

Adrienne Clarkson News

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Administrators' Message

Dear Families,

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and we hope that your break was a happy and healthy one.

The New Year brings new beginnings, renewed hope, new goals and a determination to be a better person. Children should be included and encouraged to set both academic and social goals for themselves. 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mme Russiello et Mr Gerson



- Jan 1 - 14** ~ ACPS Donation Drive
- Jan 10** ~ Mr. Sub lunch
- Jan 11** ~ Popcorn Day
- Jan 13** ~ Pizza Day
- Jan 17** ~ Mr. Sub lunch
- Jan 18** ~ Popcorn Day
- Jan 18** ~ Sunny Tan Martial Arts Dragon Dance
- Jan 19** ~ Grade 1 FI Information Session
- Jan 20** ~ PA Day
- Jan 20** ~ Grade 1 FI Registration begins
- Jan 20** ~ Kindergarten Registration begins (at homeschool)
- Jan 25** ~ School council meeting 7pm - in the Library
- Jan 23-27** ~ Junglesport - during gym classes
- Jan 31** ~ Class Photo Day

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

ACPS Donation Drive

A reminder that the ACPS Donation Drive ends on Sunday, January 14th. For every \$20 donation made between January 1st and 14th you will have one chance to win a prize at the live draw (ZOOM) in January. Details and date coming soon.

A SEAS Networking Event



Happy New Year everyone! We are delighted to invite you to our second networking event for this year. Please join us for an opportunity to meet, greet, and network with our team and each other as we welcome the New Year.

This session will involve discussions around pedagogy and practice to support, and advocate for East Asian students and families. Hope to see you there!

When: Wednesday, January 18th, 2023

**Where: Du Hsiao Yueh (Warden Ave & Steeles Ave)
7040 Warden Ave, Markham, ON L3R 5Y3**

Time: 4:45pm - 6:15pm

Please register with this Google Form by Tuesday, January 17, 2023
<https://bit.ly/3WUA3mK>

For additional inquiries, please contact: bronson.chu@yrdsb.ca or alicewan-ling.chu@yrdsb.ca

Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) is a group of educators and supporters who are committed to responding to the lived experiences of East Asian students by advocating for their improved achievement and well-being through equitable practices. Building relationships with students, families, educators, community members and partners are also a focus of our work.

BUS CANCELLATIONS & INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

BUS AND SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

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 websites and on twitter @YRDSB.

Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather and emergency weather days are outlined in the Board's Severe Weather policy. Families, 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

Please note that school bus charters (trips) will not operate when home to school bus service is cancelled.



Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Please see below information related to YRDSB's French Immersion program. Registration begins January 20, 2023.

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 in French Immersion schools on January 19, 2023. Program locations and additional information is available on our [website](#). If you're unable to attend the information session, you can hear all about the French Immersion program on the [Tune In YRDSB: French Immersion Podcast](#).

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 20, 2023. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2023, 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 6, 2023.

Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 6, 2023. 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.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for September 2023 begins January 20 for the 2023-24 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 2023, 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/Kindergarten) 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.

January's Holidays and Observances

 Bahá'í Faith	Jan 15 ~ World Religion Day Jan 19 ~ Sultán
 Buddhism	Jan 1 ~ Solar New Year Jan 6 ~ Mahāyāna New Year Jan 10 ~ Linji Memorial Jan 17 ~ Baizhang Memorial Jan 18 ~ Hakuin Ekaku Memorial Jan 19 ~ Eihei Dogen Kigen Birth date Jan 22 ~ Lunar New Year Jan 25 ~ Honen Shonin Memorial
 Christianity	Jan 6 ~ Epiphany (W) Jan 6 ~ Armenian Christmas Jan 6 ~ Theophany (E - New Calendar) Jan 7 ~ Christmas (E - Orthodox) Jan 14 ~ New Year (Old / Julian Calendar) Jan 18 ~ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins Jan 19 ~ Theophany (E - Old Calendar)
 Hinduism	Jan 14 ~ Makar Sankranti Jan 15 ~ Thai Pongal Jan 26 ~ Vasanta Panchami
 Indigenous Spirituality	Jan 1 ~ Snow Moon (local Oneida)
 Judaism	
 Shinto	Jan 1 ~ Gantan-sai Jan 9 ~ Seijin-no-hi
 Sikhism	Jan 5 ~ Birth date of Guru Gobind Singh Ji (1666 - 1708) Jan 13 ~ Maghi
 Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism)	Jan 4 ~ Ghambar Maidyarem ends
Other Events This Month	Tamil Heritage Month (CAN) Jan 1 ~ New Year's Day Jan 6 ~ Full Moon Jan 14 ~ Thai Pongal Jan 21 ~ New Moon Jan 27 ~ Holocaust Remembrance Day (UN)



Elementary Program (SK to Grade 8)

Indigenous Languages and International Languages - Elementary Program (SK to Grade 8)

Dear Students and Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. The Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) program is excited to welcome all students back to in-person and online classes. To view the full class schedule, please see our ILIL webpage for [online site calendars](#).

Elementary registration is ongoing throughout the program year (where there is availability). To confirm, you can reach out via email to the site you are interested in enrolling. See below for a list of site-specific emails.

Day of Class	Program Site	Site Email Address
Tuesday	Newmarket HS	ILIL.Newmarket@yrdsb.ca
Tuesday	Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS	ILIL.PETTuesday@yrdsb.ca
Tuesday	Sir William Mulock SS	ILIL.Mulock@yrdsb.ca
Tuesday	Stouffville DSS	ILIL.Stouffville@yrdsb.ca
Tuesday	Unionville HS	ILIL.UnionvilleTuesday@yrdsb.ca
Tuesday	Remote (Online)	Tuesday.ILILonline@yrdsb.ca
Wednesday	Bur Oak SS	ILIL.BurOak@yrdsb.ca
Wednesday	Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning	ILIL.DBSCl@yrdsb.ca
Wednesday	Huron Height SS	ILIL.HuronHeights@yrdsb.ca
Wednesday	Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS	ILIL.PETWednesday@yrdsb.ca
Wednesday	Stephen Lewis SS	ILIL.StephenLewis@yrdsb.ca
Wednesday	Remote (Online)	Wednesday.ILILonline@yrdsb.ca
Thursday	Middlefield CI	ILIL.MiddlefieldThursday@yrdsb.ca

Day of Class	Program Site	Site Email Address
Friday	Bayview SS	ILIL.BayviewFriday@yrdsb.ca
Friday	Markville SS	ILIL.MarkvilleFriday@yrdsb.ca
Friday	Milliken Mills HS	ILIL.MillikenMills@yrdsb.ca
Friday	Richmond Hill HS	ILIL.RichmondFriday@yrdsb.ca
Friday	Tommy Douglas SS	ILIL.TommyDouglas@yrdsb.ca
Friday	Unionville HS	ILIL.UnionvilleFriday@yrdsb.ca
Saturday	Bayview SS	ILIL.BayviewSaturday@yrdsb.ca
Saturday	Markville SS	ILIL.MarkvilleSaturday@yrdsb.ca
Saturday	Middlefield CI	ILIL.MiddlefieldSaturday@yrdsb.ca
Saturday	Richmond Hill HS	ILIL.RichmondSaturday@yrdsb.ca
Saturday	Thornlea SS	ILIL.Thornlea@yrdsb.ca
Saturday	Unionville HS	ILIL.UnionvilleSaturday@yrdsb.ca

Please refer to our [ILIL Elementary Program](#) webpage for the most up-to-date information.

To register for an elementary language program, please follow the instructions below.

- Step 1 - Complete the payment of the \$10 consumable/resources fee through [School Cash Online](#). At the end of the transaction, record the Receipt # issued because it will be required during the registration process.
- Step 2 - Complete the Google [online registration form](#) to register for the program.

Program Fee

- In recognition of the continued hardships faced during the pandemic, the consumable/resource fee for the 2022-2023 will remain at \$10.00.
- International fee-paying visa students are required to pay an additional \$225 for registration, for a total of \$235.

Best regards,

The Indigenous Languages and International Languages Team

Phone Number: (905) 884-2046 ext. 242

Email: ILIL@yrdsb.ca

THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

The Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter | January 2023

Happy New Year!

Centre for Black Student Excellence

We invite you to explore our new online presence at www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence to:

- Access videos, resources and information about community partners.
- Learn more about our work to dismantle anti-Black racism, guided by our strategy.
- Celebrate Black excellence through video, feature stories, podcasts and more.
- Find out about programs available to Black students and families.
- Check out our new community newsletter.
- And much more.

YRDSB Programs

Black Excellence Program

The vision of the Black Excellence Program, (BEP), is to advance the achievement, wellbeing and sense of belonging of Black students in YRDSB schools through responsive programming that affirms their identity, builds on their strengths, and enhances their access to academic opportunities after high school. Students will have opportunities to learn from each other, experts from diverse fields, and mentors who will uplift, inspire and encourage them.

The Center for Black Student Excellence is pleased to announce that in the 2022-2023 school year, the program will be extended to 100 students from YRDSB secondary schools who self-identify as Black or African descended.

Please share information about the Black Excellence Program with your school community and encourage your students to sign-up for this Black-affirming experience using the [BEP Registration Form](#).

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Ascending Sisters Pilot Project

In alignment with the Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy, Ascending Sisters serves as a mentorship program that connects Black girls and non-binary students with self-identified Black YRDSB staff (e.g., teachers, educational assistants, Child and Youth workers, support professionals, administrators). Cisgender girls, transgender girls and non binary students from **grades 7-10 in selected pilot schools** are all welcome to participate.

Through targeted wellness, health and mentorship opportunities, students will be provided with the opportunity to develop a stronger sense of self, promote healing, increase ability to advocate, communicate effectively and further enhance their leadership skills.

Please contact the Black Excellence Planning Team at ascendingsisters@yrdsb.ca if you have further questions.

Rise Brothers

Rise Brothers is committed to supporting Black males—**elementary & secondary students**—from grades 7 to 12. Through school contacts, participating schools will be asked to recommend Black male students who fit the following new criteria:

- Black male-identified
- Presently achieving level 2 or below (elementary) or credit deficient (secondary)
- Have experienced attendance challenges
- Have a problematic school discipline history

Please take a look at our promotional [video](#), which outlines the program's vision and goals.

Please contact the Black Excellence Planning Team at Blackexcellence@yrdsb.ca if you have further questions.

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Partners

The Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS) is committed to promoting well-being and excellence in achievement for students of African/ Caribbean heritage. You can follow them on Twitter [@AEBSyrdsb](https://twitter.com/AEBSyrdsb)

Learn more about Black community agencies that provide supports in your area:

[Aurora Black Community \(ABC\)](#)

[ANCHOR \(Formerly Vaughan African Canadian Association \(VACA\)\)](#)

[Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association \(MACCA\)](#)

[Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association \(NACCA\)](#)

[Parents of Black Children](#)

[The Black Foundation of Community Networks \(BFCN\)](#)

[York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities \(YRAACC\)](#)

Upcoming Community Events

January, 2023 - [YRAACC/Sankofa Tutoring Program](#)

We are committed to seeing our Black students succeed. Sessions will take place weekly online for 90 minutes once per week. Note: dates and availability are subject to change in January 2023. Register using the [google form](#)



January 17, 2023 - [BFCN/Scholarship Application Workshop](#)

Black students of York Region District School Board (YRDSB) and their families are invited to join us for a virtual edition of the BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop on Tuesday January 17, 2023, from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST. The workshop is offered free of charge and the goal is to share our collective knowledge so that Black students and their families can make informed decisions about post-secondary education and funding options. Note that the BFCN Scholarship Program Coordinator will also be present to answer any questions. Registration via Eventbrite is mandatory in order to participate, and a Zoom link with further details will be sent to all those who register.



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February 1, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

[ABC/Pan African Flag Raising](#)

Aurora Black Community hosting Pan African Flag raising at, 100 John West Way, Aurora, ON L4G 6J1, Canada

You can register at [RSVP](#)



February 3, 2023 @ 6:00pm

[ABC/Black History Opening Ceremony](#)

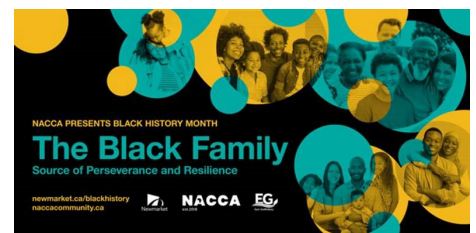
Enjoy a night of elegance with dinner, a silent auction, and entertainment. Thanks to our main sponsors, the Town of Aurora and TD Bank, the event is free to our everyone. Located at Corner Stone Church, 390 Industrial Pkwy S, Aurora, ON L4G 3V7

You can register at [RSVP](#)



February 4, 2023 @ 10:00 am - [NACCA/Black History Month 2023](#)

We are very pleased to have planned an exciting roster of events throughout Black History Month, and are hosting a very special reception for Saturday, February 4, 2023. This year's theme is "The Black Family: Source of Perseverance and Resilience." The inspiration for this theme is from the writer and activist, Maya Angelou. Her phrase, "I sustain myself with the love of family" rings evermore true today. The reception will be hosted at the Old Town Hall in Newmarket, located at 460 Botsford Street with a wonderful day-long program beginning at 10 a.m. through to 4:00 p.m



February 4, 2023 - [NACCA/Call for Art Exhibit](#)

Theme of the art is: The Black Family: Source of Perseverance and Resilience. Art Exhibit will take place at Old Town Hall, 460 Botsford Street, Newmarket ON L3Y 1T1 on Saturday, February 4, 2024. Submit all forms of visual art including photography, painting, sculpture etc until January 15, 2023 via email to blackhistory@naccacommunity.ca or by USB to NACCA (449 Eagle Street, Newmarket ON, L3Y 1K7)



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February 18, 2023 @ 11:00am

[YRAACC/Black History Month Celebration](#)

6th Annual Black History Month Celebration at Bur Oak Secondary School!

Please see the [poster](#) for more information and use [this link register!](#)

Contact info@yorkregionaacc.ca for more information.



March, 2023 - [MACCA/York Region Youth School Success Initiative](#)

Now accepting Black students in grades 6-8 in the York Region Youth School Success Initiative! Kick off the week of March 21st. [Register today!](#)



SHINE Podcast

Listen to the [SHINE Podcast](#)

SHINE is a YRDSB podcast that features voices from the Black community. It introduces conversations that inspire and challenge. Guests share their lived experiences, advice, industry expertise and more. SHINE is a production of Tune In YRDSB. [Tune In YRDSB](#) is the first podcast of its kind in Ontario, featuring a wide range of topics related to education. Tune In YRDSB is available on all major podcast platforms.



To request support from a member of the Centre for Black Student Excellence team please email BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca

Supporting Algebra at Home

What is Algebra?

Algebra involves using symbols to create mathematical expressions that represent problems and solving those problems through manipulation of the expressions.

Where Do We Start?

We start developing Algebraic thinking in young children by investigating patterns and number relationships. In primary, young children learn that a pattern rule can be used to describe, extend and create repeating patterns. As children become more familiar with patterns they learn that patterns can be represented numerically through growing or shrinking patterns which can be represented by mathematical expressions.

When are Symbols and Variables Introduced?

Students in grade one and two begin by investigating situations where numbers remain the same or when numbers change. Gradually, in grade 2 they begin to learn how symbols can be used to represent quantities such as a placeholder in a growing pattern or to represent a quantity in a situation that varies. By junior grades, students are using symbols to represent variables in expressions or equations as they learn about equivalent relationships and how to evaluate algebraic expressions. By intermediate grades, students are using mathematical expressions to represent situations and to solve problems.

Resources and Tools

[Solveme Mobiles](#)

Solve clues that make the mobile balance by determining the weight of the shape

[Splat Math](#)

Write an equation to solve the image represent, then solve for the unknown value !

[Polyad Algebra Tutorial](#) - Digital Manipulatives for Algebra

Celebrating the Many Global Contributions to Mathematics

Throughout human history, people from many cultures and societies have contributed to the continuously developing understanding of math. As a part of each monthly newsletter, one of these many significant contributions will be shared in celebration of how diverse ways of knowing have shaped our mathematics today.

Did you know that symbolic algebra was first introduced by Muhammad ibn Musa al-Khwarizmi? The word algebra comes from the title of his book sometimes called *kitab Al-Jabr*

written about 1200 years ago.

Algebra involves the use of letters to represent unknown values or values that can change in an equation. It is useful in Business, Science, computer programming and a variety of other fields. It also helps develop logical thinking.