


Silver Pines Parent **POST**

September 4th – 20th, 2013



Calendar Events – Important Dates

Sept. 23	P.A. Day—No School
Sept. 24	Student Transition to New Classes  (if applicable)
Sept. 27	Mr. Philp's last day
Sept. 30	Welcome Ms Zarif
Sept. 30	Safety Week Begins
Oct. 2	BBQ/Curriculum Evening
Oct. 7	School Council Meeting
Oct. 11	P.A. Day—No School
Oct. 24-25	Photo Days
Oct. 28	Gr. 7 Hep B Immunization & Gr. 8 Human Papillomavirus (HPV) female Immunization
Oct. 30	Photo Retake Day
Nov. 29	Gr. 8 Human Papillomavirus (HPV) female Immunization
Apr. 28	Gr. 7 Hep B & Meningitis , Gr. 8 Human Papillomavirus (HPV) female Immunization

School Council 2013-2014 Meeting Dates:

October 7, 2013 (Election of new council)

November 4, 2013

December 2, 2013

February 3, 2014

April 7, 2014

May 5, 2014

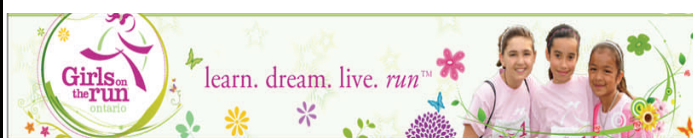
Please see monthly calendar posted on school's website

Girls on the Run

Silver Pines is very excited to be a part of Girls on the Run, Ontario, for the very first time. Over the next 8 weeks, the Girls on Track program for Grade 6-8 girls will "inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running." Over the 8 weeks, the girls will train for a non-competitive 5k run/walk. In addition, they will be participating in lessons and activities that help to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles. Many aspects of girls' development are discussed, including their physical, emotional, mental and social well-being. At the end of the 8 weeks, the girls will participate in a fun 5k run/walk. Watch for more details regarding the date and time of this event.

All are welcome to come out and cheer the girls on!

**For more information please visit
www.girlsontherun.ca**



Administrator's Message

We are very excited to share that the year got off to a great start! The students are busy learning in classrooms, engaging in math, drama, language, science, physical education, social studies, geography, history, art, French, music and more! Staff are busy co-planning in grade teams, working together to set routines and supports for students. The learning doesn't stop outside of the classroom as students are also learning at recess the important skills of making friends, socializing, sharing, problem solving, and playing together with others. When we walk the halls or the tarmac and field outside, it is wonderful to see their smiling faces and feel the incredible school spirit that we have at Silver Pines! We extend our thanks to the wonderful staff for the many extra-curricular activities that are already in place for the students: cross country, Girls on the Run, intramurals for grades 6-8, volleyball, choir, student leadership groups (kindergarten helpers, office helpers and lunch monitors) and so much more! Thank you to School Council members for organizing the hot lunch programs and preparing for the BBQ on Oct. 2nd. We also thank parents for your ongoing support as we engage in reorganization of classes this week. We know that we can count on you to help make the change easy and smooth. Thank you for your trust. Working together and supporting each other, we know that this will be a great year!

Aneta Fishman

Shannon Philp

Mrs. A. Fishman

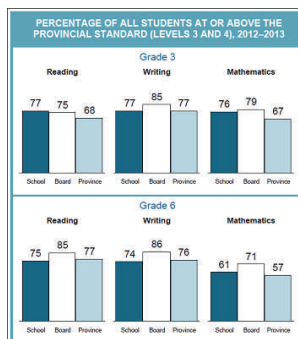
Mr. S. Philp

Principal

Vice Principal

School Based Results EQAO 2012/2013

Last spring, our grade 3 and grade 6 students participated in writing the EQAO assessment. This assessment is conducted on a yearly basis and is a standardized measure of both the math and language curricula. At the conclusion of a testing cycle, EQAO provides schools with school based results, as well as, with individual student results. The public school report provides an overview of contextual information and student performance data, including the results for the board and province. This school based assessment information will be used as an additional source of information to support school improvement and overall student achievement. It is also important to know that this information is not used by the board to rank or compare schools. Outlined below are our school based results.



As a school, focused on school improvement and student achievement, we look for patterns and trends over time, that help us further understand areas of growth and development. This data helps us with thoughtful and purposeful discussions, between staff and community partners, and other classroom

assessment data that help move our improvement journey forward. Please see www.eqao.com for more information.

Terry Fox Walk

This year marks 33 years since a young Canadian named Terry Fox attempted to run across Canada to raise funds for cancer research. Over the past 33 years, Canadians have been inspired by Terry's courage and determination and have made the decision to participate in annual Terry Fox Runs and Walks in their own communities. This year, students at Silver Pines will be holding a Terry Fox Walk on: **Friday, September 27th**. Donations are optional. If weather is not suitable for walking on this date, the school walk will be held on **Monday, September 30th**.



Let's Write!

Here are a few ways to support your child to maintain or increase their current writing level:

Create a weekly activity schedule. For example:

Monday: Write about and draw your favourite character in a book you are reading. 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 using complete sentences.

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!

Visualizing what we read helps us to understand a text better.

**Connecting Reading & Writing skills
builds strong literacy skills - in any
grade level!**

Make home practice relevant and interesting for your child!



Enjoy building literacy skills together!

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Literacy Links



WHY READ WITH YOUR CHILD?

There are many benefits for children of all ages to read, be read to and talk about books. Some benefits include:

- Develop language skills
- Understand and appreciate various texts and print
- Improve vocabulary
- Increase sense of relaxation

By talking to your child about books or reading aloud together, this will support their reading skills, improve fluency and more importantly develop a love of reading that could last a lifetime.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD DEVELOP A LOVE OF READING?

- Use the public library and/or school library
- Read for pleasure
- Read different texts (newspapers, books, emails, magazines, billboards etc.)
- Read books together and discuss them
- Listen to books on tape/ CDs in the car
- Set aside a consistent time for reading each day

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN MY CHILD STRUGGLES WITH READING?

- Practice shared reading
- Ask your child what they are interested in—choose books that excite your child
- Start small by choosing easy texts and gradually move into more challenging text
- Model reading for your child-let them “catch” you and/or partner reading
- Create a safe and comfortable reading environment, without judgment
- Read aloud to your child
- Pair books with activities (read books about fractions and then make pizza for dinner and talk about dividing it up)
- Let your child choose their own reading materials. Expand your definition of readings---your child can read magazines, comic books, baseball cards, web-sites etc.



For The Love of Reading !

