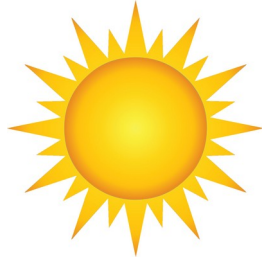




Yorkhill Newsletter

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Administrators' Message

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SEPTEMBER TOUCHSTONE : Respect is Essential

We have enjoyed a beautiful beginning to the school year and a very enjoyable September filled with warmth and much light. Now as the days dim and grow colder we harvest the strength and courage to go into winter. The light of learning and the warmth of a caring community support student achievement and wellbeing. Our EQAO results highlight areas of strengths and areas of growth potential. As educators and teachers, we reflect on this information and plan collaboratively. For more detailed results, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.ca, click on EQAO results and follow the links to Yorkhill Elementary School.

We were pleased to greet so many of you on Curriculum Night and thank you for your genuine support and interest to be involved. We welcome your participation and appreciate hearing from you.

We are always looking for ways to enhance communication with our families and community. At our first School Council this year we heard the need of connecting in different ways. To this end there will be several possibilities to remain informed, including

- *communications from your child's homeroom teacher through websites, newsletters and your child's agenda
- *a calendar on our school website that you can reference as needed anytime
- *weekly email blasts highlighting the week that was and the one coming up
- *comprehensive newsletters
- *outside signage for our community passing by our school
- *school monitor in our front foyer outlining daily events for anyone coming into our school
- *phone conversations and face to face conversations are always welcome

The entire staff and myself look forward to a great school year together.

Catarina Burisch



September 2016 Trustee Greetings for school newsletters

Message from our Trustee

As we start another school year, we are very pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families. I hope you all enjoyed the hot summer months and are looking forward to the start of school.

There is a lot to look forward to in the months ahead and many ways for families to engage with their child's learning. There is a strong connection between parent and family engagement and student achievement and well-being, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get involved.

In the coming year, trustees will continue to focus on the priorities that we set out in our [Multi-Year Plan](#): student achievement and well-being; the delivery of effective and sustainable educational programs; and the responsible stewardship of Board resources.

We know that partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving these goals. However you choose to get involved, know that you are making a difference to your child's learning.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.

Organization
Yorkhill Elementary School

English

JK/SK Ms. Russell & Sandra Bailey (DECE)

JK/SK TBA & lJulinda Kaloshi (DECE)

SK/1 Ms. Baraam

2/3 Ms. Hantzakos

3/4 Ms. Behar

4/5 Ms. Karametch

5/6 Mr. Dishy

7 Ms. Meldung

8 Ms. Arro



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1FI Ms. Cooper

1FI Ms. Beqo

1 FI Ms. Sazant

2FI Ms. Calder

2FI Ms. Popescu

2FI Ms. Teeuwen

2FI Ms. Valerio

3FI Ms. Robitaille

3FI Ms. Robinson

3FI Ms. Duliunas

3FI Ms. Stanco

ASD CC Ms. Shanoff

Reading Recovery/Sert/SSC Primary Ms. Morris

Sert/SSC Junior Ms. Sirianni

Sert/SSC Intermediate Ms. Han

Library/Lit Tech/ELL Ms. Angel

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Mr. Manga

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Ms. Frank

Ms. Rubinoff

Ms. Reiner

Ms. Jonas

Ms. Munro

Ms. Wexler

Mr. Rothman

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Mr. Pathay

Mr. Voudouris

Mr. Bertram

SIGN IN/OUT PROCEDURES

As an added precaution in monitoring our attendance and being accountable for the safety of our students, we have sign-in and sign-out procedures for Yorkhill Elementary School students. When students arrive late for any reason, they must check in at the office for an admission and late slip. Students leaving for appointments, illnesses, or any other reason must be signed out by a parent in our sign-out binder.

To make our school safe, we also require that any parents visiting the school, or volunteering with a class, **must sign in when they arrive and sign out when they leave in the visitors' portion of the binder at the front office counter.** Visitor ID badges are to be obtained at the office and **must be worn**, during your entire visit, for safety reasons. Thank you for your co-operation.

5 DAY CYCLE

The School Calendar is on a 5 day cycle. The cycle calendar will replace the days of the week on your child's timetable.

Month	No. of Instruct. Days	No. of P.A. Days	1ST WEEK					2ND WEEK					3RD WEEK					4TH WEEK					5TH WEEK										
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June	20	2				3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

BOOK OF FORMS

A number of important forms have been included in the package sent home on the first day of school. Some we require you to fill out, sign and return to school. Please read them carefully and return them to your child's home-room teacher. An emergency contact information sheet will be sent home by the end of the month. Please review and send back to school by **Friday, September 30th**. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Through a directive from the Ministry of Education and Training, all School Boards are to implement a safe arrival program in their schools. The York Region District School Board has been working very closely with the York Regional Police to ensure the safety of our students. For instance, the safe arrival program at Yorkhill ES. depends on parents to notify the office in the event of their child's late arrival or absence. All parents and guardians are reminded to please call the school (905) 764-5292 if their child is going to be absent or late. School starts promptly at 8:50 a.m. You may leave a message on the answering machine if calling before 8:00 a.m. or after 4:00 p.m. Please leave your child's name, teacher's name and the reason for the absence. If calling is not possible, please inform the school in person or send a note or email to the office. Please make sure you inform the office of any absences or lates.

If a student is not in school and the school office has not received notification from the parents, the school will take the following steps:

Step 1

Call the student's home.

If there is no answer the school will,

Step 2

Call the parents at work and cell phone If there is no response the school will,

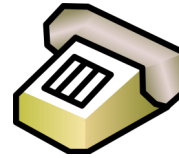
Step 3

Call the emergency contact person.

If the contact person cannot be reached then,

Step 4

The school will notify the York Regional Police that the student is missing.



Please remember to call the school if your child will be late or absent.

You may be interested to know that the secretary often spends over 60 minutes daily following up on numerous unreported absences. Each year we are forced to contact York Regional Police to assist in finding a 'missing child'. All too often, the child is found with his/her parent. Please help out by being conscientious about phoning the school when your child is going to be absent or late.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The York Region District School board recognizes and highlights the significant achievements of our students through a variety of sources: front hall displays, school and board publications, and in the media, school web site, special fundraising events (that attract media attention), recordings and displays for events such as graduations and seasonal celebrations. We believe this recognition is essential to enhance our students' self esteem and to foster a positive school environment. To enable us to be in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act we request that those parents who do NOT want their child's accomplishments recognized, work displayed or photographs taken for this purpose, please notify the School Administration in writing.

MEDICATION REQUIRED

The safety of our students is paramount. Please let the office know of any medical conditions or allergies that affect your child by filling it in on the Emergency Form (These forms were sent home already and extra copies can be picked up in the school office).

It is a good idea to mention any significant health issues to your child's homeroom teacher.

Children who need to take medication at school require a *Request for Administration of Oral Medication Form* signed by the parent before the medication can be given. If your child requires medication during the school day please speak to the secretaries Mrs. Cortes and Ms. Wright

TERRY FOX RUN-September 29th

Yorkhill Elementary School is a caring community and has much to offer the Terry Fox foundation. This is a great cause in fighting a disease that is suffered by Canadians and others alike.

Did you know that during Terry Fox's run across Canada. He ran an average of 42 km/day. He ran for 143 days and through 6 provinces, totalling 5373 kilometres before he was forced to quit in Thunder Bay. After receiving treatment for the cancer that had spread to his lungs, Terry passed away one month shy of his 23rd birthday.

Before and After School Program

YMCA Child Care Program provides a before and after school program for school age children.

Our program offers quality care both before and after school. For more information about opportunities available for your child please call (905) 482-2242

Websites and Email

Please visit our website for updated information at:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/yorkhill.es/Pages/default.aspx>

We will also be sending all further Newsletters and communication by email.

Nut Free School

We are a nut-sensitive school. Some of our students and staff have severe peanut nut allergies. Even the smell of nuts and other foods can trigger a serious reaction for these students and staff. **No peanut butter or nut products are allowed at school! This**

also applies to peanut butter imitation products.



Kid's Kitchen and Lunches

Kids' Kitchen has started and will be available on Mondays and Thursdays. If you are interested, there are forms available in the office and online at www.kids.kitchen.ca

SAFETY WEEK

To support our Board's commitment to providing safe learning environments for all students, **Fri- day, September 26 - Friday, September 30, 2016** has been designated as "YRDSB Safety Week." All public elementary and secondary schools across the region will be featuring activities and events that highlight various facets of safety at school and in the community. Students will be participating in a wide variety of activities intended to increase awareness of safety hazards and how to avoid them.

In addition, as part of our safety week activities, all schools in the York Region District School Board will be conducting emergency preparedness exercises. To ensure that all members of the school community are familiar with the emergency procedures, we will be conducting practices. In advance of the drill, we will review protocols and expectations during an emergency with all affected partners.

A Hold and Secure and Lock Down response would typically be called in the event of an intruder entering the school, a fatality, or a violent storm. The procedure calls for all students to be secured in a locked classroom, gym or other secure area, and to situate themselves on the floor and away from doors and windows.

Please join with us in helping to ensure that student safety is a top priority during Safety Week and throughout the year. If you have any questions about student safety, please contact the school at any time.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in your child's school and meet other parents. Hopefully you can find the time to come out. The following 6 evenings have been set aside: October 6, November 7, January 9, February 6, April 3 and May 1. We meet in the Library from 7:00—8:00. We hope to see you there.

Terry Fox National School Run Day



Dear Parents/Guardians,

September 19th, 2016

Yorkhill is participating in the Terry Fox National School Run/Walk Day

When: Thursday, September 29th (rain date September 30th).

Who: Yorkhill Students and staff! On this day we will be joining millions of Canadian school children as we walk together in the effort to raise awareness and funds for cancer research.

Where: Our walks will take place around the schoolyard for JKs-Grade 3s, and a community walk for Grades 4-8

How to donate: On-line only. Just go to our school donation page:

<http://www.terryfox.ca/YorkhillESThornhill>

Goal: This will be our 14th year participating in the Terry Fox Run! Our school goal is to raise \$2000!

Thank you for supporting this important cause.

Y.E.S. WE CAN!



The Terry Fox Research Institute
L'Institut de recherche Terry Fox

GET READY!



PHOTO DAY is: Friday October 14th, 2016



Back to School!

It's the start of a new school year and time for annual school portraits! Edge Imaging is happy to help you capture this timeless tradition in your child's life.

Helpful Hints for a Picture Perfect Pose:

Smile: Practice with your child on how to get a beautiful big smile in front of the camera.

What to Wear: For best results we recommend wearing bright, solid coloured clothing. If uniforms are required, please dress accordingly.

Sleep: Make sure your child gets a good night sleep and wakes up a bit early so you can style their hair for photo day.

Please note a class group photo may also be taken on photo day.

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York Region Community and Health Services (Public Health) has asked that we share the attached West Nile Virus Factsheet with you. You may also find this information on their website: york.ca/westnile. If you have any questions, please contact Community and Health Services directly at 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933



Fight the bite!

Protect yourself against
West Nile virus



What is West Nile virus?

West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne virus that can be passed to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito.

What are the symptoms of West Nile virus?

Most people infected with West Nile virus have no symptoms or have flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches and fatigue. Sometimes West Nile virus can cause severe illness including meningitis and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Symptoms usually develop between two and 15 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

Fight the bite!

What you can do...

Clean up

The best way to keep mosquitoes away is to clean up areas of standing water where mosquitoes like to breed.

Here are some tips:

- Clean up and empty containers where water collects (old tires, tin cans, flower pots, etc.)
- Change water in bird baths weekly
- Remove water that collects on pool covers
- Turn over items such as wading pools, wheelbarrows and small boats
- Clear eavestroughs and roof gutters
- Unclog drainage ditches
- Drill holes in the bottoms of containers so water can't collect
- Check that door and window screens are tight-fitting and in good repair

Cover up

Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites.

- Wear light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts and pants
- Use insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors; apply according to manufacturer's instructions

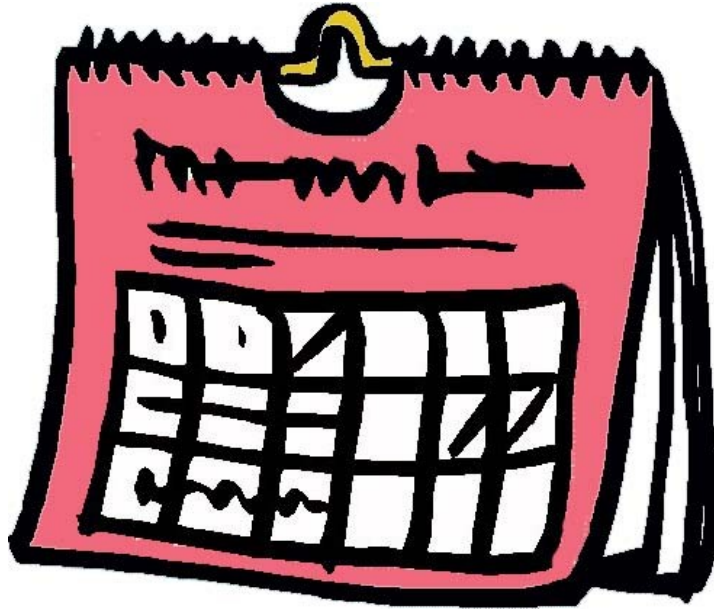
For more information about West Nile virus or to report standing water, contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933 or visit york.ca/westnile

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2016/2017 Calendar & Holidays

Labour Day – September 5, 2016

Thanksgiving Day – Monday October 10, 2016

Christmas Vacation – Monday December 26, 2016 to Friday January 6, 2017

Family Day – Monday February 20, 2017

Mid- winter Break – Monday March 13, 2017 to Friday March 17, 2017

Good Friday – Monday April 14, 2017

Easter Monday – Friday April 17, 2017

Victoria Day – Monday May 22, 2017

P.A Days – No School

Monday September 26, 2016

Friday October 28, 2016

Friday November 25, 2016

Friday January 20, 2017

Friday February 3, 2017

Friday June 2, 2017

Friday June 30, 2017

UPCOMING DATES

Friday October 14—Picture Day

Monday November 8—Photo Retakes

Tuesday November 1 –HEP B & HPV Grades 7 & 8

YRDSB Mobile App

Did you know the York Region District School Board has an app that enables staff, students, parents and community members to quickly access information from their mobile devices?

Get the latest up-to-date news, student resources, school maps and contact information for trustees and senior administration. Users will also be able to access the Report It tool, school year calendars, transportation information and much more.

To download the app, visit www.yrdsb.ca or search "YRDSB" in your app store.

Follow @YRDSB on Twitter

The York Region District School Board is on Twitter as part of an ongoing effort to enhance parent, family and community engagement in public education.

Followers of @YRDSB can expect to receive information about:

- Opportunities to provide feedback or participate in surveys
- Busing and transportation
- Student programs and events
- Board policy information
- Board meetings and agendas
- New content on the YRDSB website
- Board events and photos
- Media releases

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