

Newsletter

Front of Yonge Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Wow, I am still in shock that it is now November. Our fun filled busy days at Front of Yonge are racing at lightening speed. It is amazing to look back over the last couple of months and list all our big accomplishments here at FOY... we have done so much already and the school year has only just begun. We said goodbye on Friday to our exchange students from Brazil. We learned a great deal about their culture and country. We will miss them and wish them all the best. October ended with a Big Halloween Celebration, the costumes were amazing this year. We have so many creative people in the FOY Community. Thank you to the Legion for having our students to the exciting Boo Bingo Event. The days are getting colder and shorter, which is a clear indication that winter is on its way. It is important to ensure our children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Mittens, hats and warm coats will keep them comfortable during our outdoor activity times. All the extra essential winter accessories can be an organizational nightmare. To avoid the misplacement of winter clothes, please ensure your child's items are labelled, so items are not lost, misplaced or find a permanent home in our lost and found. With the winter weather just around the corner please refer to the notice for bus cancellation for inclement weather that is attached.

Progress Reports will be going home November 6th. Communication with parents will be on-going about student progress throughout the school year; teachers and parents are encouraged to keep an open-dialogue about the progress their children are making. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions, concerns or if you are looking for suggestions to help support your child in areas for specific improvement.

The Language Express Referral Deadline for JK students is almost here!
The deadline is **NOVEMBER 30th**.

Language Express can provide assessment, intervention and resources to support children in developing speech, language, social communication, and literacy skills.

Watch for these warning signs:

- Stuttering
- Has trouble following directions
- Hard to understand
- Does not use adult-like grammar
- Cannot retell a story coherently
- Is struggling to learn letter names
- Unusual voice quality (hoarse, breathy)

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Road is on November the 8th. Our grade 2 to 6 students will be attending. On Nov. 11th some of our classes will be attending the Legion Service. Poppies are available at the school; parents, guests and members of the community are welcome to join us. Please connect with the classroom teacher to find out times and more specific information.



Christmas Store

We are looking for donations of **new or gently used** gift items (Christmas decorations, candles, notepads, cookbooks, glassware, jewelry, toiletries, DVDs... anything that would make a nice Christmas gift for moms, dads, brothers, sisters and grandparents). We are also looking for donations of gift bags, tissue, Christmas stickers and gift tags for wrapping the presents.



Does screen time turn into scream time in your household?

Looking for tips to help your child learn good screen time habits?

1. Limit screen use. Start by:
 - having times in the day that are "screen free" such as before bedtime or during supper.
 - keeping screen use to certain rooms of the house, such as the living room or family room
2. Encourage other activities, like getting outside or meeting up with friends.
3. Be a good role model. What does your screen use tell your children?

Register for our Triple P Café on "Screentime Use" at

<https://healthunit.org/clinics-classes/triple-p-parenting/> For more parenting tips, visit www.triplep-parenting.ca, call 1-800-660-5853, or email triplep@healthunit.org. Parenting Matters!