

Adrienne Clarkson News

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Administrators' Message

We would like to thank everyone who made a donation to Central Cares. All gifts will be shared with families in our community. As well, we have had a wonderful response to our ACPS Peace Club's Food Bank Donation Campaign! We are so proud of the leadership of our Grade 6 student team with the guidance of M. Gourley! Way to go ACPS!

Our School Council Donation Drive continues. To date we have raised \$3,880. If you donate by December 31st, every \$20 donation will earn you two tickets for the draw.

On behalf of the staff at Adrienne Clarkson Public School, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!

Mme Russiello et Mme Walker-Rosewood



Dec. 20 – 31 – Winter Break

Jan. 3 – First Day Back

Jan 14 – French

Immersion Registration begins (for students entering Grade 1 in Sept. 2022)

Jan 14 - Kindergarten Registration begins (at your home school)

ACPS Peace Club





Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

What is French Immersion?

- In French Immersion, students receive instruction in French in a variety of subjects from a teacher who speaks French fluently.
- The French Immersion program begins in Grade 1 and is designed for children whose first language is not French.
- In Grades 1, 2 and 3, all subjects are taught in French. Starting in Grade 4, time is shared equally between French and English instruction.
- The French Immersion program continues in high school.
- Secondary school students must earn at least 10 French Immersion credits to qualify for the French Immersion Certificate upon graduation.

Important Considerations

- For the first few months of Grade 1, the children do not acquire skills identical to those learned by children in an English program as the focus is on learning in French.
- There may be certain lags in English Language Arts skills in the first few years of the program, but by the end of the elementary grades, successful French Immersion students perform as well as their peers in a regular English program.
- Communication with parents/guardians is in English including, but not limited to, report cards, newsletters and parent-teacher interviews.
- Reading to a child at home in a child's native language can strengthen literacy skills. Research studies confirm that children achieve greater academic success when parents read frequently (daily) to them.
- There is only one entry point into French immersion in YRDSB; Grade 1.

Information Sessions

This year our Information session for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place virtually on January 13, 2022. A link will be shared with you via email where you will be able to view a pre-recorded information session which includes commonly asked questions and answers.

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 14, 2022. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2022, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can email or call their home school office and indicate their intention to enrol. The home school will notify the French Immersion school, and the French Immersion school will contact you by phone or email to collect any necessary information. You are asked to register by February 4, 2022. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 4, 2022. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Accommodation Plan

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures. Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrolment growth, and program changes occur. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools.

More information is available on the Board's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

BUS CANCELLATIONS & INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

A reminder to families that for the 2021-2022 school year, in the event school bus transportation is cancelled, the following Inclement Weather Days Procedures for Elementary and Secondary Schools will be in effect :

- All elementary and secondary schools will be closed to students
- All student learning (elementary and secondary) will be remote and asynchronous.
- Before and After (B&A) Care programs will not run

When an Inclement Weather Day is announced information is communicated through:

- local media outlets,
- the [Student Transportation Services website](#), School Transportation Hotline: 1-877-330-3001,
- the Board's website and Twitter account and on the Board and school's voicemail recording.

Please be sure to have alternate child care arrangements planned for Inclement Weather days as schools are closed to students.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for September 2022 begins January 14 for the 2022-23 school year **at your child's home school** (Adrienne Clarkson PS does not have a Kindergarten program). Children who turn four or five years old during 2022, live within the school boundary and whose parents/guardians are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for Kindergarten.



There are several ways you can register for Kindergarten:

Online - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.

By email - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](http://www.yrdsb.ca/ElementarySchoolRegistrationForm) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address. Email addresses can be found on the [school website](#).

By phone - Families can request support from the school Principal/Vice-Principal to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation. Call your local school.

By mail or appointment. You can mail completed applications to the school, or request an appointment to drop-off your completed paper application form. Families are asked to follow all school COVID-19 protocols while on site. All permitted visitors must wear a mask.

Please note, at this time, under our [health and safety protocols](#), we cannot accept walk-in registrations. Once you have completed your application, the school will contact you to make an appointment to review and verify the [required documents](#).

Our Kindergarten programs are caring and welcoming where children learn through exploration, play and inquiry. You can learn more at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten. We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school.

Nikki P.

J. Pelliccione

J. Mizzi

M. Burns

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M. Konaté

Laura & Wayne

K. Motomura

Happy New Year

Klein

N. Bryer

C. Dennis-Persad

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B. Gladman

Adrienne Clarkson P.S.!

Nicola Demacio

E. Bertrand

Rosewood

Elizabeth Leving

Joyeuses Fêtes

Mackenzie Malarchuk

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Bonne Année!

M. Fung

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J. Clate

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Hanna

M. Scardina

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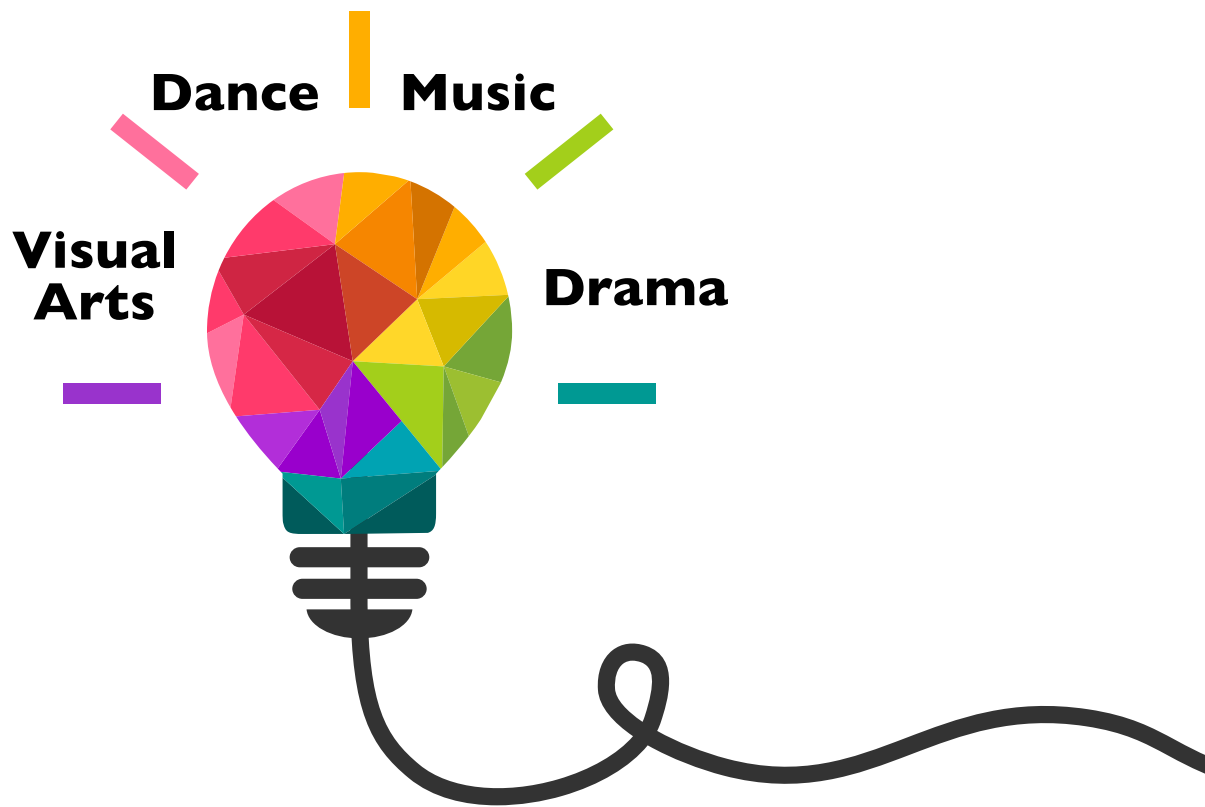
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Apply for the Integrated Elementary arts@Baythorn!

YRDSB offers an Elementary Integrated Arts Program at Baythorn Public School. **GRADE 4 OR 5** students can apply for the full time arts@Baythorn program.



The arts@Baythorn allows you to explore **Dance**, **Drama**, **Visual Arts**, and **Music** integrated into your learning each and every day in a collaborative and cooperative learning environment.

Learn more about our program and how to apply by visiting our website <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/baythorn.ps/arts/Pages/default.aspx>

REMINDER Application and Information video will be available beginning January 17th on the website. Application opens: January 17, 2022 and closes January 30, 2022

PARENT NOTICE:

CANCELLATION OF STUDENT CATCH UP VACCINATION CLINICS

December 16, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In response to the COVID-19 vaccination demands of booster and third doses and COVID-19 vaccinations for children, our routine student vaccinations/student catch up vaccination clinics are being suspended until further notice as public health staff are being redeployed to work in COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

Program	Details
York Region Public Health Student “Catch up” Vaccine clinics	Student catch-up clinics are cancelled effective December 17, 2021 These clinics were offering Hepatitis B, HPV and Meningococcal ACYW vaccine.

We will share details with schools and parents when clinics for catching up students will be resuming

For more information contact York Region Public Health:

- Phone **1-877-464-9675**
- Online at www.york.ca/immunizations

