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Wednesday, March 3
F2F/EVS Model Change Begins

Monday, March 8
Virtual Parent Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.
All are Welcome

Spring Break
April 12-16



Character Trait
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Sixteenth Avenue Star

Administrator's Message

March 2021

Dear Families of Sixteenth Ave. P.S.,

Welcome Back! February saw our return to F2F schooling, and we believe you would agree with us that it is so great to be back! There is much excitement and joy in returning after our extended time in remote learning, as evidenced by our classroom visits and conversations with families and students. We would like to revisit key reminders in this month's newsletter.

Safety: Safety continues to be a highly important and shared responsibility. With our return comes additional safety measures which include:

- Students must complete the [York Region Public Health school and child-care screening tool](#) before coming to school each morning
- School staff must confirm that screening is completed prior to entering the school
- Students in Grades 1-8 are to wear three Layers Masks
- Masks are strongly encouraged to be worn by our kindergarten students
- Students are discouraged from congregating before and after school
- Until further notice, there is no ball play at recess

March Break: The Minister of Education announced that they are postponing the March Break to **April 12-16**

Chromebook Retrieval: Please note that we are in the process of collecting Chromebooks distributed last spring (in March) and this winter (January/February). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Model Change: Elementary families had the opportunity to models (i.e. virtual, in-class) during early February. Staff have worked diligently to ensure successful transitions for students changing models. Regardless of the model chosen, YRDSB is committed to providing that students' learning experience will be safe and engaging. There will be no foreseeable class changes this school year. We thank you for your support, patience and cooperation throughout this process.

Report Cards: Term 1 report cards went home from February 18 to February 23. This report card communicates how well your child has achieved the overall curriculum expectations for each subject at the end of a period of learning. Helpful next steps are creating Term 2 goals with your child.

Traffic Safety: We are asking for everyone's continued support with before-school drop-off. Please remember that the driveway linking our school with the arena's parking lot is not used as an entry or exit route. Our families walk this way to get to school.

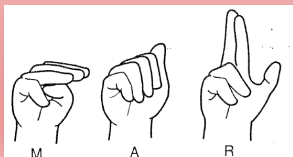
March Upcoming Events and Dates:

- 3rd: Model Change takes effect
- 8th: International Women's Day
- **Spring Break has been moved to April 12-16**
- 14th: Daylight Savings time begins
- 17th: St Patrick's Day
- 21st: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

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Signs of the Month



Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy Launch Event

The York Region District School Board is committed to championing equity and inclusivity. In response to continued evidence of anti-Black racism in Canadian institutions, including in education, the Board has co-developed an [anti-Black racism strategy](#).

The *Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy: Creating anti-racist and Black-affirming learning and working environments* was co-developed by York Region Black community leaders, YRDSB staff and in consultation with students. The launch of the strategy marks a coordinated effort to address anti-Black racism at the Board.

On March 8, 2021 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. students, staff and families are invited to the virtual [Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy launch event](#) featuring guest presenter [Robyn Maynard](#).

The program will examine anti-Black racism in educational institutions and unveil the Board's strategy. The strategy is designed to dismantle anti-Black racism in all its forms in our schools and workplaces.

The systemic nature of anti-Black racism requires that school boards act proactively to support equitable access to quality education and opportunities for all students, and to challenge the marginalization of Black students, staff and families.

Please visit www.yrdsb.ca for more details and [to register](#) for the event.