible for providing evidence of learning within the timeframe specified by the teacher, and in a form approved by the teacher. Responses to not completing assignments, missing tests or assignments, cheating or plagiarizing will be guided by the Board's Assessment, Evaluation and Communication of Student Learning and Achievement Policy and procedures. It is important that students strive to achieve their best and provide teachers with original and authentic evidence of their learning.

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To be fair, transparent and equitable for everyone, the Board has policies on late and missed assignments, and dealing with cheating and plagiarism.

Achievement of curriculum expectations will be assessed and evaluated using four categories of achievement:

- knowledge and understanding
- thinking
- communication
- application

Learning Skills and Work Habits

These learning skills and work habits will be taught and assessed throughout the school year:

- responsibility
- organization
- independent work
- collaboration
- initiative
- self-regulation

Learning skills and work habits will be reported on report cards using the following scale:

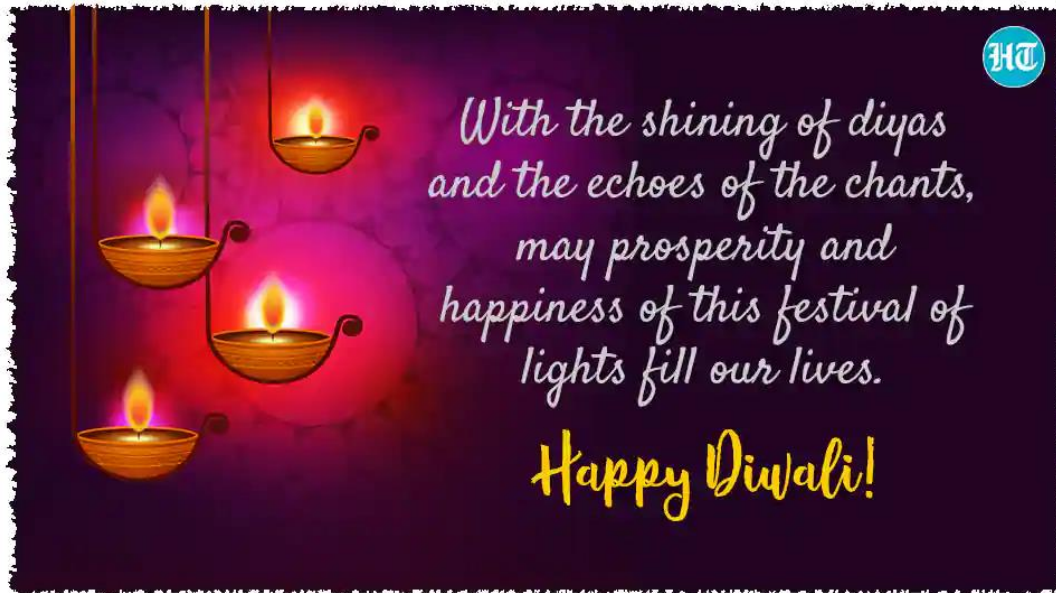
E = Excellent G = Good S = Satisfactory N = Needs Improvement



Food Bank Donations

We wanted to let you know how much we appreciate the food you donated to our local food bank. We also wanted to let everyone know that we reached our target goal of \$1000 last month as our school contribution to the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you for your generosity!

Diversity is Our Strength!



*With the shining of diyas
and the echoes of the chants,
may prosperity and
happiness of this festival of
lights fill our lives.*

Happy Diwali!