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Please mark your calendar

November 12th and 13th Parent Teacher Interviews

November 19th Report Cards Go Home

December 7th Virtual Parent Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

All are Welcome



Character Trait NOVEMBER HONESTY

Sixteenth Avenue Star

Administrator's Message

November 2020

The month of October has certainly been busy at school. Collectively, we continue to work very hard at Sixteenth Ave. P.S. to do our best to ensure that the health and safety requirements established to meet the challenges posed by COVID-19 are in place, and that all protocols are followed each and every day. We are pleased to share that students have settled into their classes and the rich, challenging work of the school year continues to move forward in earnest. Please know that your child's teacher(s) continues to be available to discuss the ongoing progress related to academics and well-being; should you have any questions at any time, please feel free to contact the teacher and/or the school to make the arrangements at mutually convenient times!

Please note that the Elementary Progress Report Card will be sent home on Thursday, November 19th, 2020, and that Parent/Teacher interviews will take place on the evening on Thursday, November 12th, 2020 and during the morning of Friday, November 13th, 2020 (a PA Day for this purpose). More information will follow shortly to confirm interview booking times through Edsby – please stay tuned! We look forward to connecting with you and continuing our work together in support of our student success!

The arrival of November signifies the onset of the unpredictable weather. We can anticipate the season's first snowfall along with cooler temperatures. Please ensure that your children are dressed warmly and prepared for outdoor recess each day. We also know that those first 'snow days' can take us by surprise. If you suspect that busses may be cancelled due to the weather, please confirm this by checking local television stations, City TV, CFTO or radio stations, 640AM, 1010AM, 98.1FM, 99.9 FM. Remember that if busses are cancelled for their morning run, they will be automatically cancelled for their afternoon run, even if the weather improves throughout the day.

As a reminder, we would like to invite all/any interested parents to attend the School Council meeting which will take place on Monday, Dec. 7th, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. using a virtual "GoToMeeting" platform. Our School Council continues to work closely with school administration (Tim and Claudio) and teachers to support school goals as outlined in our SIPSA plan for the year! Also, our annual Remembrance Day observances will take place on Wednesday, November 11th, 2020 in a format different than in past years; rather than hosting a full school assembly, activities will take place in individual classrooms as supported by classroom teachers, and in line with COVID-19 safety protocols.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tim Gervais, Principal

Mr. Claudio Tulipano, Vice-Principal













November

Remembrance Day

Cold

Report Card

We will be holding TEACHER Interviews on November 12th & 13th. We will be using an online process through **EDSBY** to book meetings with teachers.



EDSBY is a cloud-based program that allows families to easily reserve times to meet with your child's teacher. To ensure you can schedule an interview time through **EDSBY**, you will need to make sure you have an **EDSBY** account. If you haven't already created one, please check your email or junk email as

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Tuesday, November 11 marks the 102^{nd} year anniversary of the end of World War One. This year also holds special significance as it is the 75th anniversary of the end of World War 2.

The other common name for this day is Armistice Day which marks the date and time when armies stopped fighting World War I, on November 11th at 11am in 1918 (the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month). Some 100,000 Canadian soldiers died in the First and Second World Wars. Please take the time on this date to honour

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Index Cards

Last week we sent home your child's office index card. It is imperative we have the most up to date contact information. Please send back the index card if any changes are required. Thank you for your cooperation.

an invitation was sent to you yesterday from the York Region District School Board with instructions on how to create an EDSBY account.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office at 905-884-5598. <u>IMPORTANT TIMELINES</u>

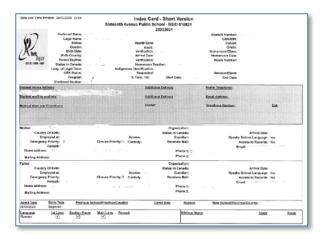
November 2-9 - Parent/Teacher Interview schedule opens at 8:55 a.m. for booking an appointment. The **EDSBY** invitation will be sent to your **EDSBY** inbox with a notification to your email.

Nov 12-13 - Parent-Teacher Interviews

November 19 - Progress Report Cards sent home







WINTER WEATHER





DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Students should come dressed appropriately for the weather and for outdoor play. Students can stay warm by wearing layers of loose-fitting clothing, a hat, scarf, jackets, snow pants and mittens or gloves. Students may also want to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet.

<u>RECESS</u> If students are well enough to come to school, they are expected to go outside for recess.

Our students benefit from spending time outside and being active. We monitor weather conditions throughout the day. If there are extreme weather conditions, we may consider a shortened or indoor recess.



BUS OR SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS



When an **extreme cold** or **inclement weather** day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) is cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. Please notify the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.

There may be rare instances when **emergency weather events** occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure. Information about transportation

cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, **Board** and school website and on twitter @YRDSB.

Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather and emergency weather days are outlined in the Board's <u>Severe Weather</u> <u>policy</u>, which has been recently updated and is available for public comment. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process. All <u>policies available for comment</u> are sent to school council chairs and are posted on the Board website, along with information about how to provide feedback

