

# Adrienne Clarkson News

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**Superintendent:** Lois Agard

**Vice Principal:** Bryan Gerson

**Trustee:** Cindy Liang

## Administrators' Message

It is wonderful to see the signs of Spring and to look forward to the exciting changes that are beginning to take place at Adrienne Clarkson Public School as COVID restrictions are gradually being lifted.

Our Music and Art rooms are now open and students are enjoying being in these spaces for learning with M. Pang or Mme Gladman.

Some clubs have started or will be starting soon. These include: TED Ed Club for Grades 6, 7 and 8, an afterschool Volleyball Club for Grades 5 to 8 and our Eco Team will be starting again soon. Soon a Grade 8 Yearbook Team will be up running and Grade 5, 6 and 7 students will be Lunch Monitors in the Grade 2 to 4 classrooms. We are grateful to all staff that are volunteering their time to make these happen for our students!

Pizza Lunches are beginning on April 8th and the Milk Program is up and running now. A thank you to our School Council and our office staff for making these both happen.

We have also had some staffing changes at ACPS. In March we welcomed M. Sandhu who is teaching English and Math to Grade 6B. As well, we say goodbye to Mme Bryan this month as she begins her new role as a Black Students Graduation Coach. We welcome Mme Gong who will be replacing her.

Thank you to our community for your ongoing support!

*N. Russiello*

*B. Gerson*

Nadia Russiello

Bryan Gerson

Principal

Vice Principal



- 11 ~ School Council Mtg.
- 13 ~ The International Day of Pink
- 15 ~ Good Friday (no school)
- 18 ~ Easter Monday (no school)
- 22 ~ Earth Day
- 22 ~ Wear **Green**
- 22 - Town of Richmond Hill Green Up, Clean Up! begins

Please visit our [website](#) to view our full Calendar.

### **Pizza Fridays**



**If you ordered pizza through School Cash Online**, please mark the following dates in your calendars:

**April 8, 22, 29**

**May 6, 13, 20, 27**

**June 3, 10, 17, 24**

## Celebrating Naw Rúz or Nowrus

In March, many of our families celebrated [Naw Rúz](#) or Nowrus. Naw Ruz ("New Day") is the Baha'i and Iranian new year, which falls on the date of the vernal (spring) equinox and symbolizes the renewal of the world after winter. Our students put together a display in our front foyer to commemorate this celebration.



## Are You Moving?



If you will be moving by September 2022, please let us know as soon as possible. We are currently projecting our student enrollment for September 2022. These numbers help us hire sufficient staff and support personnel. It is important that we know as soon as possible if your child will not be attending Adrienne Clarkson PS in September. This does not apply to our Grade 8 students. Thanks for your assistance in preparing for the next school year. Please call our office with any information: 905-709-355

## Dressing For The Weather

### WET AND DRY CLOTHES

Spring has arrived! We can expect a lot of puddles in our yard as all the snow melts and we have more rainy days. Please make sure your child has a change of clothes should he/she become wet playing outside. This will save your child from being uncomfortable and the need to make a call home for a change of clothes. Please make sure your child also has outdoor and indoor shoes.

We ask that families be sensitive to the demands placed on the office and not call the school to inquire about indoor recess, but send their children dressed for outdoor play. Often the decision is made just prior to the recess as we observe changing conditions.

### DRESS CODE

With the warmer weather approaching, we would like to remind families and students of the school dress code. To maintain a positive school atmosphere, we ask that students refrain from wearing clothing that displays inappropriate language or pictures. We also ask that students dress in a manner that does not expose undergarments, navels or midriffs.

In the warmer weather, footwear should allow students to participate in all school activities safely.

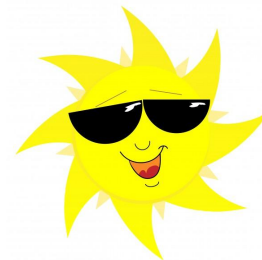


## EQAO for 2021-22

Our Grade 3 students will be writing the Mathematics portion of the EQAO assessment from **May 30th to June 1st**.

Our Grade 6 students will be writing the Reading, Writing and Mathematics EQAO **May 24th to 27th**. Please do not book appointments or vacations during these periods. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Summer Institute













Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 10 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](#) webpage.

Registration opens April 7, 2022 at 4:00pm. Families can register online.

<b>April's Holidays and Observances</b>	
 Bahá'í Faith	<b>Apr 9</b> ~ Jalál <b>Apr 21</b> ~ First Day of the Festival of Riḍván <b>Apr 28</b> ~ Jamál <b>Apr 29</b> ~ Ninth Day of Riḍván
 Buddhism	<b>Apr 8</b> ~ Buddha's Birth date <b>Apr 13</b> ~ Saka New Year <b>Apr 14</b> ~ Saka New Year <b>Apr 16</b> ~ Theravāda New Year <b>Apr 28</b> ~ Nichiren Foundation Day
 Christianity	<b>Apr 10</b> ~ Holy Week begins (W) <b>Apr 10</b> ~ Palm Sunday (W) <b>Apr 14</b> ~ Maundy (Holy) Thursday (W) <b>Apr 15</b> ~ Good Friday (W) <b>Apr 16</b> ~ Lazarus Saturday (E) <b>Apr 16</b> ~ Holy Saturday (W) <b>Apr 17</b> ~ Easter (W) <b>Apr 17</b> ~ Palm Sunday (E) <b>Apr 18</b> ~ Easter Monday (W) <b>Apr 18</b> ~ Holy Week begins (E) <b>Apr 21</b> ~ Holy Thursday (E) <b>Apr 22</b> ~ Holy Friday (E) <b>Apr 24</b> ~ Pascha (E) <b>Apr 25</b> ~ Easter Monday (E)
 Hinduism	<b>Apr 2</b> ~ Ramayana Week begins <b>Apr 2</b> ~ Navvarsha <b>Apr 10</b> ~ Ramanavami <b>Apr 14</b> ~ Vaisakhi (Solar New Year) <b>Apr 16</b> ~ Hanuman Jayanti

 Indigenous Spirituality	<b>Apr 1</b> ~ Thundering Moon (local Oneida))
 Jainism	<b>Apr 8</b> ~ Aymbil Ori (First Half) begins (Ends April 16) <b>Apr 14</b> ~ Mahavira Jayanti <b>Apr 21</b> ~ Shrimad Rajchandra Dehvilay
 Judaism	<b>Apr 15</b> ~ Eve of Pesah <b>Apr 16</b> ~ First Day of Pesah <b>Apr 17</b> ~ Second Day of Pesah <b>Apr 22</b> ~ Seventh Day of Pesah <b>Apr 23</b> ~ Eighth (Last) Day of Pesah <b>Apr 27</b> ~ Eve of Yom HaShoah <b>Apr 28</b> ~ Yom HaShoah
 Islam	<b>Apr 2</b> ~First of Ramaḍān <b>Apr 26</b> ~ Laylat al-Qadr (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day) <b>Apr 29</b> ~ Jum'at al-Wada (Farewell Friday)
 Sikhism	<b>Apr 14</b> ~ Vaisakhi
 Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism)	<b>Apr 30</b> ~ Ghambar Maidyozarem begins
Other Events This Month	<b>Apr 1</b> ~ Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month (Canada)

## 2022-2023 Adrienne Clarkson P.S.

### Class Placement Input Form

In the upcoming months, our teaching staff will begin organizing classes for September 2022. A great deal of time, consideration and staff collaboration goes into placing students in balanced and positive learning environments.

The staff at Adrienne Clarkson PS has a very strong understanding of our students and is extremely caring and professional about the class placement process. Homeroom teachers, appropriate support staff and school administration devote much discussion time to the generation of classes that strive to best meet the needs of all of our students. Class placement is a complex process that takes many hours of thought and discussion.

Classes at each grade level are formed using a variety of important criteria such as:

- Class size consistent with Board and Ministry guidelines;
- Gender balance in each class;
- A range of performance levels within each class, taking into account the skills, knowledge, attitudes and work habits of individual students;
- Learning styles, learning partners and social factors (promoting positive social relationships while minimizing unproductive associations).

While friendship issues can play a role in the comfort level of some students, at particular developmental stages some friends learn best in separate classes.

Please note that combined grade classes (split classes) may be part of our organization for the upcoming school year.

As partners in education, we value the input of families. If you do feel there are considerations about your child's learning style or peer associations that are important to be taken into consideration, please complete the form below and return to the school to the attention of the Principal, Nadia Russiello **or** you can complete the form at this link <https://forms.gle/TZT8MzgErkDnQwW17> by **May 18th**.

Parent input that is received ***in writing*** by administration ***by May 18, 2022*** will be **considered** (and shared) during placement meetings. **Please avoid naming a teacher as staffing can vary.** If you do include the name of a specific teacher, your request will

be returned to you. ***Input after May 18th will not*** be considered due to the complexity of the task.

Please be advised that while such input is valued it cannot drive class placement decisions since school-wide limitations and a variety of other factors will, at times, take precedence.

Final decisions regarding student placements remain the responsibility of the Principal and the school staff. Since Ministry mandates on class size will impact class placements and staffing can change throughout the summer months, class placement information will be shared with families on the first day of school.

As always, we appreciate your understanding as we work together for the benefit of all our students.

Sincerely,

*N. Russiello*

Nadia Russiello  
Principal

*B. Gerson*

Bryan Gerson  
Vice-Principal

## ***Class Placement Input Form***

***(Class placement input must be in writing and forwarded to the principal before May 18, 2022.)***

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Teacher & Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in 2022-2023 (next year): \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include an explanation in the following areas:*

1. Positive Social Relationships (students who work well with our child).

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Students with whom she/he does not interact positively.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Learning style (independent, need for teacher direction. ...)

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Student interests (sports, arts, reading, music....)

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Other Considerations (e.g. social/emotional, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# SCHOOL COMMUNITY COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

Dear parent or guardian,

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership to help keep our schools open and as safe as possible for in-person learning.

We are pleased to announce that we have organized community school-based clinics for York Region students, families and the public at various schools across York Region. Please visit the clinic closest to you, listed in the chart in this letter.

First, second and booster doses will be available at these clinics. The pediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be offered to children aged five to 11 and the adolescent/adult Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for anyone aged 12 and older. Both Pfizer and Moderna will be available for adults aged 30 years and older.

Every effort will be made to make the vaccination process as comfortable as possible for children and their families. Children are welcome to bring their favourite teddy bear or stuffed toy and/or other comfort item (e.g., iPad, tablet, handheld toy).

Individuals ages five to 11 require a parent or legal guardian to provide [consent](#) at the time of vaccination. **If a parent or legal guardian is unable to accompany their child to the appointment they can complete and sign a consent form and send it with their child.**

## CLINIC DETAILS

Appointments are available online at [york.ca/COVID19Vaccine](http://york.ca/COVID19Vaccine) or by calling Access York for assistance at 1-877-464-9675. Walk-ins will be accepted based on clinic capacity.

Date	Clinic times	Location
Wednesday, April 6, 2022	3:30 to 7 p.m.	Christ The King Secondary School <a href="#">329 Valleymede Dr, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 2E1</a>
Wednesday, April 13, 2022	4:30 to 7 p.m.	MacLeod's Landing Public School <a href="#">195 Silver Maple Rd, Richmond Hill, ON L4E 4Z1</a>
Wednesday, April 13, 2022	3:30 to 7 p.m.	Glen Cedar Public School <a href="#">915 Wayne Dr, Newmarket, ON L3Y 5W1</a>

### PUBLIC HEALTH

1-877-464-9675  
TTY 1-866-512-6228  
[york.ca/COVID19](http://york.ca/COVID19)



Date	Clinic times	Location
Wednesday, April 20, 2022	4:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Nobleton Public School <a href="https://www.nobleton.ca/13375-Hwy-27-King-City-ON-L0G-1N0">13375 Hwy 27, King City, ON L0G 1N0</a>
Wednesday, April 20, 2022	3:30 to 7:00 p.m.	Notre Dame Catholic Elementary <a href="https://www.ndce.ca/715-Kingsmere-Ave-Newmarket-ON-L3X-1L4">715 Kingsmere Ave, Newmarket, ON L3X 1L4</a>
Wednesday, April 27, 2022	3:30 to 7:00 p.m.	Alexander Mackenzie High School <a href="https://www.alexmac.ca/300-Major-MacKenzie-Dr-W-Richmond-Hill-ON-L4C-3S3">300 Major MacKenzie Dr W, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3S3</a>
Friday, April 29, 2022	12:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Bill Crothers Secondary School <a href="https://www.bcs.ca/44-Main-St-Unionville-Markham-ON-L3R-2E4">44 Main St Unionville, Markham, ON L3R 2E4</a>

## QUESTIONS ABOUT VACCINES?

Vaccines are safe and continue to be the most effective way to protect everyone from COVID-19. If you have questions about COVID-19 vaccines, speak with someone you trust.

SickKids offers a helpful [telephone consultation service](#) for youth and families. The service provides a safe, judgement-free space to have an open conversation about the COVID-19 vaccine for children and youth and it is available in multiple languages using over-the-phone language interpretation.

You can also call York Region's Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 to speak with a public health nurse to help you make an informed decision. Our website at [york.ca/COVID19VaccineInfo](https://york.ca/COVID19VaccineInfo) is another trusted, go-to source for eligibility information and links to other resources.

## ADDITIONAL CLINIC LOCATIONS

COVID-19 vaccines are available at several convenient clinic locations throughout York Region. If you or your child have not received a COVID-19 vaccination, you do not need to wait for a local clinic. You can walk into any York Region vaccination clinic to get a first, second or booster dose or you can also book an appointment. More information on when and where you can get vaccinated is available at [york.ca/COVID19Vaccine](https://york.ca/COVID19Vaccine).

Sincerely,

York Region Public Health