



# The Summitview Times

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## January 2019



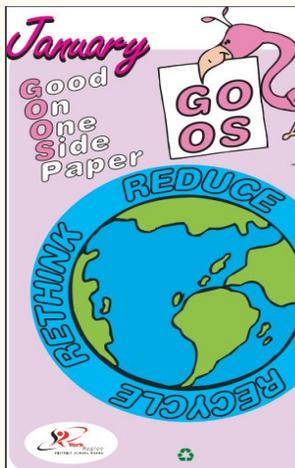
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## February 2019



Friday, February 1	PA Day- No School for Students
Thursday, February 7	Robotics Challenge at Barbara Reid PS Go Stingers Go!
Wednesday, February 13	Term 1 Report Cards go home
Thursday, February 14	Valentine's Day
Monday, February 18	Family Day - No School
Wednesday, February 20	Intermediate Basketball (Girls) Go Stingers Go!
Wednesday, February 27	Intermediate Basketball (Boys) Go Stingers Go!
Thursday, February 28	School Olympics Begins
Friday, March 1	School Olympics Continues



# Character Matters!

Our Character Trait for January: Fairness

We are sensitive to the needs of each individual. We treat each other as we wish to be treated ourselves.

## From The Learning Commons

Lots of exciting things are happening, and will continue to be happening in the Learning Commons at Summitview!

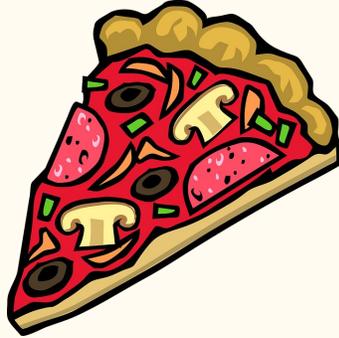
~ We now have 6 Breakout EDU kits that will be used by students of all ages. We are excited about having our students engage in creative and critical thinking while using this fun new learning tool!

~Award winning author Melanie Florence will be visiting SPS on **Thursday, January 10**. Melanie is of both Cree and Scottish heritage, and will be speaking with our Intermediate Students about the impact of Residential Schools, based on her book "Righting Canada's Wrongs: Residential Schools". Junior students will be "Exploring Culture Through Writing". This group will explore what culture means to them and with that knowledge, begin writing their own unique stories. Our Grade 1-3 students will participate in a high-energy and exciting presentation about traditional storytelling and folktales, including a reading of Ms. Florence's picture book, **Stolen Words**. <https://www.melanieflorence.com/>

**Thank you all for your support of the Learning Commons! We look forward to even more exciting things happening as the year goes on!**



# Pizza Lunch Returns on February 6th



Pizza lunches will start again on Wednesday, February 6!

Pizza dates will be every Wednesday from Feb 6 - Apr 17 (excluding March break) will be as follows:

Feb 6-13-20-27

Mar 6-20-27

Apr 3-10-17

School Cash On Line will open to accept orders on Wednesday January 16th and will be available until Thurs Jan 24th.

Thank you to our pizza lunch co-ordinators for their dedication and hard work!

# January Math Fun for the Whole Family!

## Questioning

Using effective questions when talking about math, supports the development of your child's mathematical reasoning. The use of questioning provides children with opportunities to share and clarify their ideas, draw conclusions, and explain and explore new strategies. With good intention, we often rush to provide our children all the information they need to solve a math problem. By giving your child this information too quickly, they may not think deeply about the problem or engage in [mathematical processes](#).

Here is a list of questions you can ask to support your child's mathematical thinking:

- How did you solve the problem?
- What did you do?
- What strategy did you use?
- How did you estimate what the answer could be?
- What would happen if ...?
- Tell me what is the same? What is different?
- How do you know?
- How did you know where ...?
- How did you know which ...?
- How did you know when ...?
- How do you know your/our answer is reasonable?
- Would this work every time? Can you/we think of any examples that don't work?
- Have you/we found all the possibilities? How do you/we know?
- What have you/we discovered about \_\_\_\_\_ while solving this problem?
- What have you/we learned?

## Activities:

### Primary/Junior - Math Before Bed

On [Math Before Bed](#) there are a variety of images that promote mathematical thinking. Show your child an image and ask them "what do you notice? what are you wondering about?". This promotes mathematical thinking - and then you can have them investigate one of their wonderings and come up with a solution. What a great time to ask them the questions above to really uncover what they are thinking!!

### Junior/Intermediate - Would You Rather Math

*Whichever option is chosen, justify your reasoning with math!*

The image shows a "Would You Rather..." game card. At the top, it says "Would you rather..." in a blue box. Below that, it says "Roll two dice 10 times and...". There are two options in boxes: "Option A: Receive \$5.00 every time you get a double." and "Option B: Receive \$5.00 every time you get any 2 even numbers." A blue box with "OR" is between the two options. In the center, there are two red dice. At the bottom, it says "Would You Rather..." in a white box.

On this site, there are a variety of scenarios that your child will be able to make a choice and use reasoning skills to justify their mathematical thinking. <http://www.wouldyourathermath.com/>

# Athletics at SPS

Junior Girls and Boys volleyball teams are hard at work preparing for the upcoming Area meets. Our Intermediate Girls are also perfecting plays for their upcoming games and tournament! Information about try-outs for Intermediate Boys is coming soon!!

Thank you to Mme. Quiring, Mr. Bellissimo and Ms. Colucci for working with our teams! GO STINGERS!!

## Robotics Club

Grade 4-8 Students in our Robotics Club are working hard to prepare for the upcoming competition at Barbara Reid PS. on Thursday, February 7.

Mrs. Jasczur, Mrs. Maier, Mr. Dorie and Mr. Sooknanan are helping students to go through a number of coding related challenges and tasks when they meet on Mondays and Fridays at lunch. At the competition, teams of four (4) students will design, construct and program an autonomous robot using LEGO EV3. Robots compete to accomplish several specific tasks/objectives. Prior to the competition each team will be required to design, build, program and test their robot. The top 12 teams from the qualifier competition will move to this event at Seneca College.

Good luck Stingers!!





## **Red Cross Babysitting Course** (with first aid & CPR) Offered by Stayin Alive With First Aid, CPR & AED

Caregiver and first aid skills for youth 11 to 15 years old. Participants learn how to manage difficult behaviour, gain essential leadership skills, and discover professional conduct for babysitters. Babysitting promises to deepen and enhance the responsibility that older youth feel when caring for younger children. The curriculum is complete with new science about giving appropriate care in the event of an emergency.

- Date:** Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (P.A. Day)  
**Duration:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (7 hours)  
**Location:** **Oscar Peterson PS., 850 Hoover Dr., Stouffville**  
**Instructor:** Stayin Alive Certified Red Cross Instructor  
**Cost:** \$60 per participant (11 to 15 years old) + HST = **\$67.80**

### **Course content:**

- Check, Call, Care (including phoning 911)
- Conscious choking (adult/child/baby/alone)
- CPR (baby/child)
- Asthma (includes use of inhaler and spacer)
- Anaphylaxis (includes use of EpiPen), poisoning and insect stings
- Wound care (minor cuts and scrapes, splinters, nosebleeds, bumps and bruises, life-threatening bleeding, and burns)
- Broken bones, head, neck and back injuries, seizures

### **Take-home materials:**

Red Cross Babysitter's Manual  
Red Cross Babysitter Certificate

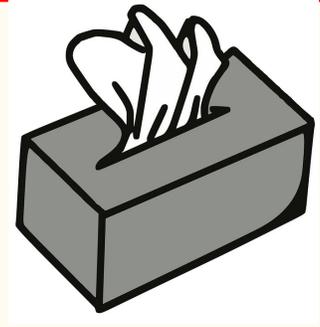


**Register today!**

[www.StayInAliveWithFirstAid.ca](http://www.StayInAliveWithFirstAid.ca)

**Questions?**

[info@StayInAliveWithFirstAid.ca](mailto:info@StayInAliveWithFirstAid.ca)



**As cold and flu season are upon us, we continue to be diligent with cleaning, sanitizing, and reminding students of the importance of handwashing. Here are a few reminders from Public Health to help us all try and stay healthy:**

- Stay at home when you are sick, and keep your child home if they are sick
- Keep healthy by eating healthy foods, being physically active and ensuring your immunizations are up-to-date, including the seasonal flu shot
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available
- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve or a tissue, not your hand, and throw away used tissues immediately
- Avoid touching your face
- Clean and disinfect common surfaces

**Symptoms of respiratory and/or enteric illness can include:**

- Headache · Chills · Fever (over 38 degrees Celsius or 100 degrees Fahrenheit) · Muscle aches and fatigue · Runny nose · Sneezing · Sore throat · Watery eyes · Loss of appetite · Nausea and vomiting · Diarrhea

If you or your child are sick and do not improve, contact your health care provider. Many viruses are commonly active at this time of year, for example norovirus and influenza (flu). Both viruses are very contagious and can be spread by contact with contaminated surfaces, such as door knobs or eating utensils.

For more information, read the norovirus and flu fact sheets online at the following links:

<http://bit.ly/YRflufacts>

<http://bit.ly/YRnorovirus>

## School Lunch Assistants Needed

We are looking for School Lunch Assistants who would be willing to fill in when our Lunch Assistants are not available.

This is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents or community members who may be available from 12:20-1:20 during the week.

Please contact the office to learn about the process to join our team!

Please note that Vulnerable Sector Screening from YRP must be done before becoming a lunch assistant.



### Student Drop off Zone

As there are no buses coming to Summitview PS this year, we are going to use the designated Bus Loop for the Student Drop off zone.

Please pull into the bus lane, and up to the post, where the yellow line is. Staff will help students exit the car. If your child is able to exit the car on their own, please only allow them to do so on the right side of the car.

Student safety is our number one concern, so please drive slowly in the loop, and watch for children.

### Elementary PA Days:

Monday, September 24, 2018  
Monday, October 22, 2018  
Friday, November 23, 2018  
Friday, January 18, 2019  
Friday, February 1, 2019  
Monday, June 3, 2019  
Thursday, June 27, 2019 (pm) Half Day  
Friday, June 28, 2019

## School Year Calendar 2018/2019

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Labour Day	Monday, September 3, 2018
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 8, 2018
Winter Break	Monday, December 24, 2019 to Friday, January 4, 2019 incl.
Family Day	Monday, February 18, 2019
Mid-Winter Break	Monday, March 11 to Friday, March 15, 2019 incl.
Good Friday	Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday	Monday, April 22, 2019
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2019

# French Immersion Information

## **Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations**

### **Information Sessions**

Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 17, 2019 at 7 p.m. Harry Bowes PS is the French Immersion school location for students whose home school is Summitview PS. If you attend Summitview on a transfer, or are planning to move to another location for next year, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx> to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

### **Registration**

FI registration will begin on January 18, 2019. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2019, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. This Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register, between January 18 and February 8, 2019. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

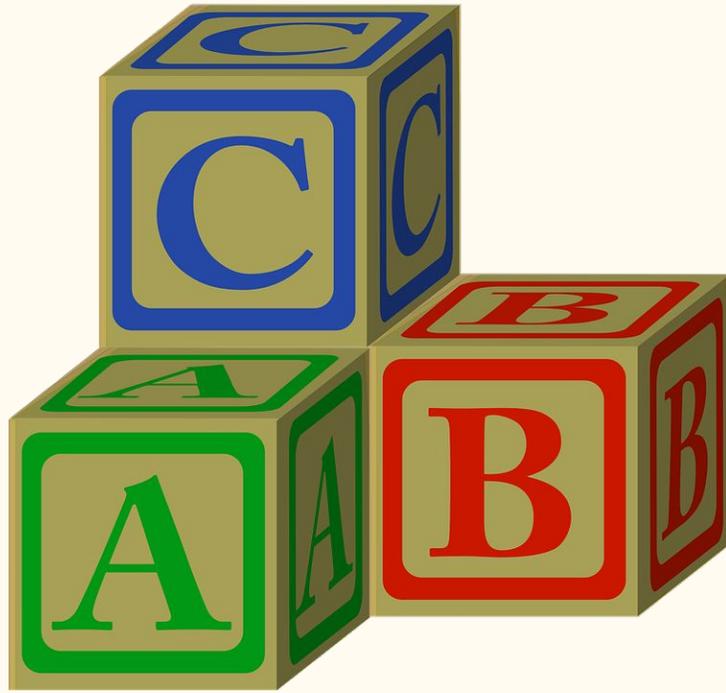
### **Late Registrations**

Late registrations are those submitted after February 8, 2019. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

### **Accommodation Plan**

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.



Kindergarten registration will commence on January 18, 2019 for the 2019-20 school year.

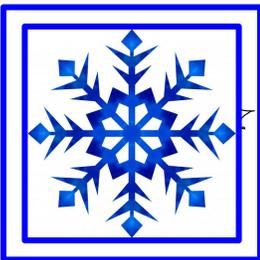
Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

Children who turn four or five years old during 2019, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten.

A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact the school at 905-640-1102.



# Summitview PS January 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happy New Year Stingers!	2	3	4	5
6	7 Welcome Back! Day 1	8 Day 2	9 Day 3	10 Author Melanie Florence to visit SPS (Grade 1-8) Day 4	11 Day 5	12
13	14 School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Day 1	15 Edsby attendance begins at SPS Day 2	16 School Cash online opens for Pizza Lunch Day 3	17 FI Information Night at Harry Bowes PS -7:00 p.m. Day 4	18 <b>PA Day</b> FDK Registration Begins for 2019/2020 School Year	19
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