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**APS Guiding Questions:**

Who am I?

Who are you?

Who are we together?

**APS - Seven Values**

**Citizenship**

**Empathy**

**Inclusivity**

**Innovation**

**Relationships**

**Self-Awareness**

**Optimism**

**Inspire Learning!**

# **Aldergrove Public School Community Newsletter** **March 28, 2024, Vol. 15**

## **Message from the Office**

With the arrival of Spring, Aldergrove staff and scholars are looking forward to the warmer weather and great learning that continues to happen at school.

We work together to create spaces for all our learners including our neurodiverse learners. April is Autism Acceptance Month. Throughout April and onward, scholars will learn about autism and the spectrum, the infinity sign that is now used to recognize, appreciate, accept and affirm all aspects of being a neurodiverse learner in our community. April 2 is World Autism Day.

To our families celebrating Ramadan, we wish you peace and grace during this month of reflection and sacrifice. Additionally, we wish our families who are celebrating Passover and Easter during the next couple of weeks, the very best of celebrations.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our scholars.

Ms. Jessa  
Principal

Mr. Pamayah  
Vice Principal

## **Resources for Families**

[Guide to the School Year](#)

[Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - March](#)

[York Hills Positive Parenting Seminars](#)

[Hong Fook Mental Health Association Newsletter - February](#)

[The Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter - February](#)

[Markham Public Library](#)

[Aldergrove Archives: Past Newsletters and School Council Minutes](#)

## **School Schedule**

8:15 am - staff on duty outside (scholars stay outside until entry bell, except when it's raining)

8:25 am - entry bell

8:30 am - learning block

10:10 am - 10:40 am recess

10:40 am - 12:20 - learning block

12:20 pm - 1:20 pm lunch

1:20 pm - 3:00 pm learning block

3:00 pm - dismissal

## **Safe Arrivals:**

Please be on time for school. If your child is late or will be absent, please inform the school office or use EDSBY to share this information.

## School Council

Please take a look at the dates planned for meetings this year and mark them on your calendar. Child care and language translation is provided at each meeting.

- Friday, April 19 Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- Thursday, April 25 Planning Meeting for Aldergrove Eats
- Thursday, May 16 4th Council Meeting 7 pm
- Thursday, May 30 Aldergrove Eats

You can access past School Council Minutes [here](#).

## Ramadan, March 10 - April 10, 2024

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and begins on March 10 this year. This is a blessed month for Muslims as it is the month during which the teachings of the Qur'an were revealed. This is considered a time for Muslims to cultivate spiritual renewal through fasting, and an increased focus on prayer and contemplation, as well as a time to recommit themselves to practicing compassion and generosity for others.

### Fasting:

Fasting from dawn to sunset during the month of Ramadan is one of the five prescribed tenets of Islamic practice.

### Suhoor:

In preparation for each day, most Muslims who are fasting partake in a pre-dawn meal, called Suhoor or Sehri. Muslims are strongly encouraged to partake in this meal in preparation for the day's fast.

### Iftar:

The fast concludes at sunset with prayer and a light meal called Iftar. The end of the fast is determined by sunset, at which time the Adhan (call to prayer) is recited, and Muslims consume their first food items of the day. These first items are traditionally water and dates. Many masjids (mosques) and community groups will host Iftar meals for the public.

### Tarawe'eh:

Tarawe'eh prayers are performed only during the month of Ramadhan by some Muslim communities. These prayers take place in congregation following the night prayer. The whole Qur'an is recited over the course of the month during Tarawe'eh prayers.

Students at Aldergrove who are fasting for Ramadan can use the library during lunch time (12:20-12:40). The Quiet Space Room (Room (119) may be used for prayers during the day.

## Transgender Day of Visibility

March 31 is the International Transgender Day of Visibility. Trans Day of Visibility is an annual awareness day celebrated around the world. The day is dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of transgender and gender nonconforming people while raising awareness of the work that still needs to be done to achieve trans justice. Right now, members of school communities can take these actions to help create trans-inclusive school environments.



## World Autism Acceptance Month

We work together to create spaces for all our learners including our neurodiverse learners. April is Autism Acceptance Month. April 2 is World Autism Day. This year we are moving from raising awareness for Autism to increasing acceptance.

Acceptance and awareness come from vastly different mindsets. Awareness seeks to highlight how Other we are and emphasizes the differences and distance between our ways of being. Acceptance looks at commonalities we share and at the strength inherent in diversity. Some students self-identify as an Autistic person as part of their social identity. At the YRDSB, the way we recognize World Autism Acceptance Month is through consultation with our students with autism, their families and using our professional judgement.

The most important thing to remember is that when you're talking about autism, you're talking about a person.



## The International Day of Pink

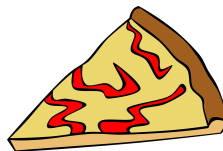
April 10, 2024 is the International Day of Pink. The International Day of Pink is a day when communities across Canada and across the world unite to celebrate diversity and raise awareness about the need to stop homophobia, transphobia, discrimination and all forms of bullying. On this annual day in April, individuals wear pink to show respect for diversity and to demonstrate support for learning and working environments which are safe and inclusive of people from all different backgrounds. International Day of Pink is intended to create a more inclusive and diverse world.

The Day of Pink originated in Eastern Canada, after a few young students decided to stand up against homophobia, bullying and toxic masculinity. Although the first Day of Pink occurred 17 years ago, students continue to experience homophobia, transphobia and biphobia. Schools and workplaces need to commit to raising awareness, building inclusion and eliminating discrimination for students in 2SLGBTQ+ communities.



## New! Term 2 Aldergrove Lunch Programs

Tuesday: Pizza Lunch, February 6-June 25.  
Wednesday: Sushi Lunch, February 7-June 26.  
Friday: Sub Lunch, February 9-June 21.



## Summer Institute 2024

York Region District School Board's Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

### Program Dates

Weekly Sessions July 2, 2024 to August 9, 2024:

Week A: July 2 – 5 (4-day week)

Week B: July 8 – 12

Week C: July 15 – 19

Week D: July 22 – 26

Week E: July 29 – August 2

Week F: August 6 - 9 (4-day week)

See [Registration Information](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Summer Institute 2024 Registration Opens on March 27, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Please visit the [Summer Institute registration page](#) on or after March 27, 2024 for the online registration link.

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for September 2024 begins January 19 for the 2024-25 school year. Children who turn four or five years old during 2024, 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](http://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](#) at [www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten](http://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 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](#).
- In-person at the school - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form.

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](http://www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten). We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school.



# April 2024

The Breakfast Program is **OPEN** every day from 8:00 - 8:25 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 No School Easter Monday Ramadan	2 Day 2 Pizza Day 🍕 Ramadan	3 Day 3 Sushi Day 🍣 Ramadan	4 Day 4 Ramadan	5 Day 5 Sub Day 🍲 Ramadan Gr 7 Swim to Survive	6 Ramadan
7 Ramadan	8 Day 1 Ramadan  Dismissal at 12 for all Students	9 Day 2 Pizza Day 🍕 Ramadan	10 Day 3 Sushi Day 🍣 Id al-Fitr End of Ramadan International Day of Pink	11 Day 4	12 Day 5 Sub Day 🍲 Gr 7 Swim to Survive	13
14 Vaisakhi	15 Day 1	16 Day 2 Pizza Day 🍕	17 Day 3 Sushi Day 🍣	18 Day 4	19 Day 5 Sub Day 🍲 Gr 3 Swim to Survive	20 Ridvan
21	22 Day 1 Earth Day	23 Day 2 Passover Starts Pizza Day 🍕	24 Day 3 Sushi Day 🍣	25 Day 4	26 Day 5 Sub Day 🍲 Gr 3 Swim to Survive	27
28	29 Day 1	30 Day 2 Pizza Day 🍕				

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# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

There are several ways you can register your child for Kindergarten

## Option 1: Online

Register online by visiting [www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten](http://www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten).



## Option 2: Phone

Register by calling the school to request support to complete the registration over the phone. Interpreters available upon request.



## Option 3: In Person

Visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form.



## Register in just two easy steps:




1

Complete registration form and submit to the school

2

The school will contact you to review and verify the required documents

# APRIL 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Indoor Programs	<p><b>Learn and Play</b> 9:30-11:30 AM Aldergrove Public School Birth-6 years unregistered</p>  <p><b>SCHOOL WIDE EARLY RELEASE</b> School parking lot may be busier than normal at 11:30</p>	<p><b>Fun with STEAM</b> 9:30-11:30 AM Aldergrove Public School Birth-6 years unregistered</p>  		<p><b>Learn and Play</b> 9:30-11:30 AM Aldergrove Public School Birth-6 years unregistered</p>
Virtual Programs	<p><b>#Bedtime Stories</b> 6:30PM Facebook Live Birth-6 years unregistered</p>	<p><b>#Circlertime</b> 12:30PM Facebook Live Birth-6 years unregistered</p>	<p><b>#Storytelling</b> 12:30PM Facebook Live Birth-6 years unregistered</p>	<p><b>#PlayandLearn</b> 12:30PM Facebook Live Birth-6 years unregistered</p>
Outdoor Programs			<p><b>Outdoor Circle Time</b> 9:30-11:00 AM Denison Park Birth-6 years unregistered</p>	

## Program Descriptions

**Special events: April 16, 2024 Ramadan Celebration: Eid Craft and Treats**

**Fun with STEAM:** Join us for an exciting journey into the world of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) designed specifically for children aged 0 to 6 years old! Our interactive indoor program offers a stimulating environment where young minds can explore, experiment, and engage in hands-on learning experiences. Through a variety of age-appropriate activities, children will have the opportunity to develop crucial skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration, all while having a blast!

**Learn and Play:** This indoor program follows a developmental approach aimed at fostering the cognitive, emotional, social, and physical growth of children from birth to six years old through interactive and enjoyable activities. The focus is to provide learning through free play and build positive relationship amongst families.

**#Storytelling:** Snuggle up in a cozy spot at home and get ready to relax and enjoy a story.

**Outdoor Circle Time:** Embrace the beauty of springtime and join us for an enchanting outdoor circle experience tailored for children aged 0 to 6 years old! Our Spring Outdoor Circle offers a delightful opportunity for children to immerse themselves in the wonders of the season, celebrating nature's renewal and vibrant colors. During our Spring Outdoor Circle, children will embark on a journey of discovery, exploration, and sensory delight as they engage in a variety of outdoor activities such as music and dance in nature, and story telling. Located at Denison Park

**#PlayandLearn:** Join us on Facebook for parents and caregiver to learn different hands-on, open-ended activities for children.

**#Circlertime:** Join us live on Facebook for a lively, interactive session designed to engage young minds in the joy of music and storytelling. Through age-appropriate songs and stories, children explore language development, coordination, and social interaction in a fun, stimulating environment.

**#BedtimeStories:** Join us live on Facebook for dreamland tales is an enchanting online bedtime stories program created to make the bedtime routine a magical and educational experience for children.

Join our private Facebook group for virtual programs, by visiting: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/markhamcapc>



# 2024年4月課程表

	週一	週二	週三	週四
室內活動	<p><b>边玩边学</b> 上午9:30 到 11:30 Aldergrove 公立学校 0-6岁 面授</p> <p>11:30 学校停车场可能比平时更繁忙</p> <p>全校提前发布</p>	<p><b>STEAM趣味课程</b> 上午9:30 到 11:30 Aldergrove 公立学校 0-6岁 面授</p> <p>即将推出的特别节目活动</p>		<p><b>边学边玩</b> 上午9:30到11:30 Aldergrove 公立学校 0-6岁 面授</p>
在线活动	<p><b>#睡前故事</b> Facebook 在线 晚上6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>#小组活动</b> Facebook在线 中午12:30</p>	<p><b>#故事会</b> Facebook在线 中午12:30</p>	<p><b>#边玩边学</b> Facebook 在线 中午12:30</p>
户外活动			<p><b>户外小组活动</b> 早上9:30到11:00 Denison Park 公园</p>	

## 节目描述

### Eid 特别庆祝

2024年4月16日我们将举行斋月的第二次庆祝活动，主题为：Eid 手工活动与特别款待。

**室内活动:** 每周一、周二和周四的上午，我们面向0至6岁孩子家庭提供室内活动。活动将采取现场参与，无需提前注册。直接来到Aldergrove 公立学校，加入我们吧！

**户外活动:** 每周三上午，我们面向0至6岁孩子的家庭在 Denison Park 开展户外活动。该活动旨在帮助家长与孩子们加强体育锻炼，保持身心健康。

**Facebook活动:** 欢迎加入 @CAPCMarkham 在 Facebook 上的页面去联系我们的教育工作者得到以上所有活动信息吧！

**STEAM趣味课程:** 欢迎加入我们的STEAM（科学、技术、工程、艺术和数学）世界，专为0至6岁儿童设计！我们的室内互动活动为孩子们提供了一个兴奋不已的环境。在这里，孩子年幼的心灵可以参与探索、实验，以及一切有趣的动手学习体验。通过各种适合不同年龄段的活动，孩子们将有机会培养一些重要技能技能：如解决问题、批判性思维、创造力和合作能力等等，同时和同伴们一起玩得开心！

**边玩边学:** 这个节目是为0-6岁孩子和他们的照顾者准备的。旨在提供从自由玩乐中学习到的各种技能，并且有助于促进亲子关系。该活动位于Aldergrove 公立学校101教室。

**户外小组活动:** 拥抱春天的美好，请加入我们为0至6岁儿童量身打造的迷人户外亲子体验！我们的春季户外小组活动为孩子们提供了一个愉快的机会，让他们沉浸在季节的奇迹中，庆祝大自然的更新和鲜艳的色彩。孩子们将踏上一场发现、探索和感官愉悦之旅，以及参与各种户外活动，比如在自然中唱歌、跳舞，以及讲故事等。

**#边学边玩:** 在Facebook上与我们一起在线参与这些专门为父母和照顾者设计的创作DIY活动吧。

**#故事大会** 在Facebook上与我们一起在线聆听并享受各种故事。

**#睡前故事:** 在Facebook上与我们一起聆听睡前故事，旨在使睡前的例行活动成为对儿童既神奇又有教育意义的体验。

**#小组活动:** 加入我们在 Facebook 上的直播，参加一个生动的互动活动，旨在让年幼的心灵沉浸在音乐和讲故事的乐趣中。通过适合年龄的歌曲和故事，幼儿在一个有趣、兴奋的环境中探索语言发展、协调能力和社交互动。





