

Adrienne Clarkson News

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Administrators' Message



With the snow slowly melting and the longer days, we begin to see the signs of spring. Now that the nicer weather is on its way, we need to be aware of the puddles and the mud in our schoolyard as the ground defrosts. Our students love playing outside and enjoy the yard.

When

students enter their classroom, it is important to change into indoor shoes to avoid tracking mud and dead grass inside. Please ensure your child has a pair of indoor shoes for this purpose. Also, students should have a change of clothes at school, especially an extra pair of socks, for the days when the field is wet and puddles beckon and accidents occur.

Please continue to work with your child(ren) to reflect upon their academic and learning skills achievement so far and develop goals for what they would like to accomplish for the remainder of this term. An essential element to student success and learning is the home-school connection. Ongoing communication is one way in which families can help support their child's learning at home. This may take the form of regular agenda checks, reading at home, assistance with homework and staying in touch with your child's teachers.

We continue to deal with challenges in our front bus loop and on the road at morning entry. Arriving a little earlier to beat the rush of 8:05 or having your child ride the school bus to school are some suggestions to avoid traffic altogether. We ask that you follow the rules of the road and of our school parking lot to make this situation safer and more comfortable for everyone. Please do not leave your car unattended in the parking lot where it is blocking parked cars.

March was a busy month. Our month started off with our second Colour House morning followed by a week of Wheelchair Basketball! Nowruz was celebrated with a presentation from Farzaneh's Dance Group. Students learned about the significance of the holiday and how families celebrate.

April is shaping up to be even busier so please be sure to review our weekly Clarkson Connections for updates. Thank you to our community for your ongoing support!

N. Russiello
Nadia Russiello
Principal

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Vice Principal

- 1 ~ Final Installment for Gr. 8 Trip due
- 1 ~ Easter Monday (no school)
- 2 ~ World Autism Awareness Day
- 4 ~ Domino's ACPS Pizza Night
- 5 ~ Twin Day
- 8 ~ Early Dismissal (11:35 am)
- 10 ~ Eid-ul-Fitr
- 10 ~ International Day of **Pink**
- 11 ~ Grade 8 Grad Photos
- 11 ~ School Council Mtg (7 pm)
- 12 ~ Jump Rope for Heart
- 14 ~ Vaisakhi
- 15 ~ Intermediate Trip to TSO
- 17 ~ Immunization Clinic (Gr. 7 & 8)
- 17 & 18 ~ Gr. 3 Trip to Humber Arboretum
- 18 ~ Scientists in School (Grade 5)
- 18 ~ Domino's ACPS Family Pizza Night
- 19 - May 3 ~ Clean Up, Green Up Weeks
- 19 ~ Teacher/Student Dress As Each Other
- 20 ~ Ridvan
- 21 ~ Ice Cream Sandwich Orders due
- 22 ~ Earth Day
- 22 ~ Wear **Green**
- 23 ~ Pesach/Passover
- 23 ~ Terra Cotta Cookie orders due
- 24 ~ Jr. Boys Basketball Area Tournament
- 25 ~ Eco Fair at ACPS
- 25 ~ Jr. Girls Basketball Area Tournament
- 26~ 4Rdance Presentations (3-8)

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

Kids Kitchen ~ Mondays & Thursdays
Mr. Sub ~ Tuesdays
Popcorn & Kome Lunch ~ Wednesdays
Pizza Lunch ~ Fridays



April is Sikh Heritage Month

The month of April is proclaimed as Sikh Heritage Month as per [The Sikh Heritage Month Act of 2013](#).

As we begin the month of April, families are encouraged to join Canadians who will be coming together to celebrate how Sikh Canadians have made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of Ontario and Canada's social, economic, political, and cultural fabric. On April 1, 2021, Minister Bardish Chagger issued the following statement from Ottawa:

“Canada is proud to be home to more than 500,000 Sikh Canadians, making it one of the largest Sikh diasporas in the world. Since the arrival of the first Sikh immigrants in the late 19th century, members of this community have contributed to Canada through their achievements in all areas of society and have helped shape the diversity found within it.

Sikhism's core principles include equality, generosity, openness, and compassion. Sikh Heritage Month is an opportunity to reflect on the pivotal role that Sikh communities have played, and continue to play, in building a stronger and consciously more inclusive Canada.”

During the month of April, Sikh Canadians celebrate Vaisakhi, which marks the creation of the Khalsa and the Sikh articles of faith. Sikh Canadians widely celebrate Vaisakhi, also known as Khalsa Day, across Ontario.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PINK

April 10th is the International Day of **Pink**

The International Day of **Pink** is a day when communities across Canada and across the world unite to celebrate diversity and raise awareness about the need to stop homophobia, transphobia, discrimination and all forms of bullying.

On this annual day in April, individuals wear **pink** to show respect for diversity and to demonstrate support for learning and working environments which are safe and inclusive of people from all different backgrounds.



April is World Autism Month

Every April Autism Speaks celebrates [World Autism Month](#), beginning with the United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. This year marks the 17th annual World Autism Awareness Day.

Throughout the month, we focus on sharing stories and providing opportunities to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism and fostering worldwide support. This year, we are committed to acting fearlessly for change. To help create a world in which autistic individuals are fully supported, championed and celebrated, we must all work together to achieve true acceptance.

Spring Celebration: Nowruz 🌸🌱

Celebrate the arrival of spring with **Nowruz**, the Persian New Year that coincides with the **spring equinox** 🌅! Nowruz is a vibrant celebration that symbolizes the **renewal** of the world after the cold winter months ❄️.

On Tuesday, March 19th, our school held a special assembly to educate students about the traditions and festivities associated with Nowruz. During the assembly, students had the opportunity to learn about the significance of Nowruz and its cultural importance. They were treated to captivating traditional Iranian Nowruz dance performances by the talented Farzaneh Dance Group 🇮🇷, as well as a mesmerizing dance performance by students named **Elsa**, **Liana**, **Rosha**, and **Ava**, two of whom were our very own students 🧑🏻.



The performances showcased the beauty and rich heritage of Nowruz, fostering cultural appreciation and understanding among our school community.

Are You Moving?



If you will be moving by September 2024, please let us know as soon as possible. We are currently projecting our student enrollment for September 2024. 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 they 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 2023-2024

EQAO will be taking place this year from **May 12th - June 14th**.

Our Grade 3 students will be writing the Mathematics portion of the EQAO assessment on the week **May 13th**.

Our Grade 6 students will be writing the Reading, Writing and Mathematics EQAO the week of **May 20th**. Please do not book appointments or vacations during these periods. Thank you for your cooperation.

Summer Institute Registration



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 nine school sites around York Region.

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

Registration opens March 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Families can register online.

Parent/caregiver Series Supporting Learning About Mental Health.

The YRDSB Central Mental Health Team is proud to be offering the ***Learning about Mental Health Presentation Series (LAMPS)***. The objective of the series is to promote and enhance mental health literacy. The second session is “**Technology Use and Mental Health, a Presentation for Parents and Caregivers**” and will occur virtually on May 29th from 6 - 7 p.m. The presentation will focus on the characteristics of anxiety, and some general strategies that may be beneficial in supporting your children and their anxiety.

These sessions are offered to any parent/guardian. Translation will be provided in a limited number of languages. If your preferred language is not offered, we recommend watching with a friend or family member who is able to translate.

To register please visit [this link](#).

Please Register by May 28th, 2024

Parent/caregiver Series Supporting Students of Chinese Heritage

The YRDSB Community Care Social Work series will provide a number of parent/caregiver virtual events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing.

The first session in the series is offered for any parent/guardian of students of Chinese Heritage. Parents, caregivers are invited to join this workshop and engage meaningful conversations that help students thrive at school. Tips on ways that help strengthen family relationships and emotional wellbeing will be shared. This will be a free virtual event.

Keep the Door Open (Repeated Session): Understand Your Child's Inner World

April 23, 2024 at 6:00pm-7:00pm Mandarin Session

[Registration for Mandarin Session](#)

April 23, 2024 at 7:00pm-8:00pm Cantonese Session

[Registration for Cantonese Session](#)

Please email charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions or difficulties in accessing the registration link. Thank you

Supports for Students with Autism and their Families

This session will support parents, guardians and families with:

- Understanding Autism
- Process for diagnosis
- YRDSB referral process
- School supports
- Community resources

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5

Please **register** by **Apr. 28, 2024**.

This free information session is organized by Inclusive School and Community Services in partnership with Student Services of York Region District School Board. For more information, please email shani.blake@yrdsb.ca or pauline.quo@yrdsb.ca

Please note that Childcare will not be provided.

Free Recreation, Sport Programs, Summer and Overnight Camps

For Children and Youth ages 4–18 whose families participate in one of the following:

- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Rent Subsidy (including STAR and Ontario Housing Benefit)
- Childcare Fee Subsidy (income below \$43,000)

Some programs are only eligible to families in York Region Housing Communities

- Housing York Inc.
- Non-Profit Housing
- Cooperative Housing

For More Program Information and Eligibility:

Call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 or visit york.ca/recreationsubsidies



Money in My Pocket

Money in my pocket is a game that can be played on the go with two or more players, it can also be played in a classroom setting.

Goal: To correctly guess the number of coins the Banker holds in as few guesses as possible.

How to Play: One player, “The Banker”, places a value of coins in their pocket (or writes a value of coins on a piece of paper and tucks it behind their back).

One person is elected as the “The Questioner”, who can ask the Banker a “Yes” or “No” type question. These questions are to get clues for the rest of the group to determine the number of coins the Banker holds. The Banker can only respond with “Yes” or “No”.

Example

Banker: “I have coins in my pocket” Which coins do you think I have? You can ask me questions but I will only answer ‘yes’ or ‘no.’ Let’s see if you can figure out the coins with as few questions as possible!”

Questioner: “Is the value of your coins greater than \$1?”

Banker: “No”

Questioner: “Do you have more than two coins?”

Banker: “No”

Questioner: “Are your two coins quarters?”











Banker: “Yes”

Rest of Class: “The banker has 50 cents in two quarters”

Variation: The Banker can disclose the value of their coins at the start of the game and players have to only guess which coins they hold. (Example: Banker “I have \$1.50 in my pocket, which coins do you think I have?”)

Please visit the [board’s math page](#) for useful information about what students learn in school and for resources to support math learning at home.

April's Holidays and Observances

 Bahá'í Faith	8 Jalál 20 First Day of the Festival of Ridván 27 Jamál 28 Ninth Day of Ridván
 Buddhism	8 Buddha's Birth date 13 Saka New Year 14 Saka New Year 23 Theravāda New Year 28 Nichiren Foundation Day
 Christianity	1 Easter Monday (W) 27 Lazarus Saturday (E) 28 Palm Sunday (E) 29 Holy Week begins (E)
 Hinduism	9 Navvarsha 9 Ramayana Week begins 14 Vaisakhi (Solar New Year) 17 Ramanavami 23 Hanuman Jayanti
 Indigenous Spirituality	1 Thundering Moon (local Oneida)
 Jainism	15 Aymbil Ori (First Half) begins 21 Mahavira Jayanti 29 Shrimad Rajchandra Dehvilay
 Judaism	22 Eve of Pesah 23 First Day of Pesah (Passover) 24 Second Day of Pesah 29 Seventh Day of Pesah 30 Eighth (Last) Day of Pesah
 Islam	5 Jum'at al-Wada 6 Laylat al-Qadr (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day) 10 'Īd al-Fiṭr (End of Ramaḍān)
 Sikhism	14 Vaisakhi
 Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism)	30 Ghambar Maidyozairem begins
Other Events This Month	Sikh Heritage Month World Autism Month 1 Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month (Canada) 8 New Moon 8 Total Solar Eclipse 10 International Day of Pink 23 Full Moon