



# SILVER PINES PARENT POST

Apr 26, 2024

Phone Number: 905-508-7303 Email address: [silver.pines.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:silver.pines.ps@yrdsb.ca)

Sherry Zarif -Principal Georgia Petinarelis-Vice Principal

Administrative Assistant-Jennifer Recine

Secretary- Dina Plainos

## UPCOMING DATES:

April 22 - 30- Passover,

May 3-6 Holy Friday  
(Orthodox) and Holy  
Easter

May 10- Youth Speak  
Presentations

May 14-16- X  
-movement

May 16- X-movement  
Parent engagement  
event

May 22 - Arts Night

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

The York Region District School Board will be pleased to offer a variety of summer learning programs for students in summer 2024. Please see link <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/elementary-school/summer-programs>

## X-MOVEMENT - May 14 - 16

Silver Pines will be participating in x-movement, an engaging wellness program from May 14th to May 16th. With the support of our School Council Fundraising, the cost for students is only \$4.00. Please make payment on school cash online. Families are invited to join in on **Thurs. May 16 from 5:00-7:30pm**. Please see attached flyer. Thank you to our Parent Council for supporting this event.

**PLUSH TIME-** We are excited to introduce "Plush Time" to our Silver Pines students! Plush Time is a reading club designed to encourage students to continue to embark on their reading journey with the help of our intermediate students and plushies. Students in Grade 1 -2 are invited once a week on Mondays to the library at Lunch Time to read a book of their choice. We will provide students with a fun stuffed animal while reading. This club was created to encourage our younger students to read to improve their writing and reading skills, which will further impact their success in their school journey.

**SNACK SHACK-** Every Tuesday during the first half of recess, 10:10 AM → 10:25 AM The Grade 8 students will be selling snacks for \$2.

## CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL

A reminder about the use of cell phones in school. Cell phones and other personal communication devices are to be turned off and kept out of sight during instructional time, unless otherwise permitted by the teacher for instructional purposes. Cell phones are not allowed outside at recess, lunch or anytime in hallways or washrooms. If students need to contact parents, they are expected to do so through the office with the permission of their teacher. Students should not be texting at school, taking photos of any kind, or going on social media. Failure to abide by this may result in confiscation of the electronic device. Please speak to your child about this at home and help us keep our school safe. Should you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the office.

## END OF DAY - EARLY PICK UP

Though we encourage families to make appointments and other engagements outside of our school hours, we understand that sometimes this is not possible. To limit disruptions to end of day routines in classrooms, we ask that any early pick-ups to be **completed by 2:30pm**. The last 30min of the school day is a busy time for students and staff who are engaged in many end of day activities, and we would like to limit any additional disruptions to the learning of all of our students during this time. As always, please try to inform the office and your child's teacher by email/Edsby ahead of time. Thank you for your cooperation!

## FREE ONLINE MATH HELP

TVO Learn Mathify offers free online math help for students. [Please click on this link for more information.](#)

## **ARRIVING ON TIME!**

The instructional day begins at 8:30 am. Students arriving after this time are considered late for school.

***Please make every effort to ensure your child arrives at school as close to 8:15 am as possible, so that they are ready for the prompt, 8:30 am start to the instructional day.***

## **Free Recreation, Sport Programs, Summer and Overnight Camps**

For Children and Youth ages 4-18 whose families participate in one of the following:

- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Rent Subsidy (including STAR and Ontario Housing Benefit)
- Childcare Fee Subsidy (income below \$43,000)

Some programs are only eligible to families in York Region Housing Communities

- Housing York Inc.
- Non-Profit Housing
- Cooperative Housing

For More Program Information and Eligibility:

Call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 or visit [york.ca/recreationsubsidies](http://york.ca/recreationsubsidies)



## **DROP-OFF LOOP & PARKING**

### **Safety is a collective responsibility.**

- **Drivers must stay in their car at all times**
- **Parking is limited and should be available for staff and visitors**
- **We encourage families to walk with their children to school**
- **The front drop off/pick up area is exclusively for taxis and buses**