



Adrienne Clarkson Connections

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Administrators' Message

We would like to thank our School Council for the wonderful work they do to support events and activities for our students. With their support, we were fortunate to have two amazing performances for our students during the month of February. HOZA presented *Heart Wisdom* to Grades 2-8 and Dufflebag performed their adaptation of "Les trois mousquetaires" for Grades 2 & 3. In March, we have a Mental Health play for Grades 4-8 called: "Straight on Till Morning" and Junglesport will be in our gym the week of March 30th to April 1st which is also fully funded by the School Council. School Council also runs the "You Are the Chef" program. Thank you to all families who support their fundraising efforts!

We're looking forward to the spring which we hope will come soon. Please keep in mind that inclement weather and cold temperatures are very common in March and April. To assist in keeping your child safe and comfortable at school, we are encouraging parents to send their children to school dressed appropriately for the weather, and to remind children to continue to wear appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear during recess times. March is also the month where we start to see a change in the weather. The snow begins to melt and the schoolyard becomes wet and muddy. As a result, we want to remind parents that it is important that students have a change of clothes and socks in case they get wet. They also need a pair of indoor and outdoor footwear.

Teachers are working with students towards meeting curriculum expectations for the second term. We encourage parents to continue to keep in contact with their child's classroom teacher as we work in partnership to support student learning. We appreciate everything you do at home to support your child's learning at home.

Your partners in education,

Mme Russiello et Mme Walker-Rosewood

Our Vision

We demonstrate respect for each other through our thoughts, actions and words. We accept that everyone is unique, with different abilities, beliefs, needs and strengths. We support and care for each other in the spirit of community. We are responsible for our learning and our behaviour and strive to be positive in our outlook and our interactions with others. We value independent, critical thinking and endeavour to make meaningful contributions to benefit our school and community, for it is through individual and collective efforts that we achieve a vibrant learning environment.



Mar 5 ~ Straight Till Morning Play (Gr. 4-8)
Mar 6 ~ Visit from Swan Lake (4/Dias)
Mar 6 ~ VIP Presentation (Gr. 8)
Mar 9 ~ Visit from Swan Lake (4/Scardina & Ramsay)
Mar 10 ~ Visit from Swan Lake (4/Clarke)
Mar 11 ~ Visit from Swan Lake (2/Yong & Bertrand)
Mar 11 ~ VIP Presentation (Gr. 7)
Mar 12 ~ Visit from Swan Lake (2/Pakjou & Brown)
Mar 16-20 ~ March Break
Mar 23 ~ Greenpeace Presentation
Mar 27 ~ Scientist in the School (6/Burns & Demacio)
Mar 30 – Apr 3 ~ Junglesport
April 1 ~ Grade 8 Grad Photos
April 2 ~ Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Pizza Fridays

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

March 6, 13 & 27
April 3 & 24
May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29



Our Grade 8 students are selling popcorn that is 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 collected so far have helped reduce the cost of the Grade 8 Québec City for families. Future proceeds will be put towards costs associated with Grade 8 Graduation.



Daylight Savings Time
Clocks "Spring" forward one
hour on Sunday, March 8 @
3:00 am



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.



Is Your Child Not Feeling Well?

Just a reminder that if your child is not feeling well then he/she should stay at home. This will help reduce the chance of spreading germs and will also help your child feel better sooner.

A reminder that if your child is well enough to come to school then they will be expected to go outside for recess.

Eco Corner

Marker & Pen Recycling – We will be continuing our efforts to recycle markers and pens that no longer work. Last year we collected 306 writing utensils that we recycled and we are well on our way to reaching this number this year. Please have your child bring these to the main office or the Art room.

Earth Hour – At Adrienne Clarkson, we will participate in Earth Hour on Friday, March 27 from 1-2pm. Think about participating in Earth Hour at home on Saturday, March 28 from 8:30 pm-9:30 pm.

AFTER SCHOOL-TIME TO GET ACTIVE!

Children need at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity daily to live healthier, happier lives, yet many only spend 14 minutes doing heart pumping activities after school. Most children spend their after school time sitting playing video or computer games, watching television or reading.

Tips to get your kids active after school:

- Get outside with your kids
- Use active modes of travel such as walking and cycling as much as possible
- Restrict television viewing and video/computer games during the after school period
- Encourage your child to participate in sports or intramural activities after school
- Investigate the availability of programs at your local Parks and Recreation Department
- Help your child find activities that they enjoy and best suit their abilities



This material is provided by York Region Public Health. For more information on physical activity please visit [Physical Activity for Schools | York Region](https://www.yorkregion.ca/physical-activity-for-schools)

When to Wash Your Hands

1

After blowing your nose, or coughing and sneezing into your hands.



2

After going to the washroom.



3

Before and after handling food.



4

Before eating or drinking.



5

After playing outside.



6

After playing with animals.



7

After handling garbage.



8

If hands look or feel dirty.



9

Before and after visiting someone who is sick.



1-800-361-5653
TTY: 1-866-252-9933

York Region Health Connection

Community and Health Services
Public Health

www.york.ca

ARE YOU MOVING??

If you will be moving by September 2020, please let us know as soon as possible. We are currently projecting our student enrolment for September 2020. 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: 905-709-3554.



Kindergarten and French Immersion Registration continue

French Immersion Registration continues. Please note that only complete registration packages that are submitted prior to February 7th will be guaranteed a spot at Doncrest PS for Grade 1. After February 7th, they will continue to accept registrations but students may be accommodated in a French Immersion program at another school for Grade 1.

If you have a child entering Kindergarten in September (turn 4 or 5 in 2020), please go to your local elementary school to register your child.



As you may have heard, YRDSB launched its very own podcast, the first of its kind in Ontario, in February 2020.

The YRDSB been releasing weekly episodes of the show, called [Tune In YRDSB](#), since February 7.

This will be scaled back to bi-weekly moving forward. Each of the episodes so far have focused on Black History Month and the accomplishments of Black system and community leaders. We look forward to continuing this conversation in the coming months, while adding additional topics that are relevant to the YRDSB community.

Tune In YRDSB is available on most major podcasting networks, including Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts and Spotify. You can also subscribe on your favourite podcast platform.

Budget Consultation Process for Parents/Guardians and Community Members

Between March 25 and March 31, York Region District School is inviting parents, guardians and community members to participate in its annual budget consultation process. The Board values parent input and encourages you to attend a consultation session. These sessions provide the Board with valuable information about how the community would like to see the school board budget allocated to better support student achievement and well-being. The results will be used to inform the 2020-21 school year budget allocation.

The dates and locations are:

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Registration: 6:30 p.m.

Consultation: 7:00 p.m.

Sutton District High School, Library 20798 Dalton Road, Georgina

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Registration: 6:30 p.m.

Consultation: 7:00 p.m. Tommy Douglas Secondary School, Library 4020 Major Mackenzie Drive, Woodbridge

Saturday, March 28, 2020 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Markville Secondary School, Library 1000 Carlton Road, Unionville

Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

York Region District School Board, Education Centre - Aurora, Boardroom
60 Wellington Street West, Aurora



TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY

Did you know that students' bussing eligibility changes throughout their school career?

Your child's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to his/her grade and distance from home to school.

Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 – a child who lives **more than 1.2 kilometres** from the school is eligible for Board-provided transportation;
- Grade 4 to Grade 8 – a child who lives **more than 1.6 kilometres** from the school is eligible for Board-provided transportation; and
- Grades 9 to 12 – a secondary student living **more than 3.2 kilometres** from the nearest secondary school in an area not served by public transit is eligible for Board-provided transportation.

A secondary school student served by public transit is not eligible for Board-provided transportation.

This means that a student may have qualified in Grade 3, but no longer qualifies in Grade 4. It also means that a younger sibling may qualify while an older sibling may not.

To view Board Policy #680: Student Transportation, please click [here](#).

For more information about bus transportation and to determine your child's eligibility please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

MARCH'S HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

Baha'i Faith	Buddhism
<p>March 1 - 19 The Baha'i Fast is observed every year from March 2 until March 20. During this time those who are physically able, abstain from food and drink from sunrise until sunset each day.</p> <p>March 20 Naw Ruz (Baha'i New Year). Baha'is celebrate New Year on the first day of spring. Work and academic studies are suspended on this day. This date is also celebrated as a cultural event or faith day by many faith groups throughout the world.</p>	<p>March 20 Spring Ohigan is a special time to listen to the teaching of the Buddha and to meditate on the perfection of enlightenment. This day is of particular importance for Jodo Shinshu Buddhists.</p>
	Christianity
	<p>March 2 First day of Lent (Eastern Calendar), which is the great fast, is the last six weeks of a ten week period before Easter. This day is also known as Clean Monday. Some Eastern Churches may start Lent a week before on March 4.</p>
Hinduism	Islam
<p>March 9 Holi is a colourful spring festival observed widely in Hindu communities around the world. The myths, customs and rituals associated with Holi vary considerably from place to place.</p> <p>Mar 25 - Apr 2 Navaratri (Spring) is a nine-day celebration of the Divine Goddess for good health, happiness and knowledge.</p>	<p>March 21 Naw Ruz (Ismaili) Naw Ruz ("New Day") is considered New Year for many cultures. It falls on the date of the vernal (spring) equinox and symbolizes the renewal of the world after winter. For Ismaili Muslims, it signifies a time of Spiritual renewal and physical rejuvenation, as well as a spirit of gratitude for blessings and an outlook of hope and optimism.</p> <p>March 22 Miraj-un-Nabi commemorates Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) famous night journey (al-Isra) from Mecca to Jerusalem and his subsequent ascension (al-Miraj) to paradise.</p>
Judaism	Sikhism
<p>March 10 Purim celebrates the victory over an oppressive ruler by Queen Esther and her Uncle Mordecai.</p>	<p>March 14 Sikh New Year's Day is the first day of the new Nanakshahi solar calendar. This is year 550 of the new era.</p>
Wicca	Zoroastrianism
<p>March 19 Ostara - a festival that celebrates the season's change from dark winter to brightening spring.</p>	<p>March 16 Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem celebrates the creation of human beings.</p> <p>March 21 Naw Ruz (New Year's Day) in Fasli calendars. This is the first day of the Zoroastrian and Persian year. It is a time of religious observance preceded by ten days of remembrance of the dead. It symbolizes the renewal of the world after winter. Irrespective of their religion, many Iranians celebrate this day. Naw Ruz is also observed/celebrated by many other faith and cultural groups around the world.This celebration may also fall on March 20 based on the time of sunrise.</p> <p>March 26 Birthday of Prophet Zarathushtra, the founder of the Zoroastrian faith.</p>

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.

