

YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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NOVEMBER Upcoming Dates

1 - School Council at 6 p.m.
4 - Diwali
11 - **Remembrance Day**
16 - Week where progress report cards sent home electronically
18 - Parent Teacher Interviews (in the evening)
19 - PA Day (Interviews)
20 - National Child Day
24 - Picture Day

Sixteenth Avenue Star

Administrator's Message

October 2021

November is here! Much has happened in our first two months of school, and there is much to look forward to as we move into our third month of school. Although staff and students are well into their academic program, our staff has children's well-being and mental health at the forefront of their planning. This priority aligns with our school board's *Caring and Learning Plan*, equally important to building academic success and strong learning skills.

Over the past month, we saw this actualized in classroom learning and various happenings and opportunities at our school:



- October is Islamic Heritage Month
- October 1 was our annual Terry Fox Run
- October 7th Curriculum Night
- October 15 staff participated in Hybrid Learning Professional Learning
- October 21 was Spirit Day in support for 2SLGBTQ+ youth
- October 22 was our "Walk for Wenjack" (Please see below for details)
- October 29th was our Halloween Happenings
- October 29 completed the annual Ministry of Labour Risk Assessment and annual School Council Report

We continue to request continued support with before-school and after-school drop-offs. Parking at the arena is both permitted and encouraged. Please remember that the driveway linking our school with the arena's parking lot is not to be used as an entry or exit route. Our families walk this way to get to school.

At Sixteenth Avenue PS, we appreciate the many ways teachers, staff, students and families work together towards caring and learning goals to set the foundation for academic success and student well-being. We look forward to the months ahead as we continue our partnership. We look forward to seeing families at our Parent-Teacher Interviews on November 18 and November 19, 2021.

In appreciation,

Tim Gervais
Principal

Nicole Ricketts
Vice-Principal

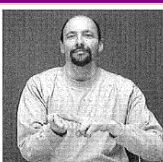


PICTURE DAY - Wednesday, November 24, 2021

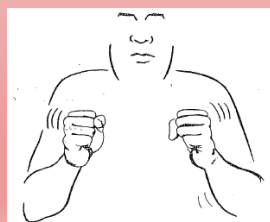


Our school photo day is fast approaching! Please remember to mark Wednesday, November 24 on your calendar, as Edge Imaging will be in the school that day capturing everyone's smiles. Edge provides a variety of photo options to capture your child's true personality, preserving all their school day memories. For more information on photo day, please visit www.edgeimaging.ca for answers to frequently asked questions.

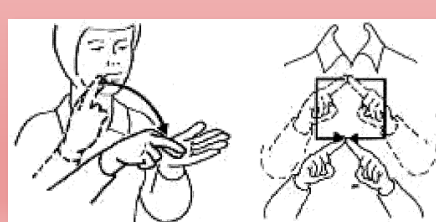
Signs of the Month



Treaty Recognition Week



Cold



Report Card



Remembrance Day

Character Trait
HONESTY

REMEMBRANCE DAY



This Thursday, November 11 will mark the 103rd year anniversary of the end of World War One. 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).

Because of COVID restrictions, each class will be reading and sharing stories from various sources provided by Veterans Affairs Canada. At 1100:00 a.m. the School will pause for 2 minutes of silence. During this time of reflection, we

will pause to honour, thank and remember our Fallen.

Poppies will be available to all students on Remembrance Day and a small donation towards the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Drive would be greatly appreciated.



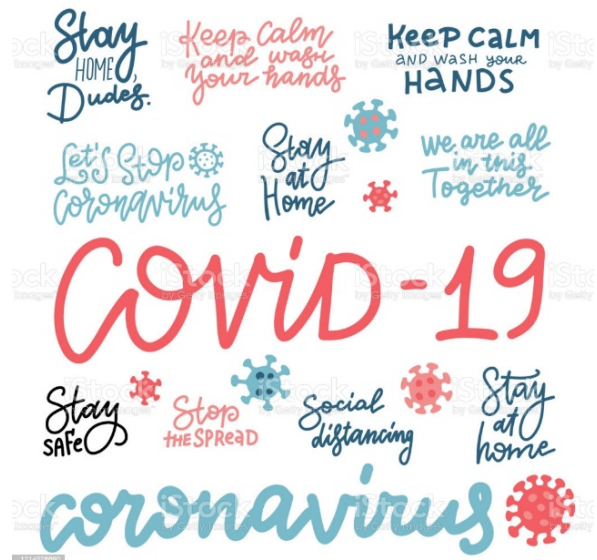
COVID-19 UPDATES

On Monday, October 18, 2021, York Region Public Health required students, parents and guardians to screen daily with the provincial COVID-19 school and child care screening tool. This provides parents and guardians with more options to screen, including the ability to share results electronically and the ability to complete screening in multiple languages. It is critical to screen your children for symptoms each day and test them when required to avoid bringing COVID-19 into school.

Please continue to follow the instructions on the screening tool and isolate and/or test as directed. The provincial screening tool was updated on Friday, October 1, 2021, to reiterate the need to stay home if you are sick with any COVID-19 symptoms. Please review the Back Pack Health Chat that was sent electronically via Inform on October 21, 2021.

York Region students, staff and visitors must complete their screening every day before going to school. Please visit the York Region Staying Safe at School for additional information.

For supports around mental health, please visit COVID-19 Mental Health Resources for Students and Families



Messages from our Office Staff by C. Williamson

Absences due to short-term illness (unrelated to COVID-19):

- Parents/guardians to inform the school of the reason the student is going to be absent. You can report the absence/late by using Edsby or calling the safe arrival line before 8:55 am at 905 884-5598 and following the prompts. You need to press "1" after reporting the absence/late to confirm.
- If you are calling after 8:55 am, press "0" for the office.
- Students will be marked absent with the appropriate reason code.
- If the class is already hybrid, the student can access the class's digital platform, however, the student is marked absent.
- If the class is not currently hybrid, the student can be supported through regular classroom/school practice and Google Classroom/D2L (i.e., asynchronous).

Absences due to vacation:

- Remote learning is not intended to provide temporary education while students are on vacation.

Winter Break:

- Winter Break is from December 20 to December 31. If your child will be away before or after this break, make sure you report this using the steps provided above.



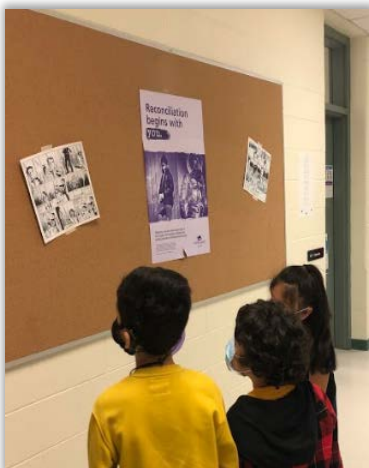
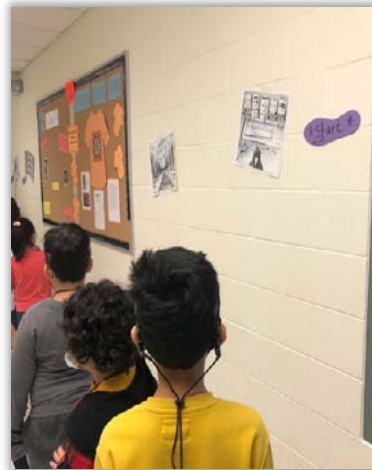
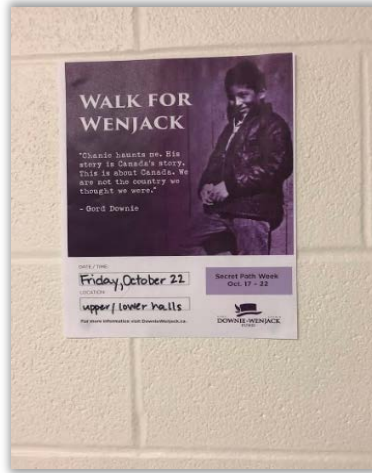
ZENTANGLE PUMPKIN ART

Submitted by Ms. Argyrides

Ms. Argyrides' class has been working on Zentangle Pumpkins for art. We are learning about the creative process and the elements of art, focusing on the element of line for this project.

Secret Path/Walk for Wenjack *Submitted by Ms. Durant*

In October, Sixteenth Avenue P.S. students continued the conversation about Indigenous Residential Schools. During the week of October 18-22, our school engaged in several activities for Secret Path Week. This special week commemorates Chanie Wenjack, a young Ojibwe boy who died trying to run away from residential school and reunite with his parents. Unfortunately, his tragic story is similar to thousands of others. Over the course of the week, there was enthusiasm in celebrating Wenjack's legacy. Each day, after being given a resource, the students were tasked with answering a question. Three winners were chosen each day. On Friday, the entire school participated in the Walk for Wenjack. While on the walk in the upper and lower halls of the school, students listened to music and looked at images from The Secret Path Book, a graphic novel and companion album written by Gord Downie. All students were observed asking relevant questions, reflecting on Wenjack's journey and empathizing with his sad demise. This was the second ReconciliACTION our school has undertaken following Orange Shirt Day in September. Stay tuned as we embark on ReconciliACTION #3 in November and celebrate Treaty Recognition Week (November 1-7).





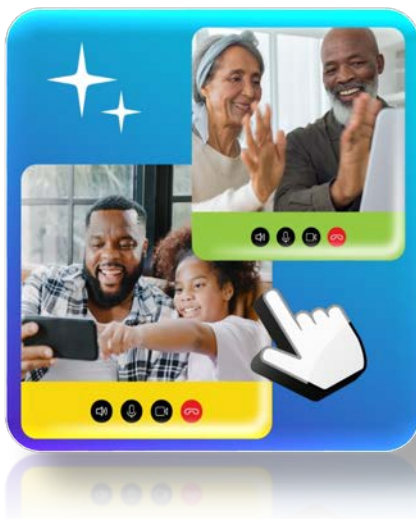
The 2021 holiday season is just around the corner and we look forward to your participation in this year's Holiday Heroes campaign.

Since the launch of the campaign in 2008, York Regional Police has raised more than \$1 million in monetary donations, new toys, new children's clothing and food. As always, all donations raised in York Region, stay in York Region. Our success could never have been achieved without the help of our important school friends.

This year's school campaign will run from November 29 - December 15, 2021. All of the donations go directly to support the children from our community who are in need. We will be partnering with York Regional Police and be a part of the Holiday Hero program.

Students are to bring non-perishable food items to their classroom collection box. New toys, clothing or gift cards will be collected in the school office.

Cyber Security Awareness Month (CSAM):



Everyone should assume that what is shared online will remain online forever. Every action you take online and information posted about you contributes to your "digital footprint," which can straddle our personal, student and professional lives. Improving our awareness of the traces of data we leave online and recognizing how our digital footprints vary can help to improve the protection of our data online.

October is internationally recognized as Cyber Security Awareness Month, where we learn about the importance of cyber security. This year's theme was "Cyber awareness as self-care" - adopting safe, secure and healthy habits online is caring for your online presence and digital footprint while helping to ensure you and your family are protected online. For information and resources, visit the Government of Canada '[Cyber Security Awareness](#)' site.

Learning Disability Awareness Month



Learning disabilities (LDs) are brain-based difficulties that affect one or more ways that a person takes in, stores, recalls or uses verbal and nonverbal information. LDs are difficulties in processing information, and they occur despite average or above-average thinking and reasoning abilities (Learning Disabilities Association of

Did you know that "Learning Disabilities (LDs) are very common and affect approximately 10% of Canadians, which means that 1 in 10 students in your classroom may have learning disabilities." (LDAO)

The Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario has created the following resource. It is an excellent tool for understanding LDs and provides a wealth of information and videos to support the learning journey of our students that are identified with an LD.

ESL Flyer for Adults:

YRDSB offers Adult English as a Second Language (ESL) programs for those who want to develop effective language skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing for daily life in Canada. We also offer specialized classes in Citizenship and Conversation. Please see the [link](#) for additional information.