



Silver Pines  
Public School

## *Message from Administration,*

Another year at Silver Pines has come to a close. What a busy, happening place. Our year finished up with a fantastic Music Night. We want to thank School parent community for generously supporting our music program this year with \$14,565 spent on brand new instruments for the band. This means next year we will be able to start the instrumental program with grade 6s!! All thanks to our parent support and fundraising programs.

Speaking of which.... If you are available to volunteer to support our lunch programs or other Council run programs please contact the school. We would love your help. We had two students qualify for Regional track and Field this year and they both ribboned at the event. We have had our gr 8 graduation and saw off another outstanding group of young adults who have been with us for years. You will be missed. Thank you all again for your support as partners in learning. Have a wonderful, restful summer.

Lindsey Diakiw  
Principal

## **A Message from the Trustee**

As the 2014-15 school year winds down, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize our parents and guardians for their ongoing support of our students throughout the year. We know that parents are our most important partners when it comes to educating your children. Good schools become better schools when they are connected with parents and families.

During the year, I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy some of the many student performances, sporting events and cultural celebrations that take place in schools across our region. These events would not take place without the support of our school staff. I would like to thank the staff for their work to support student achievement and well-being.

Summer is a great time to relax and pursue hobbies or activities that complement the learning that took place over the school year. Whether you visit a museum, enjoy nature or just catch up on some summer reading, I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer.

Corrie McBain

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## Tentative Organization for 2015/2016

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 2015

Kindergarten	
Kindergarten	Grade 4/5
Kindergarten	Grade 5
Kindergarten	Grade 5/6
Grade 1	Grade 6
Grade 1	Grade 6\7
Grade 1/2	Grade 7
Grade 2	Grade 7
Grade 2/3	Grade 7\8
Grade 3	Grade 8
Grade 3	Grade 8
Grade 4	Grade 8
Grade 4	Autism Spectrum Community Class

## SCHOOL BUS for 2015/2016

Please visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://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.



## INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2015-2016

### Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

**So what are you waiting for Grade 8's?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a Level 1 YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 13 languages at 4 high schools.**

### Learning another language...

can enhance intellectual functioning  
 strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages  
 creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures  
 enhances career options (source: <http://www.ilea.ca> 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
		MIDDLE-FIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S.
CANTONESE	LKC BD	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD			Saturday	
GREEK	LBG BD		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED AP	Grade 12 Course Only	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	Saturday			

SCHOOL LOCATION	ADDRESS	SUBMIT REGISTRATION FIRST CLASS OF CLASS
MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	525 Highglen Ave. <i>South of 14th Ave., East of McCowan Rd.</i>	<b>September 19, 2015</b> 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
RICHMOND HILL H.S.	201 Yorkland St. <i>East of Yonge, North of Elgin Mills Road</i>	<b>September 19, 2015</b> 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
THORNLEA S.S.	8075 Bayview Ave. <i>South of Highway #7</i>	<b>September 19, 2015</b> 8:45 am to 12:30 pm
UNIONVILLE H.S.	201 Town Centre Blvd. <i>Warden Ave. &amp; Highway #7</i>	<b>September 22, 2015</b> 5:45 pm to 9:30 pm

**Register online via *Career Cruising* commencing May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

See attached *Career Cruising Tip Sheet* for registration instructions

Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval

Students who have pre-registered will not need to register again in September

Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed *Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet*

Course schedules will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class

## Summer Family Learning Activities

There are many enjoyable and easy ways for parents to help their children continue learning during the summer. The best ways to support learning during the summer do not necessarily involve tutoring, textbooks, worksheets, and quizzes. Summer is an excellent time for informal education such as trips to museums, public libraries and parks. Children should use their vacation from school to discover the joy of learning, reading and writing about things that interest them.

During the school year, parents help their children succeed in school by checking their homework, reading them bedtime stories, and limiting the amount of time they watch television and play video games. Children need similar academic support during the summer.

Parents don't need college degrees or even the ability to read, write, or speak English to support learning during the summer. All parents can involve their children in fun, everyday activities such as cooking a new recipe or shopping at a local supermarket. These activities can help students practice their math skills during the summer. Here are a few specific ideas for summer activities parents can use to support learning.

### Reading and Writing

Share the joy of books by reading aloud to your children every day and having them read aloud to you.

Let your children see you reading for pleasure.

Subscribe to magazines and newspapers and discuss current events with your children.

Praise your children for reading.

Make weekly visits to the local library and participate in special reading summer programs that most libraries offer.

### Math and Science

Encourage your children to watch educational television programs about science and nature. Ask them questions about what they watch. Try the experiments at home.

Bake cookies to practice fractions and measuring ingredients and make homemade ice cream and other foods to show them about the properties of salt, liquids and solids and how to measure temperature.

Visit a local park and observe different types of rocks, animals, insects and leaves

Use an outdoor thermometer to track weather, make predictions, and observe patterns.

Plant a garden to show how seeds develop into plants and how fertilizer and weather can affect growth.

Participate in a local recycling program.

Check out books from your local library that contain ideas for science experiments.

Use events to explore the cultures and customs of other countries.

Make maps of your neighbourhood and places you visit with your children.

Interview older community members about their lives and the history of the neighbourhood.

Learn capitals, countries and continents by playing games and taking virtual trips online.

Take field trips to museums, botanical gardens, zoos and local history sites.

Write to local elected officials and newspaper editors about current issues.

Summer learning activities nurture children's natural curiosity to learn new concepts, skills and information. All parents can help their children succeed in school and life by providing fun enrichment opportunities during the summer and throughout the school year

## GOODBYES AND WELCOMES

The end of the school year is always bitter–sweet when it comes to staff and students moving on to the new things. We will miss our grade 8s who move onto the next chapter in their lives. We wish them all the best with their new high school experiences.

We say goodbye to a number of staff members. Ms. Yu will be leaving us to teach at the brand new school in Markham. Ms Laski will be moving to Roselawn Public School, Ms Horga will be going to Blue Willow Public School and Mme Torres will be going to Summitview Public School. Ms Ciavatta will be leaving us as well as Ms Quach for other positions in the Board. We will say goodbye to Ms Themelis and Ms Van who will be leaving our kindergarten classrooms. Ms Gold, Mr. Johnson, Ms Lai, Ms Rathi, Ms Sommer and Ms Rankel will be moving on to other positions. Ms Tatone, Ms Kidd, Mrs Goldschmidt and Mr. Price will also be leaving to take positions at other schools. We also say good bye to our fearless co–leader and vice principal Ms Zarif.

We will be welcoming back staff who have been on leave and a new vice principal, Ms. Yeates. We look forward to working with all the new staff who will join us next year and will miss the ones we got to know and who became part of our lives and school community



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