



Yorkhill Newsletter

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Administrator's Message

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our Yorkhill Elementary families. Over the past several weeks, we have watched your children settle into their new routines, make new friends and embrace new academic challenges. We have observed them confidently moving from class to class, actively engaging in classroom activities and enjoying this fantastic fall weather during outdoor breaks and recess times. Bravo on a great start to the 2015-2016 school year!

One of the entry routines is to safely transition for the outdoors into the learning environment. We do this by remembering our 4 S's: Single file, Straight, Silent and Smiling. For safety purposes we remember to walk on the right hand side in the hall, staircases and sidewalks.

We value the strong partnerships we have with our families and the community. Ongoing and open communication between home and school is essential to your child's success. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

We also encourage our parents to become involved in the life of the school by taking the opportunity to attend School Council Meetings and/or by volunteering within the school. Look for upcoming dates and invitations in future monthly newsletters, the school message board located as you drive into the school and/or from your child's teacher.

We look forward to seeing you in the school.

Catarina Burisch
Principal

Karen Birnie
Vice Principal



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Yorkhill Elementary School Staff

2015-2016

JK/SK	J. Laite & J. Kaloshi	Gr. 1A FI	S. Sazant
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Gr. 1/2	S. Hantzakos	Gr. 1C FI	P. Cooper
Gr. 1/2	D. Behar	Gr. 1D FI	L. Beqo
Gr. 2/3	H. Fleising	Gr. 2A FI	S. Gue-Paraison
Gr. 3/4	S. Purwitzsky	Gr. 2B FI	B. Chartrand
Gr. 4/5	C. Ceolin	Gr. 2C FI	I. Popescu
Gr. 5/6	O. Dishy	Gr. 2D FI	M. Scardina
Gr. 7	D. Meldung	Gr. 2/3A FI	S. Robinson-Weeks
Gr. 8	M. Malek	Gr. 3A FI	N. Duliunas
French	N. Lipkus	Gr. 3B FI	S. Stanco
Library & ELL	J. Angel	Gr. 3C FI	J. Robitaille
Prep. Coverage	K. Manga	ASD CC	S. Shanoff
Prep. Coverage	L. DiTommaso	CYW	M. Munro
Prep. Coverage	Y. Zhu	ADH	A. Diduch
Prep. Coverage	A. Cass	CYW	G. Wexler
SERT Primary	M. Morris	EA	A. Pantalos
SERT Junior	R. Sirianni	EA	G. Rubinoff
SERT Inter.	M. Miele	EA	P. Reiner
Reading Recovery	M. Morris	EA	R. Jonas
Lead Caretaker	S. Pathay		
Caretaker	D. Bertram		
Caretaker	L. Voudouris		
EOAA	M. Wright		
Admin. Assistant	M. Cortes		





Greetings from Susan Geller
Trustee for Yorkhill Elementary School



Welcome back to another school year.

I am happy to extend a warm welcome to our returning students and families and those who are new to our Board. I am the trustee for your child's school and your representative on the York Region District School Board of Trustees.

I am looking forward to continuing my work to ensure that all YRDSB students receive a high-quality education within safe, caring and inclusive learning environments.

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 families are essential to achieving this goal. Good schools become better schools when they are connected to parents and families.

I hope that you will find positive and meaningful ways to engage with your child's school over the course of the year. There will be many events and activities to look forward to throughout the year and many opportunities across the Region that support parent engagement.

2015-16 promises to be an exciting year. All the best for the upcoming school year!

Yorkhill Elementary Celebrates...

Terry Fox

On September 17, 2015 students and staff welcomed a representative from the Terry Fox Foundation. Students and staff members learned about Terry's spirit, selflessness, and his determination to help those whose lives had been affected by cancer.

This year marks the 35th Anniversary of The Terry Fox National School Run/Walk Day. On Friday, October, 2nd, the Yorkhill school community participated in our 14th Terry Fox Walk! Together students and staff demonstrated their support for one of our true Canadian Heroes, by walking on-site at the school.

This year, fundraising will be done online. Our school is already set up on the Terry Fox Foundation website to receive online donations. Donations can be made to your school by going to **terryfox.org/nationalschoolrunday** and searching for your school name.



Yorkhill School Council

2015-2016

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Kim Sparks
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Lina Vaxman
Michelle Larocque

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Catarina Burisch
Principal

Karen Birnie
Vice Principal



We would like to thank all of the parents who came out to the first School Council meeting for the 2015-2016 school year. Congratulations and thank you to Kim Sparks and Natasha Parsotam who will be Co –Chairs of the Yorkhill Elementary School Council. We would like to thank Alan Morris for serving as the School Council Chair for the past several years.

In addition we would like to thank Jennifer Stemerding for continuing on as Treasurer. Lina Vaxman will share her Secretarial duties with Michelle Larocque.

Please feel free to join us for future School Council meetings. We welcome all ideas and value your support. If you wish to propose an agenda item for a future School Council meeting, please contact the co-chairs, Kim Sparks and/or Natasha Parsotam, at least one week prior to the meeting date.

Yorkhill School Council Meeting Dates

November 4, 2015

December 2, 2015

January 6, 2016

February 3, 2016

April To Be Confirmed

May 4, 2016

June 1, 2016

All School Council meetings are held in the school library and begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.



groups & workshops

OCTOBER 2015

EFFECTIVE PARENTING

A four session group to help parents learn what they can do to raise a happy, motivated and well behaved child. For parents of children ages 2 to 10 years. Topics include: how to; nurture self-esteem, encourage problem solving, increase communication and set appropriate limits and discipline.

Monday, October 19, 2015 | 9600 Bathurst St | Lebovic Jewish Community Centre | 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

BEYOND THE CHUPPAH, BECOMING A COUPLE

A two session Marriage Preparation group for couples who are going to be married in the next year.

Topics include: Changing roles and expectations, finances, conflict negotiation and resolution, communication, and Jewish home and family life. This program is offered in partnership with the Reform Rabbis.

Sunday, October 18, 2015 & Sunday, October 25, 2015 | 210 Wilson Ave | Temple Sinai | 11:00 am to 3:30 pm

MIND, BODY, CONNECTION for Women | 3 Locations

Join us in an 8 session group for women who want to learn the practice of mindfulness and meditation in a safe and supportive group setting. Topics will include: stress and anxiety reduction, connecting with your mind and body, enhancing your self-worth and self-esteem, and learning about general relaxation and happiness.

Monday, October 26, 2016 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Thursday, October 29, 2016 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 | 9600 Bathurst St | Lebovic Jewish Community Centre | 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 | 35 Madison Ave | Gordon S. Wolfe Branch | 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

PARENTING THE CHILD/TEEN WITH ADHD

This is a four week group for parents of children diagnosed with ADHD who are wanting to learn more about ADHD and develop strategies for assisting their children at home and at school.

Thursday, October 29 2015 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

SEPARATION 101

A one session workshop for adults in the process of separating from their spouses and wanting to get more information about child custody, spousal support, property division and more.

Thursday, October 29 2015 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 7:00 pm to 9:00 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.

www.facebook.com/jfandcs

INCREASING RESILIENCY AND WELL-BEING IN OUR CHILDREN PARENT WORKSHOP

Learn techniques to assist your children in becoming more resilient

A PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS
OF ALL STUDENTS BUT IN PARTICULAR
THOSE IN GRADES 7-9



Sponsored by

The York Region District School Board Resiliency Committee and
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No cost

Monday November 2, 2015

Richmond Green Secondary School

7:00 p.m.-9:00p.m.

RSVP – chris.mcadam@yrdsb.ca



Important Dates October 2015

October 7 Author Visit—Vicki Grant - Grades 6-8 (9:30-10:30)

October 7 Author Evening @ Brownridge Public School - 7:00-8:30 p.m.
ALL WELCOME

October 8 Area Cross Country Meet—Grades 4-8

October 12 Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL

October 29 Picture Day

BOARD SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR: 2015-2016

Labour Day	Monday, September 7, 2015
Thanksgiving	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

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY AND TRAINING DAYS FOR 2015-2016

During PA and training days, students do not attend school.

1. Thursday, September 3, 2015
2. Monday, September 28, 2015
3. Friday, November 27, 2015
4. Friday, January 15, 2016
5. Monday, February 1, 2016
6. Friday, June 3, 2016
7. Thursday, June 30, 2016