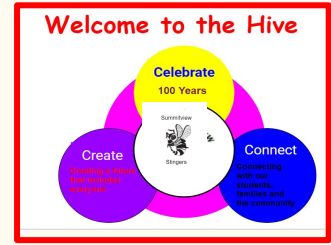


# The Summitview P.S. Community Newsletter



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Dear Summitview Families,

Thank you to all of our students and families for a very positive start to the school year. Staff have spent the first few days reviewing expectations and safety protocols, providing opportunities for students to reconnect with their classmates, and engaging in a variety of activities for students and staff to get to know each other.

We will continue to provide a safe, caring environment where students can learn and grow. We will also provide families with updates regarding Covid protocols as soon as they become available.

Thank you,

Jason Innes

## Information Items

Summitview School Information Package - Please see the additional attachment to view the Summitview Information package.

Guide to the School Year - Please click [HERE](#) to read the YRDSB's Guide to the 2021-2022 School Year.

2021-2022 School Year Calendar - Please click [HERE](#) for the 2021-22 school year calendar

School Assistant Needed - We are looking for school assistant to help with supervision of students over the lunch hour (12:20 - 1:20 pm). This is a paid position. If you are interested, please contact the main office at 905 - 640 - 1102.

Visitors - As part of our safety measures visitors will not be permitted in the school during hours of operation unless identified through a prearranged exception. If you are picking up your child(ren) please buzz the main office.



### Cross Country Running

Mr. Bellissimo and Mrs. Wielowieyski are excited that cross country running is back! It is open to grades 4 to 8. The first practise will be this Friday morning at 7:50 am.



## September 30 is Orange Shirt Day



## The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

### Screening

A new [screening tool](#) for the 2021-2022 school year has been provided by York Region Public Health (please click on Check for Symptoms Daily). This screening tool replaces previous versions and all students and staff must complete the screening prior to attending any YRDSB school or facility. There are TWO steps to the screening process.

1. Parents/Guardians of Elementary students are required to complete on-line self-assessment [COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#) (please click on Check for Symptoms Daily), prior to their child entering the School
2. Upon completion of the self-assessment, Parents/Guardians will complete the response to the question: "Have you completed the self-screening tool?" in the [Confirmation Form](#), using their child's GAPPS account login information. Information on how to access your child's GAPPS account is available on the [Board's website](#). Please contact your child's teacher or the school office if you have any questions about accessing your child's GAPPS account login information.

## Message from Our Trustee, September 2021

We have many reasons to feel optimistic as we begin the 2021-22 school year. Schools are reopening to in-person learning, vaccination rates continue to increase, and our students can start to resume some of their favourite school activities.

As we return to school, our [reopening plan](#) continues to prioritize the health and safety of students, families and staff members. We are working with public health to ensure we are taking all appropriate measures. For more information on the plan, including health and safety measures, please visit [www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening](http://www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening). You can also find additional information from York Region Public Health at [www.york.ca/safeatschool](http://www.york.ca/safeatschool).

The pandemic and last year's school closures affected students and families in many different ways. This has been a challenging time. Our caring, skilled and dedicated staff members are prepared to prioritize the mental health and well-being of students as they transition back to school, as well as supporting their academic learning and growth. If you are worried about your child, please speak to your child's teacher or principal. You may also find some of the [learning and well-being resources](#) on our website helpful.

Whether your child will be attending school in person or online, we know how important it is that they feel safe, respected and valued. We want every student to feel supported, to take pride in their identities and to know that they matter. Any form of hate or discrimination in our schools is not acceptable. This school year, we will continue to implement the [Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy](#) launched in March to address anti-Black racism in schools. We also remain committed as a school board to honouring the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action](#). As an education system, it is imperative that we create learning environments that enable all of our students to feel valued and to be successful.

As your school board trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The Board of Trustees makes [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicates with the public, among other [responsibilities](#). We are also responsible for setting direction for the school board, through our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). This plan sets out four priorities: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership.

The relationship that we have with families is so important, and I will continue to keep you informed of our work and priorities. You can also find the [message from the Chair of the Board](#) on the Board's website. You are welcome to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

There are also many other ways you can stay connected with what's happening in the school board. Visit our [newsroom](#). Listen to our [podcast](#). Follow us on [Twitter @YRDSB](#) and on [Instagram @yrdsb.schools](#). Watch the latest videos, including news, features and profiles about our schools, students and staff members on our [YouTube channel YRDSBMedia](#).

As we begin another school year, I am so pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families. I hope you have a great start to the school year and wish you a happy, healthy and successful year ahead.

Elizabeth Terrell-Tracey  
Trustee – East Gwillimbury and Whitchurch-Stouffville