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# Yorkhill Newsletter

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## ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that our Summer vacation is just around the corner. A time for families and children to rest, relax and rejuvenate. A time to experience life and learn beyond the walls of the classroom, whether on a family vacation, at a summer camp, your local library or community centre, or playing and connecting with your friends in the neighbourhood.

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The month of June is a busy one at Yorkhill Elementary. In addition to completing their academic tasks, our students will be participating in a variety of activities that extend beyond the classroom. Our Junior—Intermediate students will be participating in Track & Field events, not to mention the various celebrations of the Arts through the Primary Drama Clubs play at the City Play House and An Evening of Song presented by the Yorkhill E.S. Primary Junior Choir. We hope that you will have an opportunity to join us at these evening events, to show your support for all of the hard work these students have put into these productions.

We also would like to extend our congratulation to the Grade 8 students, who will be graduating from Yorkhill Elementary, in an evening ceremony on June 18th, 2015 at the Thornhill Golf and Country Club. Our students will have a fun filled evening, enjoying dinner and a dance following the ceremony. We wish all of our grade eight students tremendous success as they begin the next part of their educational journey.

**Principal**  
Nereo Bonomo

**Vice-Principal**  
Karen Birnie

**Office Staff**  
Morag Wright  
Maria Cortes

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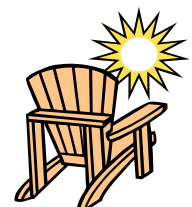
**Trustee**  
Susan Gellar  
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Please join us in welcoming Catarina Burisch to Yorkhill E.S. as the new incoming Principal, effective September 1, 2015. Ms. Burisch is currently serving the Board as principal at Milliken Mills Public School, and brings with her extensive experience as an administrator in French Immersion schools. Mrs. Birnie will remain at Yorkhill E.S. as the Vice Principal. As you know, Mr. Bonomo will be transferred to Windham Ridge P.S., effective September 1, 2015. Mr. Bonomo has thoroughly enjoyed the past four years working with and learning from the staff, students and parents of the Yorkhill Elementary school community. He will treasure the memories that he takes with him.

Have a fantastic summer,

Nereo Bonomo  
Principal

Karen Birnie  
Vice Principal



## June 25, 2015 Final Day Dismissal

As a result of the current job action affecting elementary schools across the province and in York Region, the planned early release for students on June 25 is cancelled. **On Thursday, June 25, 2015, schools will be open and classroom instruction will continue for the entire normal school day.** Friday, June 26, 2015 will remain a PA Day.

If your child is eligible for school transportation services, school buses and taxi services will continue according to the typical full day schedule. The school board has communicated this scheduling change to in-school child care centre, including before and after care providers. Please check with your provider directly to confirm arrangement for this date.

We recognize that this may cause some inconvenience. Please be assured that we continue to have your child's achievement, well-being and safety in mind.

### Lost & Found

Our lost and found is overflowing!

Students and parents are encouraged to visit the lost and found in order to claim any lost items.

Lost & Found items will be on display in the front lobby of the school starting the week of June 22—26, 2015

Please note that items that have not been claimed at the end of the school year will be donated to a local charity.



### Student Medication

Please ensure that your child's medication or epi-pen is picked up from the office **before June 26th, 2015.**

We cannot store this medication over the summer months.

### Are You Moving?

Please let us know if you are planning a move. This information helps us immensely when planning for next year. Please notify the school office, or send a note with your child as soon as possible.



### Summer Office Hours at Yorkhill Elementary School

The office at Yorkhill Elementary will close for the summer, as of 4:15 p.m., Friday, June 26, 2015. The office will re-open for the 2015-2016 school year on Monday, August 31st, 2015.

Office Hours: 8:15 a.m.—4:15p.m.

Our office staff, Ms. Wright and Ms. Cortes will be happy to assist you.

## Opening Day Procedures

September 8, 2015

The first day of school for the 2015-2016 school year is Tuesday, September 8, 2015. We ask that you arrive before the entrance bell rings at 8:45, as support staff and administrators will be on hand to assist you as early as 8:35 a.m. Please do not come to the main office on that morning. Remain outside and follow the steps below:

- ◆ Find a support staff member or an administrator with a clipboard. They will be outside circulating, ready and happy to share with you your child/children's homeroom teacher.
- ◆ All teachers, except French Immersion, will be located at the back of the school building.
- ◆ French Immersion teachers will be located in the large gym.
- ◆ JK/SK staff will be present in the JK/SK enclosure on the south side of the building.

### At Yorkhill Elementary School

**we welcome everyone with open arms, open minds and open smiles!**

*(Taken from the YES Touchstone)*

### Student Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com).

#### **Busing Information for September 2015:**

For information about your child's bus route for September 2014 please visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) the week of August 24—28, 2015 for the most accurate and up-to-date bussing information.

## Round of Applause

### Volunteer Appreciation Tea

#### Thank You Yorkhill Elementary School Volunteers!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have dedicated their time and volunteered in the school during the past year. This ongoing dedication is greatly appreciated and valued by staff and students.

To honour and thank our volunteers, we hosted our annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea in the library, on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, starting at 3:30.



### May Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our most recent Book fair. We are pleased to report that the Book Fair raised \$ 4000.00 that will be used to purchased resources for the library.



Thank you to all the families who supported the Book Fair.

### Eco Club



During the month of May our Eco Club proudly hosted the Ontario Eco Schools Committee at Yorkhill Elementary. Members of the Eco Club shared all of the initiatives they have focused on throughout the 2014-2015. We would like to thank our students and teachers for their dedication and hard work to develop eco friendly practices at Yorkhill Elementary. We anxiously await the Ontario Eco Schools Committee decision regarding the status of our school.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the Eco Club for helping our Kindergarten classes plant a butterfly garden in the kindergarten area and for planting the beautiful flower pots that adore the entrance of the school. These planters and flowers were purchased by the Eco Fundraiser held in the month of May.





# groups & workshops

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## **CHANGING YOUR ADHDitude: LIVING WITH ADULT ADHD \*NEW\***

A 4 session group for **adults** who have been diagnosed with ADD/ADHD and want to learn the necessary skills and strategies to take charge and create positive change in their lives. Topics include: Defining and understanding your ADHD, reorganizing the disorganized mind, taking charge of your issues and learning to focus, and establishing realistic expectations of yourself and others.

Tuesday, June 2, 2015 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

## **DATING IN MID-LIFE**

a one session workshop for men and women in midlife (40+) who have been single for 2 or more years and are looking for information on how to nurture a lasting relationship. Topics include: dating myths and facts, the 5 stages of dating, the difference between the dating behaviours of men and women.

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

As with all of our programs, registration is required. Our groups and workshops are open to all members of the community regardless of cultural, religious and/or racial background and we offer a sliding scale for those who require reductions.

For more information or to register, please call Shawna Sidney at 416-638-7800 x 6215 or visit our website at [www.jfandcs.com](http://www.jfandcs.com).

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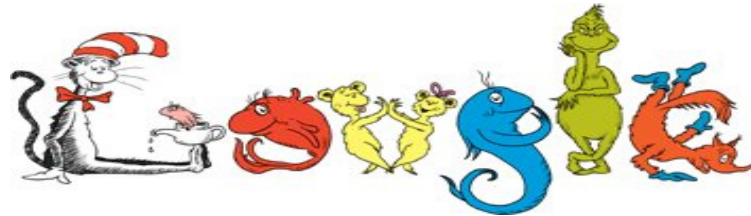
## The Arts @ YES

### It's A Seuss Kind of World

The English Primary Drama Club production of "It's A Seuss Kind of World" is fast approaching and the Gr. 1-3 cast members have all done an amazing job! We are so proud of them!

On Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> both the dress rehearsal and the performance will be held at the City Playhouse Theatre (1000 New Westminster Dr. in Thornhill. Corner of Bathurst St. and New Westminster Dr. in Thornhill)

**The performance will begin at 6:30 pm and go until 8:00 pm.**



Please Join Us  
For an Evening of  
Song  
By the Yorkhill E. S.

Thursday, June 11th  
At Yorkhill E. S.  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Refreshments will follow

In lieu of an admission charge,  
We would appreciate your donation  
Of some non-perishable food items  
For the Yellow Brick House Shelter  
For Women and Children

### Yorkhill Idol

June 15th, 2015  
1:20—3:00 p.m.  
Large Gym

Students will be  
Showcasing their  
Musical, Instrumental, Vocal  
Dance and Athletic Talents  
for the Y.E.S.  
Students

Good luck to all of our  
Future Idols!

## Important Dates for June 2015

June 3	7:00pm School Council meeting
June 4	Grade 8 Trip to Niagara Falls
June 5	PA Day
June 8	6:30 PM Primary Drama Club play at City Playhouse Theatre
June 9	3:30m pm: Volunteer Appreciation Tea in library
June 11	7:00—8:00 “Evening of Song” - by the Yorkhill E. S. Primary and Junior Choirs
June 15	Yorkhill Idol 1:20 - 3:00
June 16	11:00am Touchstone Assembly
June 18	6:00—10:30 Grade 8 Ceremony and Dinner
June 22	PanAm Play Day for Grade 1-7
June 23	9:30-11:00 am Kindergarten End-of-Year Celebration PanAm Play Day Grades 1—7
June 24	Rain Date for the PanAm Play Day
June 25	Last day of school for students—FULL DAY Teacher Appreciation luncheon hosted by council/parents
June 26	PA Day for staff

### June Touchstone Focus

**We do our best to make good choices**

**Home Connections:** The next time you are together with your child/children, have a discussion about what the above Touchstone statement means to them and to you? How have you demonstrated this quality and attitude? Why is the above trait important?

### School Calendar 2015-2016

Labour Day	Monday, September 7, 2015
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12, 2015
Christmas Vacation	Monday, December 21, 2015 to Friday— January 1, 2016
Family Day	Monday, February 15, 2016
Mid-Winter Break	Monday, March 14, 2016 to Friday, March 18, 2016
Good Friday	Friday, March 25, 2016
Easter Monday	Monday, March 28, 2016
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23, 2016