

Adrienne Clarkson Connections

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Administrators' Message

January seems to bring with it a time for new beginnings, renewed hope and a determination to be a better person. It is important for children to understand and believe that although situations may not always have the outcome they would like, we can learn and become better people because of our willingness to work through them.

As adults, we need to encourage students to be open to new or unknown situations. We have all been faced with such challenges, and can recognize the empowerment and pride that comes from overcoming a fear, a change or an unknown possibility.

These are ways that we can help our children to become more resilient, that is, knowing that when they are faced with a challenge, they can overcome it. Will they be happy with the outcome of every situation? Probably not; however, these are important experiences that children must have in order to be prepared for difficult decisions in adolescence and even more complicated scenarios as adults. Learning how to compromise, work together and look for positive solutions are ways that we are trying to help Adrienne Clarkson students grow as learners.

The first week back in January has been especially challenging for the ACPS community as we learned that one of our Grade 4 students, Reera Esmaeilion and her mother, Dr. Parisa Eghbalian both died in the tragic January 8 plane crash in Iran. We are grateful for the supports we received from our board's clinical staff and the visits from the [St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dog Program](#).

We also know that we have numerous family and community members who lost loved ones, and we offer our most heartfelt condolences and thoughts to all those who are grieving a loss. There are [resources](#) available on the YRDSB website to support families in speaking with their children.

York Region District School Board is hosting a vigil to honour the victims and show support for our students, families and our community. Families and community members are invited to attend.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mme Russiello et Mme Walker-Rosewood

January

Jan 13 – Community Vigil
Jan 13 – Gr. 8 Course Selection Q&A Visit (Thornlea SS)
Jan 14 – Gr. 8 Course Selection Q & A Visit (Langstaff SS)
Jan 16 – VIP (Grade 6)
Jan 17 – PA Day
Jan 20 – School Council Meeting (7 pm)
Jan 28 – Comic Art Workshops (Gr. 2-5)
Jan 31 – PA Day

Pizza Fridays

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

January 10 & 24
February 7 & 14



Lunchbox Orders Tuesday

Lunchbox Orders can still be ordered!

January 14 – Pita Pit
January 21 – Astoria
January 28 – Subway



POPCORN ANYONE?

Our Grade 8 students are selling popcorn to be delivered every Thursday morning recess. If you missed the order deadline on School Cash Online – a limited quantity will be for sale on Thursday morning. All proceeds will go towards the cost of the Grade 8 Quebec City trip to help reduce the cost to families.

Community Vigil for Victims

Families and community members are invited to attend a vigil honouring the victims of the January 8 plane crash in Iran.

This tragic event has deeply affected our community and we invite you to join us in a show of support.

**Monday, January 13, 2020
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning
36 Regatta Ave. Richmond Hill, ON**

Please note - This is an outdoor event. Please dress for the weather.



Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information Sessions

Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 16, 2020 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2020

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx> to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 17, 2020. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2020, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. This Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register, between January 17 and February 7, 2020. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 7, 2020. 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.

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.



EQAO for 2019-20

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 19-June 1, 2020. More information for families will be provided as we approach these dates. Thank you for your cooperation.



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.

YORK REGION ARTS CAMP



where creativity runs free

For over thirty years, on the shores of a private lake in the Haliburton Highlands, Camp White Pine hosts a unique yearly camp for York Region District School Board students.

Arts Camp is an intensive one-week immersion in performance-based and product-generating art programs and experiences. To ensure the student experience is memorable, dynamic and fun, teachers, local and regional artists as well as student counsellors plan and facilitate amazing art programs and support a unique, inclusive environment for campers.

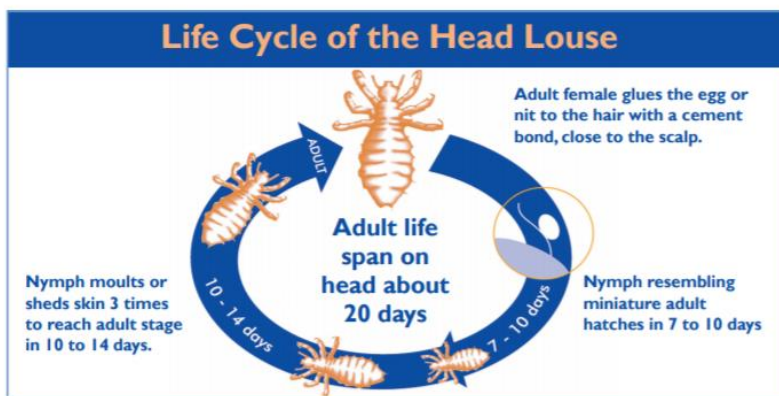
250 students ranging from Grade 7 to Grade 12 from across York Region attend morning and afternoon arts-based programs augmented by other daily workshops and activities. The week-long camp culminates with an on-site Art Show/Gallery Tour and Performance Night.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/arts/Pages/Arts-Camp.aspx>

Health Connections – Head Lice

With the winter weather here, lice are eagerly searching for warm places to stay alive. We are asking all families to be vigilant throughout the course of the year by checking your child's hair for nits (eggs) or live lice. Children with live lice must remain at home. Treatment involves not only the child's hair, but also other family members, bedding, clothing, hair accessories, etc. Families are reminded to continue to check for lice and nits even after treatment has been applied. Continued combing using a specialized comb for the removal of nits is the only way to prevent a recurrence or the spread of lice.



JANUARY'S HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

Buddhism	Christianity
<p>January 1 Temple / Bodhi Day has become a day for Canadian Buddhists to attend a special service in the local temple.</p> <p>January 25 ♦ Lunar New Year the day after the new moon, marks the beginning of the new lunar year. It is the year of the Pig. Irrespective of their religion or country, all Chinese, Vietnamese and many Koreans celebrate the cultural aspect of this day. This is the beginning of year 4717 in the Chinese calendar. It is a time for renewal and personal relationships, and pledges of prosperity.</p>	<p>January 6 Epiphany (Western Calendar) is the 12th day of Christmas and the end of the Christmas season. It comes from a Greek word referring to the baptism of Jesus and the arrival in Bethlehem of the Three Wise Men who came to worship Jesus. The Armenian Orthodox Church celebrates the nativity of Jesus on this day.</p> <p>January 7 ♦ Christmas (Eastern Calendar). Some Orthodox churches celebrate the birth of Jesus on this day. The Julian (Eastern) calendar is currently 13 days behind the Gregorian (Western) calendar. In York Region, this is often referred to as "Ukrainian Christmas".</p> <p>January 20 Epiphany (Eastern Calendar). The Eastern Church associates the date with the baptism of Jesus by John and the miracle of Cana in which Jesus turned water into wine. This day is also known as Theophany in Orthodox churches.</p>
Hinduism	Sikhism
<p>January 14 Makar Sankranti / Pongal, is also known as Lohri, Thai Pongal and Til Sankranti. It marks the winter solstice and is primarily a rice harvest festival.</p> <p>January 29 Vasant Panchami is particularly celebrated in Northern India. This festival marks the advent of spring. Also known as Shri Panchami, it is a celebration commonly associated with Shri or Lakshmi (Goddess of Wealth). It is also commonly linked with the Goddess of Learning, Saraswati</p>	<p>January 5 Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. The tenth guru (1666-1708 C.E.) was the final master who created the Sikh Brotherhood, the Khalsa.</p> <p>January 13 Maghi commemorates the forgiveness shown by Guru Gobind Singh to forty deserters who returned to fight the Mughal army and sacrificed their lives under the leadership of a brave Khalsa woman named Mae Bhaago</p>

Greetings families of Adrienne Clarkson Public School,

Acknowledging the growing issue of vaping in our schools and the health risks associated with e-cigarettes and vaping, the YRDSB has developed the **Substance Misuse Webinar: Vaping** in collaboration with York Region Public Health.

By the end of this webinar, you'll have learned valuable information about:

- e-cigarettes, also known as vapes
- e-juice and what it is made of
- the safety concerns associated with vaping
- how to discuss this substance with children.



We invite you to watch this webinar at our next school council meeting on Monday, January 20th or on our [YRDSB YouTube Channel](#). Please keep in mind that this webinar is not intended for use with students.

Due to the sensitive nature of these topics, if you or someone you know requires assistance, please remember that the following supports are available:

- York Support Services Network (1-855-310-COPE)
- Kids Help Phone (1-800-668-6868)

This is an addition to the [Substance Misuse Webinar Series](#), created by YRDSB with our community partners. In this series, you can learn about:

- [York Region Public Health](#): Alcohol and Cannabis, 6 Tips for Families/Staff
- [Addictions Services of York Region](#): Opioids and Prescription Drugs, YRDSB Drug and Alcohol Continuum
- [YouthSpeak](#): Lived Experience of Former Substance Misusers and Impacted Family Members
- [York Regional Police](#): Reporting Issues of Substance Misuse and the Criminal Impact of Substance Misuse, including Post-Legalization of Cannabis

For more details on what you can do to prevent student substance misuse, please visit the [YRDSB's Caring and Safe Schools](#) website and [Vaping and E-Cigarettes](#) subpage for resources to continue the conversation.

We hope that you have a wonderful week and thank you for supporting our safe, positive and inclusive school community.

Comic Art Workshops for Grades 2-5 January 28, 2020

Freeze Kids Comic Book Art Workshops are conducted by professional comic book artists Anthony Stanberry and Jermaine Smith who have published several children's drawing books and graphic novels.



Each workshop is 45 minutes long and is taught to students in grades 2-5, all participants will have the opportunity to draw along with the artist and keep the drawings they have created.

These workshops give students the opportunity to explore their artistic abilities and helps to build their helps to build their self-esteem!

BUS AND SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

You must **notify** the **school** if your child will be **absent** due to **bus cancellations**.

PLEASE REPORT YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE ON EDSBY OR CALL THE SCHOOL

BUSES

If buses have been cancelled in the morning, there **will not** be afternoon bussing. Please see below for bussing information.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

Students who come to school when busses are cancelled may be dropped off through the parking lot loop in the morning.

Pick up will begin at 2:00 pm. **You must come into the school to pick up your child.** Please pick up your child by 2:35 pm.

When an extreme cold or inclement weather day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) is cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. Please notify the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.

There may be rare instances when emergency weather events occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure. Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, [Board](#) and school website and on [twitter @YRDSB](#).

Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather and emergency weather days are outlined in the Board's [Severe Weather policy](#), which has been recently updated and is available for public comment. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process. All [policies available for comment](#) are sent to school council chairs and are posted on the Board website, along with information about how to provide feedback.

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus and/or school cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM	1540 AM	1580 AM
88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM	94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1
FM99.1 FM	99.9 FM	101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV	CTV Barrie	CTV Toronto	CP24	GLOBAL NEWS
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Please note that school bus charters (trips) will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled.

