



Barbara Reid Public School

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A Message From The Office

We are excited to reconnect with returning students and families and say a warm hello to the many new students and families who are joining the Barbara Reid school community this year! Despite the heat and some necessary adjustments as we wait for our new portables to be ready, the entire school community has demonstrated patience and kindness. We look forward to continuing to work together as we partner in supporting every student in achieving success and experiencing well-being.

A big thank you to the immensely dedicated BRPS team for getting the school year off to a great start! Our educators, caretaking team, and front office team have worked hard to ensure the school is inviting, clean, and safe, and that our transition into September has been smooth and seamless. We value our stellar team and are looking forward to another great year!

We take a moment here to share our condolences with any families impacted by the earthquake that took place in Morocco on Saturday. Please reach out if there is anything we can do to support you/your child.

Important Dates

September 11: Caring and Safe Schools presentation for Junior students

September 12: Caring and Safe Schools presentations for Primary and Intermediate students

September 16-17: Rosh Hashanah

September 19: Grade 7 Field Trip to Sibbald Point Outdoor Education Centre (Mr. Jones's class)

September 20: Grade 7 Field Trip to Sibbald Point Outdoor Education Centre (Mr. Wilson's class)

September 22: PA Day (no school for students)

September 28: Yom Kippur

September 26: Grade 8 visit with Team Unbreakable

September 27: Meet the Educator Night - 6pm

September 28: Grade 8 Trip to Toronto

	<p>September 30: Orange Shirt Day National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</p>
<p>Touchstone Focus</p> <p>WORDS MATTER</p> <p>We believe in equity and inclusivity. We accept people for who they are.</p>	<p>Keeping Our Students Safe</p> <p>Snacks and Lunches: Please make sure snack and lunch items are nut-free, peanut-free, and sesame-free.</p> <p>Kiss & Ride: Thank you for following the guidelines provided last week! Parking when you need to leave your car and parking with consideration for others helps us all start the day on a kind note.</p> <p>Pick-Up/Drop-off: During morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, a portion of the tarmac will be marked off with pylons. We are asking that this area be kept for students and staff only as this reduces congestion and helps our school staff ensure students are safe. We appreciate your cooperation in waiting outside the marked area when dropping off and picking up your child(ren).</p> <p>Reminders</p> <p>2023 2024 Agendas: If you did not have an opportunity to purchase your child's Agenda in June or if you are new to our school, 2023/24 Agendas are now available for purchase via School Cash Online. Please log in or register at https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/</p> <p>Edsby: For support with Edsby, please see the Family Welcome Letter and Edsby Instructions.</p> <p>School Start-Up: Please ensure you have completed the School Start-Up Package that was shared online.</p>
<p>Mental Health Tip of the Week</p> <p>Get Up, Get Out and Get Moving!</p> <p>Getting outside and staying active is as good for the brain as it is for the body. Getting moving can help work off anxious energy, boost mood, improve memory and help you sleep better.</p>	<p>School News and Events</p> <p>Flag football season has started! Grade 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to try out last week.</p> <p>Grade 8's interested in being part of the Announcements Team were invited to sign up last week.</p> <p>The BRPS Mental Health and Well-Being Committee is getting started! Students in Grades 5 - 8 can sign up this week.</p> <p>The BRPS Community Book Share is here! Bring books your family is no longer using to the collection bin at the front of the school until September 25th. On September 27th, during Meet the Educator Night, donated books will be available for BRPS families to browse through and</p>

take home at no cost. A great way to give some pre-loved books new homes!

Thank you to Ms. Stanojev, Ms. Richardson, Ms. Burk, and Mr. Glashan for facilitating these opportunities.

Keep watching this space for news about our upcoming Terry Fox Day events, and Orange Shirt Day observances.

Our 2023–2024 Staff

Caretaking Team

Mr. M. Skerritt (Lead Caretaker); Mr. J. Antle; Mr. T. Freeston; Mr. J. Cooper; Mr. C. Lane

Community Class Team

Ms. L. Anderson
Ms. H. Kuypers
Ms. N. Ranson

Support Staff Team

Ms. S. Burk
Mr. R. Miller
Ms. J. Nedanovski

Non Homeroom Teachers

Ms. S. Laconte – French
Mr. A. Radu – French
Mr. P. Glashan – Library
Ms. A. Kameka – MLL, Literacy
Mr. A. Murray – Music
Mr. J. Giannatselis – Prep
Ms. R. Latremouille – Prep
Ms. D. Tepperman – Prep
Ms. A. Poon – SERT
Ms. C. Henry – SERT

Kindergarten Team

Ms. M. Smith
Ms. T. Vivekanandan
Ms. M. Taylor
Ms. N. Roy
Ms. B. Thurley
Ms. C. McBride
Ms. S. Findlay
Ms. G. Tassominos
Ms. B. Nicholson
Ms. L. Aparo
Ms. L. De Villiers

Primary Team

Ms. C. Johannes – Grade 1
Ms. C. Papizzo – Grade 1
Ms. E. Elias – Grade 1
Ms. M. Perfetti – Grade 1/2
Ms. V. Kakalettris – Grade 2
Ms. M. Sawyer – Grade 2
Ms. Rai – Grade 2
Ms. A. Davis – Grade 3
Mr. D. Friedman – Grade 3
Ms. K. Smiley – Grade 3
Ms. D. St. Louis – Grade 3/4
Ms. K. Taylor – Grade 3/4

Junior Team

Ms. V. Pegg – Grade 4
Ms. N. Kumari – Grade 4
Ms. K. Damtsis – Grade 5
Ms. A. Cliff – Grade 5
Ms. A. Patterson – Grade 5/6
Ms. A. Longland – Grade 6
Mr. K. Hassanali – Grade 6

Intermediate Team

Mr. J. Wilson – Grade 7
Mr. J. Jones – Grade 7
Ms. V. Balakumar – Grade 7/8
Ms. E. Stanojev – Grade 8
Ms. K. Richardson – Grade 8

Office Team

Ms. V. Yakubuski; Ms. M. Tomczack; Ms. R. Kaderdina; Mr. J. Bearcroft

A Message from Our Trustee

September 2023

Dear families,

It is my pleasure to welcome all new and returning families to school for the 2023-2024 school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and wish you a positive start to the new school year. I know it can be a time of transition for many, and am grateful for the dedication and professionalism of our school staff for all that they do to support students as they start the new school year, and create a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment in our schools.

The education of your children is a partnership, and we recognize that you are our most important partner when it comes to your child's education. As a family member, there are many ways you can engage in your child's learning, from speaking with your child about school and connecting with school staff to volunteering or becoming involved with the school council. You know your child best and we place great value on the relationship we have with families. I look forward to connecting with you throughout the school year.

As your school trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The Board of Trustees has many responsibilities, including making policy and budget decisions, and communicating with the public. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, and I will continue to keep you updated throughout the year on what is happening in the board. You can also visit our newsroom, listen to our podcast and connect with us on social media to stay up-to-date on what's happening in the board.

This year, we are pleased to welcome our new Director of Education Bill Cober, who took on the role on August 1 this year. He brings nearly 30 years of experience in public education in York Region, a commitment to student achievement and well-being, and a strategic and collaborative approach.

Later in the year, we will be undertaking a comprehensive strategic plan review. One of our roles as a board is to set the Multi-Year Strategic Plan that establishes our priorities and guides our direction as a school board. We will be reviewing that plan this year, and engaging with communities is a priority for us. Your input will be important and I look forward to sharing more information with you on this in the future.

I wish you all a great start to the school year and a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

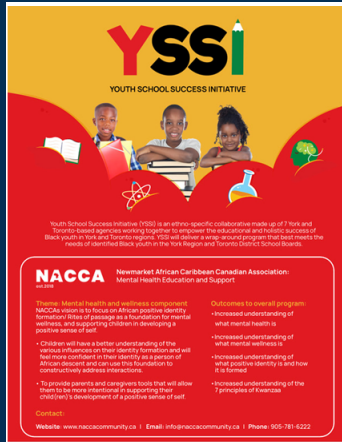
Melanie Wright

Trustee, Aurora and Whitchurch-Stouffville

From the Community

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

the community.



Shared from the Newmarket
African Caribbean Canadian
Association (NACCA)

Youth School Success Initiative (YSSI) for Black Youth

The YSSI program curriculum focuses on supporting Black youth with academics and exercising confidence in their cultural identity in order to ensure a holistically excellent learning experience, and motivation toward high school.

The theme focuses on African Positive Identity formation, Rites of Passage as a foundation of Mental Wellness, development of a positive sense of self and tools for caregivers to aid in supporting their child(ren) development.

The Outcome is for each participant to have an increased understanding of mental health and wellness, positive identity and the 7 principles of Kwanzaa.

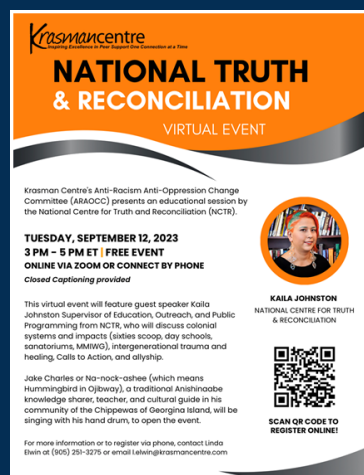
Registration link: [YSSI - MACCA \(macca1987.com\)](https://macca1987.com)



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The Network of Therapists provides quality mental health supports to members of the Black Community. Services address a wide variety of issues ranging from trauma (sexual, physical and trauma related to immigration), depression, anxiety, worry, grief and stress, including societal stressors relating to the Social Determinants of Health (racism, poverty, housing, employment, family issues, etc.). Counselling support is offered to diverse areas such as Black men's mental health, caregiver support for parenting children and youth, seniors, wellness support for members of the Black 2SLGBTQ+ community, to name a few.

To learn more, click [HERE](#)



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National Truth & Reconciliation Virtual Event

Krasman Centre's Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression Change Committee (ARAOC) presents an educational session by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR). This virtual event will feature guest Jake Charles or Na-nock-ashee (which means Hummingbird in Ojibway), a traditional Anishinaabe knowledge sharer, teacher, and cultural guide in his community of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, who will be singing with his hand drum, to open the event. Then followed by guest speaker Kaila Johnston (Supervisor of Education, Outreach, and Public Programming from NCTR), who will discuss colonial systems and impacts (sixties scoop, day schools, sanatoriums, MMIWG), intergenerational trauma and healing, Calls to Action, and allyship.

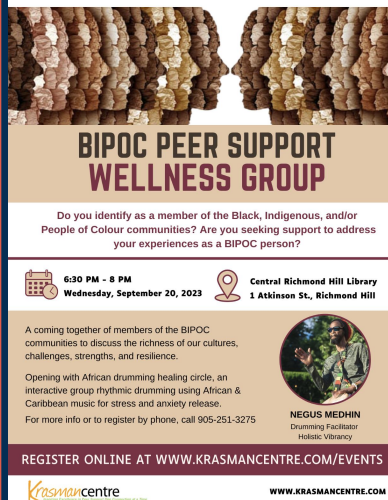
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 Time: 3pm – 5pm ET

Where: Online via Zoom or phone

Live closed caption will be provided for this event.

If you have any questions about this event or to register via phone, please contact Linda Elwin, Equity, Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression Coordinator at l.elwin@krasmancentre.com or call at **905-251-3275**

Register [HERE](#)



BIPOC PEER SUPPORT WELLNESS GROUP

Do you identify as a member of the Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Colour communities? Are you seeking support to address your experiences as a BIPOC person?

6:30 PM - 8 PM
Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Central Richmond Hill Library
1 Atkinson St., Richmond Hill

A coming together of members of the BIPOC communities to discuss the richness of our cultures, challenges, strengths, and resilience.

Opening with African drumming healing circle, an interactive group rhythmic drumming using African & Caribbean music for stress and anxiety release.
For more info or to register by phone, call 905-251-3275

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Drumming Facilitator
Holistic Vibrancy

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.KRASMANCENTRE.COM/EVENTS

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Shared from the Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association ([NACCA](#))

Krasman Centre introduces BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Colour) Peer Support Wellness Group. A coming together of members of the BIPOC communities, for opportunities to discuss the richness of our cultures, challenges, strengths, and resilience, despite the state of our current societal environment. This group will be guided by the core values of peer support.

Eligibility:

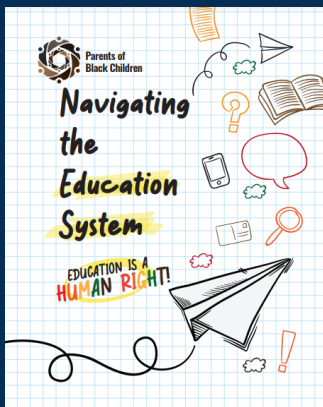
- Must identify as a member of the BIPOC communities
- Must be an adult aged 16 years or older

Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Time: 6:30pm – 8pm ET

Where: In-person at Richmond Hill Central Public Library (1 Atkinson Street, Richmond Hill ON L4C 0H5)

Register [HERE](#)



Shared from Parents of Black Children ([PoBC](#))

This [guide](#) supports parents of Black children in navigating the education system. For further information, support, and resources, contact the Parents of Black Children (PoBC) group on their [website](#).