

## Principal's Parent Council Report NOVEMBER 3, 2020 AGM EVENING


### Yorkdale Central Enrollment Numbers

	Pre K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		TOTAL
Nov Excluding Remote		47	42	44	47	35	53	48	52	48		414

### YCS 2020-21 Learning Improvement Plan

Priority Area	Associating Activities & Notes
COVID19 Update	<p><b>The following represents highlights through COVID19 practices.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YCS &amp; GSSD continue to be impacted by COVID-19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ YCS saw one class move to remote with a positive test. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Due to early concerns &amp; Thanksgiving, this disrupted for a single week.</li> <li>▪ YCS has also observed families affected, but stakeholder diligence has benefitted YCS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent community outbreak saw roughly a dozen students moved to self-isolate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ We tightened our recess co-horts for 7-10 days. We have returned to our first practice.</li> <li>▪ PAA was disrupted for a day. No visits from other schools.</li> <li>▪ School Pictures were pushed to Nov. 6.</li> <li>▪ Longer staggered period during entry. Likely will continue with winter.</li> <li>▪ Mr. Beatty did tweak his measures on a staff level. "Save the school" efforts.</li> <li>▪ It has been challenging times, and demands are higher for teachers &amp; adm. Absenteeism!</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ GSSD has seen a number of schools impacted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Precautionary measures has resulted in largely classes closing not schools.</li> <li>▪ Masks are required with shields.</li> <li>▪ Vital Oxide was replaced with a past product, though plans continue on a safe return.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ School practices have prevented transmissions, but the health of schools remains deeply connected to the practices of individuals away from school.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>YCS Back to School Plan</b> will reflect changes. Posted in November. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ongoing pushes for COVID-19 routines &amp; procedures. It has peaks &amp; valleys.</li> <li>○ Mr. Beatty updated outside markers, so we can have something that works for winter.</li> <li>○ Mr. Beatty changed staffroom &amp; copier practices to prevent transmissions that could close school.</li> <li>○ RtI Interventions began in October, but we are not mixing co-horts. All are classrooms based.</li> <li>○ Extra-Curricular remains a YCS item that has been deprived. Going to attempt within co-horts, though mixing co-horts has been pushed again. This date was to be beginning of Nov but now TBD.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>PPE &amp; Masks</b> are required in many places including buses, common areas, hallways &amp; Gr 4-8 classes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Elements of mask fatigue, but staff members work with students. Better than many.</li> <li>○ Staff continue to promote COVID-19 practices.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Literacy	<p><b>Gr 2-6 F&amp;P Assessments</b> are occurring and must be reported by first week of November. This is later than in past years, but given that students have not been assessed since last winter, teachers need an idea of student levels.</p> <p><b>Grades 1 F&amp;P Assessments</b> will be carried out as well.</p> <p><b>Kindergarten teachers</b> have using EYE assessments to report on Kindergarten students at November.</p> <p><b>Levelled Literacy Interventions</b> are occurring. Groups have been made with co-horts in mind.</p> <p><b>One Book One Community</b> facilitation was discussed at a staff level. The discussion was regarding balance of instructional demands and extras. Discussion was that we may move to optional participation. Rational was that some families definitely appreciate this event and it could be good for coping reasons. Other families may not be as engaged and observe it as an add-on. Discussion to move to "A Boy Named Bat." It seemed to have a better theme.</p>

<p>School Environment</p>	<p><b>Communication is so important, and 2020 was also marked by delays in rolling this out.</b></p> <p>On top of COVID19, there has been a delay in operational software and the arrival of hardware. <b>Google Classroom</b> is used at Grades 5-8 and teachers have prioritized to expose students regularly in the event that a need to go remote learning occurs. In most grades, Google Classroom is customary in teacher deliver.</p> <p><b>Seesaw</b> was delayed by GSSD. It became function around mid-October. Through his adm dashboard, Mr. Beatty is observing 400-455 interactions per week. Parents continue to get glimpse of classroom. Seesaw is recommended.</p> <p>EDSBY is supposed to be an add on to the province’s new SDS system, MySchoolSask (MSS). This has been slow. Edsby will be connected to mark book and report cards, attendance, and communication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance kicked in at mid-September.</li> <li>• Parents likely noticed that Messenger Attendance began within the last two weeks.</li> <li>• It looks like report cards will be able to roll out through Edsby. It will look similar with some differences.</li> <li>• The student/parent portal is not yet ready.</li> <li>• The communication end is not yet ready. While schools were asked to avoid the use of REMIND because Edsby was coming, Mr. Beatty pulled the trigger and endorsed for teachers around md-October. Communication is too important.</li> </ul> <p>Six <b>Fire Drills</b> have occurred already. We did hold off on our fifth because of poor weather.</p> <p><b>Bus Evacuation Drills</b> were to occur “live” on Oct 2, but this moved virtual and was completed with videos.</p> <p><b>Education Week</b> will occur on the week of November 20—28 2020. No theme has been shared yet.</p> <p><b>Halloween activities</b> were facilitated. It did occur differently. More activities and less treats. There was still a great crowd for Halloween Parade, which Mr. Beatty feels was appreciated.</p> <p><b>Remembrance Day Service</b> is going to be virtual. It will be facilitated by 10-12 students, so the media release is easier. This will shared on Nov 10, and it is likely that a link will be shared with parents.</p> <p><b>Christmas Concert</b> remains a priority for Mr. Beatty as it is a ritual that can be good for students and for the community. That said, while YCS would have to likely go virtual, it is being discussed provincially.</p> <p>Forums for seeing Facebook “<b>Yorkdale Central School GSSD</b>” and Twitter <b>@PrideInThePaw</b>. You’ll be right up to date on the happenings of the school. <b>PrideInThePaw</b> is also on Instagram where Mr. Bomboir will be sharing items from his Media Club.</p>
<p>Numeracy</p>	<p><b>Math Screeners</b> were completed for Grades 2-8, and teacher fears are true. There is a noticeable drop in student-demonstrated skills. These results will assist in guided our instruction &amp; learning interventions. This was observed at the Blue-Green level as well as the Yellow-Red. With a return to school, this will see a change, but our low attenders and low engaged students are going to be impacted.</p> <p><b>Mathology</b> and <b>Number Talks</b> remain a focus in addressing numeracy with students. <b>Knowledgehook</b> is a new item that is coming onboard this year. GSSD initiated this, and YCS steered funds from Mathletics to Knowledgehook. Mr. Beatty has had good thoughts in his initial observations. It seems to certainly hit the high abilities too!</p>

 <p><b>4 Seasons of Reconciliation</b></p>	<p>At the last SCC Meeting, members approved an action within the YCS 2020-21 Learning Improvement Plan. This included YCS SCC members all participating in a 3-hour awareness session called “The 4 Seasons of Reconciliation.”</p> <p>GSSD will provided GSSD email addresses for completion. Mr. Beatty is very proud of this undertaking by our School Community Council. #Leadership</p> <p><a href="https://www.4seasonsreconciliation.ca/">https://www.4seasonsreconciliation.ca/</a></p>
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## School Community Events & Fundraising

At last meeting we collected some possible activities.

DECISION: ???

## School Performances

YCS has already booked several themes of performances this year, including:









- There are NO PLANNED EVENTS.
- There are no visitors to the school. Furthermore, our regular partners are not advertising.

## School Community Councils Web Page Update

The Ministry of Education's web page for School Community Councils has been updated to include a new Tool Kit. The Tool Kit includes printable sheets that provide facts and information about School Community Councils, what they are, and how they work. This Tool Kit is useful for both new and returning School Community Council members, as well for school division personnel in their work with their division's councils. The pages can be accessed at:


<http://www.education.gov.sk.ca/scc>. The Ministry of Education Contact is Daniel Bean. [daniel.bean@gov.sk.ca](mailto:daniel.bean@gov.sk.ca)

### WHO IS A CLOSE CONTACT AT SCHOOL?


CLOSE CONTACT	NOT CLOSE CONTACT
<p>You were within a 6 feet, or 2 metres distance for more than 15 minutes.</p> 	<p>You maintained a 6 feet, or 2 metre distance.</p> 
<p>Someone in your class, on your school bus or in your after school cohort.</p> 	<p>Goes to the same school, but is not in your cohort.</p> 
<p>You had close physical contact with the person, such as a hug.</p> 	<p>You were briefly in the same room together but kept your distance.</p> 
<p>A person who accidentally sneezed, or coughed on you while talking in close proximity.</p> 	<p>You passed a person quickly in the hall, or at recess.</p> 

## ALLERGIES, COLD, FLU AND COVID-19


### Most common symptoms for each




SYMPTOMS




Allergies



Cold



Flu



COVID-19

SYMPTOMS	Allergies	Cold	Flu	COVID-19
Body aches		✓		sometimes
Chills		rarely	✓	sometimes
Dry cough	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fatigue	sometimes	✓	✓	✓
Fever		rarely	✓	✓
Headache	✓	rarely	✓	sometimes
Itchy eyes	✓			
Loss of taste/smell	sometimes	rarely	sometimes	✓
Nasal congestion	✓	✓	✓	rarely
Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea		sometimes	sometimes	sometimes
Runny nose	✓	✓	✓	rarely
Sneezing	✓	✓	✓	sometimes
Sore throat	sometimes	✓	✓	sometimes
Shortness of breath	sometimes	rarely	✓	✓

## Beaumont

**"Ultimately, the greatest lesson that COVID-19 can teach humanity is that we are all in this together."**

- Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

## **YCS/GSSD DATES TO NOTE- 2020-21**

December 10—Administrator meeting via Zoom, 3:45-4:45 pm  
December 11- Grade 1 Lit Assessment Data into CLEVR  
Grades 2-6 F& P Assessment may begin.  
December 7-16—Staff Meeting Window  
December 8- Child Study Team 8 am  
December 15, 2020 - Christmas Concert Rehearsal 12:20-3:00 (rehearsal)  
December 16, 2020 - Christmas Concert PM & Evening Performances  
December 17 2020 - Christmas at Gallagher Event  
December 17—Administrator meeting via Zoom, 3:45-4:45 pm  
December 18—Last day prior to Christmas break, regular dismissal time  
January 7—Administrator Meeting (TBD)  
January 12 Child Study Team 8 am  
January 11-14—Staff Meeting Window  
January 22-28—Final Exam Window for High School Students  
January 25-February 12 - Family Engagement Day Window  
January 29—Division PD/Grades 10-12 Turn Around Day  
February 1 —Professional Development Day  
February 2-5— Semester 1 Report Card Distribution (High School only)  
February 9- Child Study Team 8 am  
February 8-11-Staff Meeting Window  
February 28 – Kindergarten Early Literacy Beh Assessment  
March 4— Administrator Meeting (TBD)  
March 5 - Progress Reports to SB March 5  
March 9- Child Study Team 8 am  
March 8-11—Staffing Meeting Window  
March 12 - Progress Reports go Home March 12  
March 15-April 13—Student Led Conferences  
March 24-25 - SLCs March 24-25  
April 12-15 - Staff Meeting Window  
April 19- May 10- Kindergarten EYE Second Window  
April 20- Child Study Team 8 am  
May 6—Administrator Meeting (TBD)  
May 11- Child Study Team 8 am  
May 10-13 - Staff Meeting Window  
May 10-28—Kindergarten Orientation  
May 25 –Division PD/Local Association Day  
June 7-9—Staffing Meeting Window  
June 8 - Last day of Prekindergarten  
June 9- Child Study Team 8 am  
June 10—Administrator Meeting (PM) (TBD)  
June 10, 2021 - Grade 8 Farewell  
June 18 2021 - Progress Reports to SB  
June 28 2021 - Progress Reports go Home June 28