

# Silver Pines Parent **POST**

November 08, 2013



## Calendar of Events – Important Dates

Nov. 15	PA Day - no school for students
Nov. 25-29	Scholastic Book Fair
Nov. 28	Gr. 8 Human Papillomavirus (HPV) female immunization
Jan. 23-24	Dental Screening Program
March 25	Gr. 7 Hep B & Meningitis & Gr.8 Human Papillomavirus (HPV) female Immunization

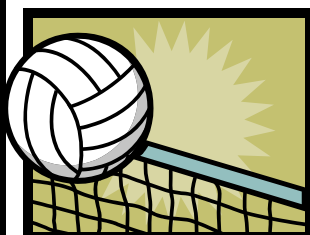
### School Council 2013-2014 Meeting Dates:

December 2, 2013	February 3, 2014
April 7, 2014	May 5, 2014

## Athletic Update

Intermediate Girls and Boys Volleyball teams have been practicing and have played several exhibition games in preparation for the Nov. 25 and Nov. 26th Area Tournaments.

(Mr. Radia, Mr. Pappas,  
Mrs. Vanderkooy -  
coaches)



Jr Co-Ed Volleyball try-outs are occurring over the next week. We had

over 70 students come out to the tryouts. Thanks you to all the students for trying out. We appreciate your efforts.  
(Ms. Paul and Mrs. Elson)

## Silver Pines P.S. Contact Information

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## Admin Message

### Safe STUDENT PICK-UP and DROP-OFF PROCEDURES – Gentle reminder

A “Kiss ’N Ride” loop for parents is found on the west side of the school; the parking spaces in the “Kiss ’N Ride” loop are for parents and visitors.

On the north side of the school, is also the “Bus Loop” for school buses and taxis. Parents are asked *not to use the designated bus loop lane for student pick-up, drop-off or for parking*. The parking spaces in the staff parking lot are reserved for staff.

The south end parking spaces are for daycare use only.

If possible, we strongly encourage you to walk your child to and from school or have your child walk in a group / on their own as you see fit. If you must drive your child to/from school, for the safety of all, we are asking drivers to adhere to these simple rules for drop-off and pick-up:

**DROP OFF:** Before 8:30 AM, please follow the “Kiss ’N Ride” loop, have your child ready to INDEPENDENTLY exit the car, drop your child off and proceed around the loop and back onto Stave Cres. Only drop off your child in the open lane closest to the curb. The other lane is not to be used for drop off.

**Do not double park** or stop longer than necessary in the “Kiss ’N Ride” loop, as it makes it impossible for other cars to pass by and safely drop-off passengers.

Be respectful of community members crossing, and the directives of staff, wearing reflective vests, standing on curbs supervising flow of traffic and the safe arrival/ departure of students.

**PICK UP:** The Kiss ’N Ride loop can be used for student pick up. However, you will have to park your car in a designated parking area or circle around the loop a few times until you see your child ready for pick up.

**Do not make a three-point turn** in front of school entrances. or anywhere in the school’s “Kiss’N Ride” loop.

### Information for Kindergarten Parents:

**Drop Off:** Parents/Caregivers need to park their car and walk their child to the kindergarten fenced play area at the back of the school. Supervision at the play area will begin at 8:15 a.m.

**Pick Up:** Please pick up your child from the kindergarten fenced play area at the side of the school. Children will be released to designated adults only.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Best Regards,

Aneta Fishman

Principal

Sherry Zarif

Vice Principal

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

## *Eco School Update*

**Boomerang** your snack and lunch garbage by taking it home with you in your lunch bag. Some of the packaging can be re-used the next day. (e.g., Ziploc bags and tinfoil, plastic forks)

You can help even more by packing a **LITTER-LESS** lunch.

Buy snack items in larger quantities, (e.g., juice, fishy crackers, cheese, apple sauce, and yogurt) and pack them in re-usable containers. There is less packaging to throw away. This helps reduce the amount of garbage going into our landfills.

Another **fun thing** to do would be to **bake** healthy cookies and snack bars of your own. This would eliminate all packaging. It is fun to bake together, and children learn a lot by measuring and mixing ingredients.

Together we can make a difference!



*The Silver Pines ECO Team*

## *A message from Ms. Stevens in the Learning Commons...*

It's that time of year again! This year the **Scholastic Book Fair** will be taking place from November 25<sup>th</sup> – November 28<sup>th</sup> in the Learning Commons at Silver Pines! During the week of the Book Fair, students will have the opportunity to browse, read, and purchase books from Scholastic. The money raised from the Book Fair will go directly to our school and help us buy books and resources for our own school library. Being able to add new books to our library not only keeps our book collection "current", but helps us support the diverse reading interests and levels of each and every learner in our school.

We are also looking for **volunteers** who are interested in helping out at this year's Book Fair. Any amount of time would be greatly appreciated. Please note that volunteers must have a Police Vulnerable Screening completed prior to helping at the school (can be completed at Hillcrest Mall). We recognize that it might take 4-6 weeks for it to be completed. If you started the process and would like to volunteer, please let us know.

For more information about the Scholastic Book Fair, the website is <http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/parents/> or if you have specific questions about the Book Fair at Silver Pines or are interested in volunteering, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Stevens at 905-508-7303 x 232.

## ***IMPORTANT REMINDER - FOOD POLICY @ SILVER PINES P.S.***

**All students and staff are entitled to safe and healthy learning environments in YRDSB schools.** This position constitutes a major challenge in those cases where a student has a life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis). There are three key categories to consider in providing a safe environment for anaphylactic students:

- information and awareness for the entire school community;
- avoidance of the allergen that causes anaphylactic reactions;
- an emergency response procedure in case of accidental exposure.

We have many anaphylactic students at Silver Pines P.S. We have confirmed the following foods are banned and may **NOT** be brought to Silver Pines. Please assist us with avoiding these foods being sent to school in snacks and lunches:

1. Peanuts and peanut products
2. All Tree Nuts and nut products



## *Social Justice Begins With Me*

Silver Pines Public School is an inclusive, safe and welcoming environment.

Each month we will celebrate student character achievements, looking through a social justice lens. Our parent community is always welcome to celebrate with us. Please see below the Assembly dates. (If this information changes, we will advise via email.)

<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Character Matters Focus</i>	<i>Social Justice Theme</i>
November	November 18 (J/I only) November 29	Honesty	Peace
December	December 18	Empathy	Building Supportive Communities
January	January 29	Fairness	Rights of the Child
February	February 26	Initiative	Caring Hands
March	March 25	Perseverance	Untie the Knots of Prejudice
April	April 24	Integrity	Local and Global Citizenship
May	May 22	Courage	True Worth and Beauty
June	June 20	Optimism	Circles and Cycles

## *Parent/Teacher Interviews*

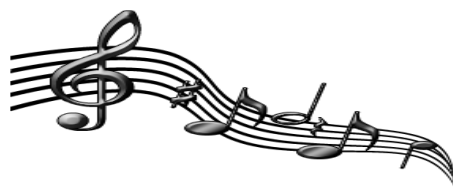
Parent/Teacher Interviews will be taking place on November 14 and 15. You should receive confirmation from your student's teacher by November 11.

## *Choir Info*

The Primary/Junior Choir rehearses Mondays at lunch recess, and the Junior/Intermediate Choir rehearses Wednesdays at lunch recess.

Both choirs are practicing in order to compete in the York Region Choir Association's "By the Kids, For the Kids" Choir Festival held at Upper Canada Mall in Newmarket in February, 2014. Exciting times for our singers!!

The choirs are run by Mrs. Leslie Jones-Lissack and Ms. Robin Cuddy.





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## School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be region-wide meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

### RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM				

88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM	94.9 FM
95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	107.1 FM

### TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CFTO TV CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB on twitter.

**Please note that school bus charters will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled.**



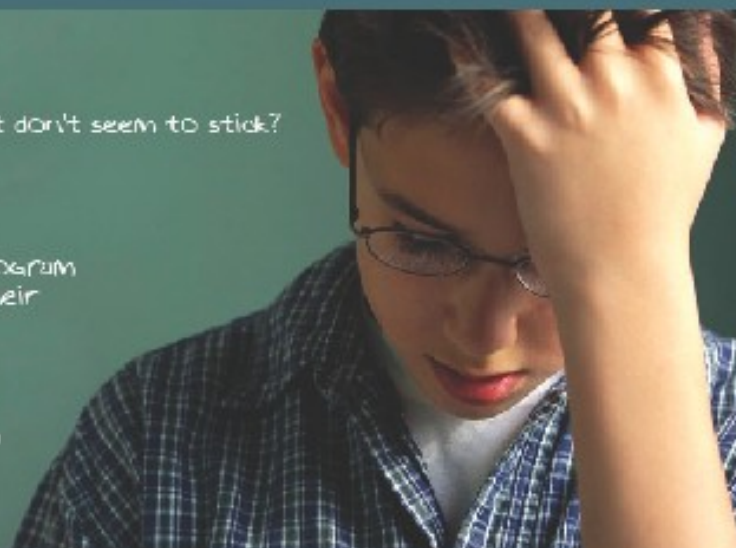
## LDAYR AND EVOKE LEARNING PRESENT:

Tired of homework battles?  
Discouraged trying to teach your child skills that don't seem to stick?

### Study Space

A specialized supervised after school support program to help students in grades 4 - 12 strengthen their self-regulation and executive functioning.

We'll keep your child focused,  
organized, and on track.



## Program Information:

4pm-6pm Monday - Thursday

### Cost:

\$45 per day (2 hrs) + initial (1 hr) intake fee. Students are required to participate in the program a minimum of twice a week, for the two hour duration.

LDA-York Region  
11181 Yonge St. (3rd Floor)  
Richmond Hill, ON. L4S 1L2  
(905) 884-7933 EXT. 23



Program fees are transferable  
but non-refundable.

### About the Program

The Evoke Study Space program is designed to help students develop effective routines, complete homework and assignments on time, stay organized and on top of their work, plan ahead, lower feelings of anxiety, and become confident, active learners. Students learn to take on more responsibility for their learning and become more self-directed.

### Skills

The program offers homework and assignment checks, assistance with creating daily and weekly plans for long-term projects, and guidance for allocating study time. Active study skills for tests and exams are outlined and taught. Academic Mentors help students prioritize and adjust their study schedule as necessary, work with them to address challenges as they arise, and show students how to break down assignments into manageable chunks with due dates. Students also receive support in organizing their materials, binders, book bags, backpacks, notes and handouts.

### Structure

Mentors provide guidance, encouragement, and explanations as needed to help students complete their work and assignments. Snacks are provided or students may bring their own.

**(NOTE: An additional Study Space program will take place in Evoke's Aurora office.)**

For more information, or to register your child, please contact:  
Learning Disabilities Association of York Region: 905-884-7933 ext. 23  
Evoke Learning: ([www.evokelearning.ca](http://www.evokelearning.ca))

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