

Adrienne Clarkson News

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Administrators' Message

Although the month ahead is one of our shorter months, February is always an exciting time at school. First, we are happy to welcome Mme Muralidharan who is replacing Mme Malarczyk. We wish Mme Malarczyk all the best as she awaits the arrival of her first child!

This month, we also say a sad goodbye to Mme Walker-Rosewood who will be Vice Principal at Kettle Lakes PS and MacLeod's Landing PS beginning on February 7th. We thank her for her dedication and hard work to support the students, families and staff of ACPS. Au revoir, Mme Walker-Rosewood - tu vas nous beaucoup manquer!

On February 7th we welcome M. Gerson to the ACPS family as our new Vice Principal! M. Gerson is excited to join us. He has a depth of teaching experience, from Primary to Intermediate. He enjoys working with technology to build student engagement and strives for collaboration in building a mentally healthy community. Lastly, M. Gerson is passionate about diversity and has been a Site Administrator with International Languages and Indigenous Learning, creating opportunities for students to learn different languages. Bienvenue, M. Gerson!

A very important reminder: please help your child be successful by being on time and ready to participate in the learning. If your child is eligible for bussing, we strongly encourage him/her to take the bus in the morning. Supervision begins at 7:50 to 8:05 am. If you are dropping your child off, please aim to be at the school by 8:00 am so your child can enter the school with his/her class and not feel rushed.

We appreciate everything you do at home to support your child's learning!

Your partners in education,

Mme Russiello et Mme Walker-Rosewood

February

- Feb 3** ~ Jersey/Hat Day
- Feb 4** ~ PA Day (no school)
- Feb 14** ~ Valentine's Day
- Feb 14** ~ Red, White & Pink Day
- Feb 21** ~ Family Day (no school)
- Feb 12** ~ Term 1 Report Cards go home electronically this week
- Feb 23** ~ National Pink Day
- Feb 24** ~ History of Black Canadian Women in Music Presentation
- Mar 2** ~ School Council Mtg (7 pm)
- Mar 16-20** ~ March Break



February is Black History Month

Every February, people in Canada are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities.

The 2022 theme for Black History Month is: February and Forever: Celebrating Black History today and every day.

For more information, see:
<https://bit.ly/2OjS9jL>

LUNCH ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED

Are you able to spare 1 hour of time over our lunch hour? This is a paid position from 11:55 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. Our lunch assistants are invaluable members of our school team as they supervise while students eat, as well as during outdoor recess. Please call the school office if you can help.

Winter Weather & Recess



Students should come dressed appropriately for the weather and for outdoor play. Students can stay warm by wearing layers of loose-fitting clothing, a hat, scarf, jackets, snow pants and mittens or gloves. Students may also want to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet.

If students are well enough to come to school, they are expected to go outside for recess. Our students benefit from spending time outside and being active. We monitor weather conditions throughout the day. If there are extreme weather conditions, we may consider a shortened or indoor recess.

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



EQAO for 2021-22

Our Grade 3 students will be writing the Mathematics portion of the EQAO assessment and our Grade 6 students will be writing the Reading Writing and Mathematics EQAO assessment later this year. Please do not book appointments or vacations during the period of May 4-June 24, 2022. More information for families will be provided as we approach these dates. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 enrolment 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 ACPS in September. This does not apply to our Grade 8 students.

Thank you for your assistance in preparing for the new school year. Please call the office with any information at 905-709-3554.










Findings from the 2021 Census are coming soon!

For over a century, Canadians have relied on census data to see how the country is changing on issues that matter to them. We all depend on key socio-economic trends and analysis based on census data to make informed decisions that affect our families, our neighbourhoods and our businesses. Statistics Canada strives to make census data and analyses user-friendly and accessible to all Canadians. For more information about data release topics and timelines, visit the [2021 Census dissemination planning](#) web page.

Statistics Canada created a [Community Supporter Toolkit](#) that brings together web images, email templates, social media content, articles and newsletter content in one convenient location to help you share information about the upcoming data releases with your networks.

Find more information on census data on the [Census of Population](#) web page of the Statistics Canada website.

February's Holidays and Observances	
 Bahá'í Faith	Feb 6 ~ Mulk Feb 25 ~ Ayyám-i-Há
 Buddhism	Feb 1 ~ Lunar New Year (4720) - Year of the Tiger Feb 15 ~ Nehan-e (Nirvana Day) Feb 16 ~ Nichiren Shonin's Birth date Feb 16 ~ Magha (Sangha Day)
 Hinduism	Feb 5 ~ Vasanta Panchami
 Indigenous Spirituality	Feb 1 ~ Midwinter Moon (local Oneida)
 Islam	Feb 26 ~ Lailat al-Mi'rāj (Night Journey to Heaven) (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day)
 Shinto	Feb 3 ~ Setsubun-sai
 Wicca	Feb. 2 ~ Imbolc
Other Events This Month	Black History Month (Canada, USA) Feb 21 ~ Family Day

Message from Our Trustee

Dear families,

Thank you for your patience and support as schools closed to students and we moved to remote learning in January for two weeks after the winter break, following direction from the Government of Ontario.

It has been almost two years since the pandemic was declared and schools closed to students for the first time. Since then, we have all experienced significant changes and challenges in the way we live, work and learn. As a school board, we continue to be guided by public health advice and guidelines, our [values](#) as an organization and the goals set out in our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#), all of which centre the well-being, learning and achievement of our students. We remain committed to sharing information with you as it becomes available. We also continue to update the Board website with resources and information, at www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening.

On the website, you can also find information about the [Board of Trustees](#), including more about my role as your trustee, committee meeting dates, and information about public participation and how you can attend public board meetings. Following [a review](#) completed earlier this year, trustees approved some changes to [committee structures](#) and [delegation process](#) to create a stronger governance model. As a Board, we are committed to good governance, serving the needs of our community and upholding the values of York Region District School Board.

With winter well underway, I want to remind families that this year [schools will close when an inclement weather day is declared](#). This is as a result of the pandemic and the importance of adhering to public health guidelines.

There is much to look forward to in the months ahead.

This month, students in Grades 5 to 11 will have an opportunity to vote for the students who will represent their voices next school year, during the **student trustee elections**. Student trustees play an important role in our system, including participating in board and committee meeting discussions. The election process also gives students an opportunity to learn more about and participate in the voting process. Learn more at www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees.

Throughout February, we recognize **Black History Month**. In addition to recognizing the contributions of Black Canadians throughout history, we are continuing to Celebrate Black Excellence in our own community. I encourage you to [read or watch the stories of some of the many outstanding individuals in York Region, or nominate someone](#). You may also be interested in some of the episodes available on our [TuneIn YRDSB podcast](#), exploring Black History Month and beyond.

Later in February, our schools will become a sea of pink as we acknowledge **Pink Shirt Day** and stand together against bullying. Learn more about our work to [prevent and address bullying](#) and create [equitable and inclusive learning environments](#).

Family Day and **March Break** are also approaching, and I wish you and your families a healthy, restful and enjoyable break.

As we move closer to the spring and summer months, many families who have children graduating this year are beginning to wonder what **graduation ceremonies** will look like in June. We all want to be able to celebrate this important milestone with our graduating students in person. It is a special occasion, recognizing their years of achievement and hard work. We recognize that it has been deeply disappointing to students, families and staff that we have not been able to hold in-person ceremonies as we have done in the past, as we adhere to health and safety guidelines. School board staff continue to meet regularly with public health and to review provincial guidelines, and as more information becomes available, we will continue to provide you with updates.

In closing, I want to acknowledge that as an education community, although we have faced many challenges and changes in the past few years, we have also seen our community come together in many ways to support our students and one another. I am proud to be part of this community and I want to thank our students, families and staff for the effort and care they have demonstrated.

Cindy Liang
Trustee, Richmond Hill, Wards 3, 5 and 6