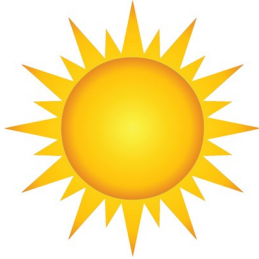


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Administrator Message

The Progress Report Card which went home in November, communicated the progress your child has been making since the beginning of the school year. The Progress Report also indicates how well your child is demonstrating the various learning skills and work habits and identifies areas where you may be able to support your child in achieving success this year.

This report is not an evaluation nor a record of achievement levels. It reflects preliminary observations of your child's learning to-date. It is our hope that this report will serve as a central part of rich discussions between home and school in regard to what goals and skills our students need to focus on. We hope that you have engaged in these critical conversations both with your child's teacher as well as with your child.

As always, when you have questions regarding your child, the first step is to contact your child's homeroom teacher before contacting the office. It is extremely important to establish a positive working relationship with the teacher as this is key to preventing issues and alleviating any confusion about program or homework.

At Yorkhill our teachers are committed to doing what is in the best interest of their students in order to help them achieve academic success and become responsible global citizens. When a partnership is established between school and home, we are also modeling good communication skills to our children.

The staff at Yorkhill would like to extend warm winter holiday wishes to all our families. May you share happy times with family and friends as you celebrate the promise and hope offered by a new year.

J. O'Hara

Principal



Our Library Commons

As you read this, our first **Scholastic Book Fair** is underway! This is always an exciting event for the whole school, when a huge selection of books, resources and activities arrive at Yorkhill! From fiction and non-fiction, activity packs, learning resources arts and science kits – there is something for everyone! Half of all the proceeds from our school book fair come back to the school so we can continue to build our literacy resources and our bilingual library collection. Thank you so much, parents, for supporting this fundraiser.

Over two days last month, the Digital Media Specialists from the Bathurst Clark Library brought their **Makerspace Experience Workshop** to Yorkhill which included:

- 3D printer and Tinkercard program
- Snap Circuits
- Virtual Reality Glasses
- Augmented Reality, via Quiver
- Ozbots
- Osmo Coding
- Drop Mix

This hands-on workshop allowed students to be fully engaged in the 'making' experience with experts on hand to guide them through this inquiry. Students and staff were excited to learn that these programs and activities are all available for for them to use free of charge at our local library. The following can be downloaded at home:

To create designs for the 3D printer go to **www.tinkercard.com**

To download the augmented reality app go to **quivervision.com**

Our own Makerspace area continues to grow, with IO Blocks, PlusPlus (regular and mini), LEGO education kits, gears and Marble Maze being added. 'Do Ink', the movie making app, has been purchased and installed on our ipads, and we have also purchased a green screen for movie making. Lights!Camera! Action!



We are excited to announce that Yorkhill will again be participating in **The Forest of Reading®**, Canada's largest recreational reading program. This initiative of the Ontario Library Association, The Forest of Reading® helps celebrate Canadian books, publishers, authors and illustrators. We have purchased the books (both English and French) and, beginning in the new year, students will have the opportunity to listen to, read, and vote for their favourites.

Our **Library Leadership Team** is made up of responsible, dedicated students in grades 5-8. This group of students volunteer their time at recess and lunch hour to keep our library commons organized, and our circulation running smoothly! Many of these students also assist with the younger students during library visits.

Thank you, Library Leadership Team!

Yorkhill at Quest

This past month our school was selected to participate in Artonomy 2018 at the YRDSB Quest Conference. Ms. Arro and a group of students created a beautiful Mandala of Compassion throughout the day at the conference. This project was inspired by Tibetan artists. The students worked collaboratively and mindfully to create a mandala.





Winter Math

Winter break is right around the corner! This is a great opportunity to take time with your child and connect math to the real world. Below are some ideas that will help get you started:

- Grocery shopping can involve money, budgeting, estimating, adding, subtracting, and measuring
- Cooking can involve weighing, measuring, ordering, estimating, adding, and multiplying
- Organizing for a party can mean matching numbers of people to plates, cutlery, area of tables, ordering food, and seating arrangements
- Going on a trip by car or plane involves time, distance, budgeting, speed, comparing various routes, and shape scavenger hunts
- Completing a half finished symmetrical design using playdough (e.g., half a butterfly, tree)

Building a snowman can involve measuring, spatial reasoning, and estimating

These ideas will help your child see the importance of math in their everyday lives through fun and interactive ways.

http://www.edugains.ca/newsite/math/schoolleader/ideas_for_school_leaders.html

The Ontario Ministry of Education recently released information for families about *Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math*. You can access this information at <https://math.thelearningexchange.ca/training/provincial-math-training-learning-modules/parents2/>

To find out what your child will learn in math this year or to find other fun activities that you can do together as a family, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Math/Pages/default.aspx>. Be sure to also try our [Problem of the Month](#)



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Did you know that there are an estimated 54 billion plastic water bottles in Canadian landfills and that they take over 1,000 years to break down? In addition, some of these plastic bottles end up in our oceans, where they have a negative impact on marine animals.

That's why it's so important that you use a reusable water bottle whenever you can to help reduce the number of plastic water bottles that end up in landfills and in our oceans! And why Yorkhill E.S. Earth Rangers Club is running a Water Taste Challenge campaign on Dec 11th and Dec 12th.

Encourage your child(ren) to bring reusable water bottles to school. The Water Taste Challenge, challenges students to do a blind test comparing tap water and bottled water to see if they can tell the difference. It also invites students to make the Clear Choice Pledge to drink tap water instead of bottled water whenever they can.

Thank you for supporting our Water Taste Challenge campaign and helping protect our environment!

Sincerely,

Earth Rangers Club



SCHOOL COUNCIL



School Council

We want to take this opportunity to thank our School Council and parent volunteers who have played a vital role in our success to date. We recognize the contributions of these volunteer members of our school community and we are grateful for their support. We are fortunate to have a truly vibrant learning community!

Winter Concert

December is a time of celebration and we are looking forward to our grade 2 and 3 Winter Concert, spirit days, sing a long and many more fun activities. (*Kindergarten, grade 1, 5-8 will participate in our Spring Concert*). It is also a time to give thanks for all the opportunities afforded to us. This is why it is so important to give when we can. We are excited about the **Holiday Heroes Toy and Food Drive** and are thankful for the many wonderful donations received to date.



BUS SAFETY



INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION



School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries which prevents the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and re-scheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.

Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

A bus cancellation message will be available at www.schoolbuscity.com, by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on Twitter.

Parents, students and school staff may also access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS



Up Coming Events

Monday December 3-Friday Dec 7, 2018	Book Fair
December 24-January 4	Winter Break
Monday January 14, 2019	Touchstone Assembly: Empathy
Friday January 18, 2019	P.A Day
Friday February 1, 2019	P.A Day
Monday February 4, 2019	Touchstone Assembly: Initiative
Month of February	Drum Fit Month
Monday February 18, 2019	Family Day
Monday March 4, 2019	Touchstone Assembly: Perseverance
Wednesday March 6, 2019	Grade 8 Grad Photos
March 11-15, 2019	March Break
March 18-22, 2019	Eco Week
Friday march 22, 2019	Eco Fair



Lost & Found

As we approach Winter Break, we would like to empty out the lost and found box. Items will be displayed on tables near the large gym. If your child is missing any items, they may look through the tables and retrieve their items. Please feel free to come into the school and browse through the tables to look for items your child may have lost. Please be sure to sign in at the office before proceeding to the lost and found tables. Any items that remain will be donated to charity.

