



# Barbara Reid Public School

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## Touchstone Focus

We celebrate our diverse ideas. Collaboration helps us succeed.

## Important Dates

January 24: Primary Literacy Night!

Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Through the Arts student workshops

Pizza Lunch for those who ordered

January 25: Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Through the Arts student workshops

January 27: [International Holocaust Remembrance Day](#)

January 31: Pizza Lunch for those who ordered

January is [Tamil Heritage Month](#).

## A Message from the Office

We send greetings to families who observed Thai Pongal and hope that your celebrations were meaningful.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2024 began January 19, 2024. 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 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.
- Download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at [www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten](http://www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten) and email the completed form to [barbara.reid.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:barbara.reid.ps@yrdsb.ca).
- Phone us at 905-591-3800. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation.
- 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](#).

You can learn more about the Kindergarten program at [www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten](http://www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten). We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to BRPS!

## Resources

[Special Education Information](#) and [translated versions](#) of important documents can be accessed on the [YRDSB page](#).

[Faith Accommodations](#) can be requested at any time. Please reach out to the school if you need to make a request.

[Grade 8 – Open House Information Nights](#) (including calendar) and [Transition Supports for Grade 8 to Grade 9](#) can be accessed on the YRDSB website.

## Reminders

**Pick-Up/Drop-Off:** As we enter into winter weather conditions, we ask families to exercise patience, care, and consideration for others when dropping off and picking up their children. We ask that you observe safety protocols in the parking lot. Please:

- Ensure you are pulled up to the curb in the designated, marked Pick-Up/Drop-Off Area
  - Do not pick up/drop off students in driving lanes
  - Do not pick up/drop off students on the crosswalk
- Park in the lot/on the street if you need to leave your car for any reason
- Drive slowly and with care for those walking through the parking lot area
- Wait your turn while in line to pull into a spot that opens in the Pick-Up-Drop-Off Area

**Allergies:** Our school is nut-free, peanut-free, and sesame-free. Please ensure all food items are free of these ingredients.

Room 104 is now designated as Barbara Reid Public School's Reflection Room and Multifaith Space. We will be contacting families for input in the coming weeks.

## Mental Health Tip of the Week

Be kind to yourself. Consider taking time out for yourself to lessen your stress. Try taking breaks when needed, spend time with friends, and most importantly do something that makes you smile.

Thank you to the Mental health and Well-Being Committee for our weekly tips!

## School News and Events

BRPS scholars have been engaged in a large variety of extra-curricular activities including Reach for the Top, Robotics, Equity Team, the African-Caribbean Student Alliance, Band Ensemble, Art Club, Battle of the Books, Volleyball, Basketball, Chess Club, Math Club, Athletic Council, Games Club, Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship, and Primary Intramurals, amongst others. Thank you to the many, many BRPS staff leading and facilitating these opportunities!

### A Message From Mme Loconte

The BRPS Reach for the Top Team competed in the School Reach tournament at Oscar Peterson PS on January 16th. Despite being a new team, our grade 7 and 8 students advanced all the way to the quarter final round. Madame Loconte would like to thank all of the members of the team for their hard work this season and all of the families and friends that came out for their support.

## From the Board

### [Tamil Heritage Month Elementary Student Conference](#)

**Theme:** Tamilicious: Tamil Heritage food past, present and future  
Students from Grades 5-8 of all identities are invited to learn about Tamil identity and heritage on February 3, 2024. Lunch is provided.

**Venue:** Milliken Mills High School

**Time:** 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

Register with your teacher or use the [online registration form](#).

For additional information contact:

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Educators for Tamil Student Success  
Inclusive School and Community Services  
Tamil Heritage Month Council  
Tamil Canadian Centre for Civic Action  
Machan Tamil Organization  
Aathi Silambam

**Presenters:**  
Tamilicious: Tamil Heritage food past, present and future  
Elementary Student Conference for Tamil Heritage Month 2024

**Workshops:**  
Each student delegate from grades 5 to 8 may attend 4 workshops:


1. Ancient Art of Silambam
2. Tamil Heritage Food and Healthy Eating
3. Let's Get Cooking
4. Tamil Identity

**Venue:** Milliken Mills High School  
7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5  
**Date:** February 3, 2024  
**Time:** 9:30 am – 2:00 pm  
**Grades:** 5 to 8  
**Lunch:** Provided



Integrated Elementary  
Arts@Baythorn!

Current Grade 4 or 5 students can APPLY for the Arts@Baythorn full-time school program 2024-2025 (For students going into Grade 5 or 6 in Sept 2024).



The Arts@Baythorn allows students to explore Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music Integrated into learning each and every day in a Collaborative and Cooperative learning environment.

<https://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/baythorn/arts/Parents/default.aspx>

REMARKS: Check the website for updated information.  
Application registrations open January 12, 2024 and close January 25, 2024 (all applications not accepted).  
Collaborative Workshops held: January 6, 13, 20, 27, 2024 (free, open and free).

### Arts@Baythorn Applications for Grade 4 and 5 Students

The Arts@Baythorn is a full time, Integrated Arts Specialty School Program for students who have an affinity for the Arts. *Integration* and *Collaboration* are the focus at Arts@Baythorn, where the curriculum is learned while incorporating Visual Arts, Dance, Drama or Music into curriculum subjects like Language, Math, Science and Social Studies.

You don't have to have a special talent in the arts to apply just an interest in working collaboratively!

The Arts@Baythorn Application closes Friday January 29, 2024.

For more information, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/baythorn.ps/arts/Pages/default.aspx>

### Online Puzzles

Puzzles give meaningful and enjoyable problem solving opportunities to learn math while having fun. They can be played individually or collaboratively with a friend or family member, and at home or on the go.

<a href="#">Ken Ken</a> Puzzles	Your goal is to fill in the whole grid with numbers, making sure that no numbers are repeated in any row or column.
<a href="#">Sudoku</a> Puzzles	Sudoku is played on a square grid of 9 x 9 spaces. Within the rows and columns are 9 "squares" (made up of 3 x 3 spaces). Each row, column and square (9 spaces each) needs to be filled out with the numbers 1-9, without repeating any numbers within the row, column or square.
<a href="#">Magic Squares</a>	Magic squares are number puzzles that are played on a square grid. The puzzle is complete when all of the rows, columns, and both diagonals add up to the same number.
<a href="#">Digits</a>	Similar to wordle, players use a combination of given numbers to reach a target number. You can use any operation to get as close to the target number as you can.

Please visit the [board's math page](#) for useful information about what students learn in school and for resources to support math learning at home.

### Problem of the Month

In how many ways can 15 identical red blocks be put into four piles so that each pile has at least one block and no two piles have the same number of blocks? (The order of the piles does not matter).

*Look for the answer in our February newsletter!*

### From our last Newsletter:

Which is a better deal, one round pizza that is 18 inches in diameter for \$15 or two round pizzas that are both 12 inches in diameter for \$15?

### Answer:

The 18 inch diameter pizza is a better deal. The area of a circle can be found by the formula  $A = \pi \times \text{radius} \times \text{radius}$ . The area of the top of the 18 inch diameter pizza is about 254 square inches. The area of the top of one 12 inch diameter pizza is about 113 square inches so two of them

### Monthly Math


Please visit the [board's math page](#) for useful information about what students learn in school and for resources to support math learning at home.

Thank you to the YRDSB Math Consultant Team for our Monthly Math!

would have a top area of about 226 square inches. (Which one would be a better deal if you wanted more crust?)

## From the Community

Please click on the embedded links for more on the following events, information, and resources.



THE ALLIANCE OF EDUCATORS  
FOR MUSLIM STUDENTS

### AEMS STORYTIME

Communities Coming Together

VIRTUAL SESSION

WEDNESDAY  
31 JANUARY, 2024  
5:30 - 6:30 PM

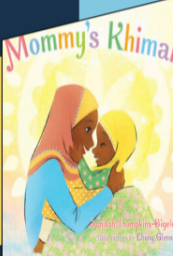
AEMS invites students, families, and educators to join us in listening to and exploring affirming texts from a diversity of authors!

Following the read-aloud, students and families will have the opportunity to engage in related activities, while educators participate in a panel discussion and explore K-8 lesson plans and other resources for integrating identity-affirming texts into daily teaching practice.

Students, families and educators of all identities are welcome!

Student/Family Registration: <https://forms.gle/528XG08R0xm3J50A>

Educator Registration: <https://forms.gle/43oY149ZvchHfHh49>



**\*Registration closes January 29, 2024**

Shared from The Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students (AEMS)

### [AEMS STORYTIME: Communities Coming Together](#)

The Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students (AEMS) invites students of all identities to join us on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 5:30pm for a virtual storytime event. A special guest will read “Mommy’s Khimar” by Jamilah Thomkins-Bigelow and students will have the opportunity to engage in a related activity after the story.

[Registration](#) closes January 29, 2024.