



BEYNON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 25TH 2024

Updates

Halloween

We recognize that some students will come to school on October 31 in costume. Please remember that costumes should be respectful of others.

- Symbols or objects representative of a person's race, culture, ethnicity, or religious beliefs, should not be worn as another person's costume, nor should costumes that caricature social identities through stereotyping. Be sensitive to images and media use.
- No Halloween masks are to be worn
- No replica weapons of any kind are allowed.
- Students should only use single use make-up (sharing of make-up is not recommended)

Holocaust Education Week

November 4 – November 10, 2024 marks the annual Holocaust Education Week (HEW). Learning about the Holocaust in classrooms, schools, and workplaces across the YRDSB is critical to countering antisemitism and other forms of hate.

Families, please join the Toronto Holocaust Museum (THM) and York Region District School Board (YRDSB) for a Family Sunday at the Museum on Sunday, November 17th from 1:30pm – 4:00pm. Please see poster attached.

Remembrance Day

On November 11th 11-12pm, there will be a Remembrance Day Assembly in the gymnasium. A number of classes will be performing along with the school choir. Parents are welcome to attend. A reminder to sign in at the office upon entry.

Upcoming Events

- Gr. 7&8 assembly – Oct. 28th
- Photo Retake – Nov. 5th
- YMCA Glen Cedars Trip – Nov. 8th
- Progress Reports Go Home – Nov. 8th
- Remembrance Day Assembly – Nov. 11th
- Scholastic Book Fair Nov.11-15
- Parent Teacher Interviews Nov. 14th-15th
- PA Day Nov.15th
- School Council Mtg. #2 – Nov. 27th

School Council

Meeting # 2:

November 27, 2024 Hybrid

This meeting will focus on transition to high school with a special visit from King City Secondary School. We encourage families of Grade 7 & 8 students to attend.

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What We Learned

Family Dashboard

YRDSB will be launching a family portal called the Family Dashboard on October 25th. The dashboard will give parents/guardians secure, accessible one-stop access to information and applications. It is designed to make it easier for families to engage with their child's education. You can access the dashboard using the link emailed (family.yrdsb.ca) or from the Family Resources Page. This information is also available on the board website.

Resources to share with families from our PA Day

- [October Student Mental Health and Awareness Family Kit](#)
- [Partnership for Drug-Free Kids on How to Talk To Your Kids About Vaping](#)
- [Health Canada on Talking With Your Teen About Vaping](#)

Kortright Grade 3

The Grade 3 field trip to the Kortright Center was a big hit! Students enjoyed learning about the daily life of the Huron people, some of whom lived in a village, 400 years ago, on what is now the Kortright property. They also explored insect life cycles, adaptations and roles they play in nature.

Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair is back!!!!!! We will be hosting a FRENCH book fair

November 11 - 22.

Mme Shifman will be available on the evening of Nov. 14th to open up the book fair to parents.



Invasive Species Presentations for grades 6/7

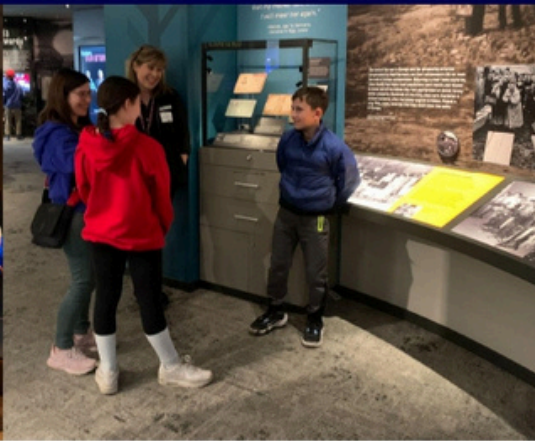
This week a learning opportunity was offered by the [Ontario Invasive Species Awareness Program](#). Students learned about invasive species and their detrimental impact on ecosystems. During the workshop/presentation, students engaged in curriculum-based activities to strengthen and broaden their knowledge. Students are now confident enough to identify at least a few harmful species and know what to do in case they encounter one.

Kind regards,

Principal
Sofia Papadatos

Vice Principal
Lara Kheir

Exploring Family, Community & Love: YRDSB Family Day at Toronto Holocaust Museum (Grades 4+)



Right photo by Shay Markowitz for the Toronto Holocaust Museum

TORONTO HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Date: Sunday, November 17th

Time: 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Contact: education@thethm.org

Registration Form: bit.ly/YRDSBFamilyDayTHM

Address: 4588 Bathurst St., Sherman Campus, North York, ON M2R 1W6

This program is open to YRDSB families with children in grades 4-12. Please be aware that this is not a drop-off program and all students participating are to be attended with a parent or guardian.

Join Toronto Holocaust Museum (THM) and York Region District School Board (YRDSB) for a Family Sunday at the Museum. This afternoon at the museum will focus on meaningful learning about the history of the Holocaust and explore themes related to Family and Love. Age-appropriate activities will be featured for families with children in fourth grade and older throughout the Museum and Learning Lab. Activities include, reflective artmaking projects such as creating custom buttons reflecting on love and journal making that explore the themes of family history. Additionally, families can look forward to a special museum tour, with family members of Holocaust survivors who have contributed artifacts featured in the exhibition who will share the importance of these objects to their families. There will also be an opportunity to hear the age-appropriate story of Holocaust survivors' survival and immigration to Canada, with an opportunity to ask questions.

RE: Talking to Youth About Vaping - For Families from York Region Public Health

There are many reasons why youth may start to use vapes. Friends may pressure others to start using vape products. Youth may see family members vape or smoke and imitate that behaviour. Additionally, the last few years may have been extraordinarily difficult for many youth and they may think that vapes and nicotine products will help them cope with [stress](#).

Whether you are a parent, guardian or teacher, [starting a discussion with your kids](#) about vaping may not be easy but having the conversation early about drugs and [experimenting](#) is important so that youth can get the real facts.

Parents and Caregivers play an important role

The adolescent period is a time of critical growth and development making youth more susceptible to the effects of nicotine, the addictive substance found in many vapes. Nicotine can interfere with [teenage brain development](#) and can cause changes in the brain affecting learning, memory and concentration, making youth more susceptible to other [substance misuse](#) and risk-taking behaviours.

Some tips for starting a conversation about vapes and youth vaping include:

- Get the facts about the health risks and laws around vaping before your talk – information and products change quickly so conversations should reflect the child's growing maturity and the pressures they may face
- Keep your talk informal and look for natural opportunities for discussion (e.g., a new vape store opens near you)
- Ask questions and try to be empathetic about what they know and how they feel about vaping
- Share some vaping facts with them
- If their friends use vapes/e-cigarettes, disapprove of the use of these products rather than disapproving of the friends themselves

Remember: listening is just as important as talking.

For more information and tips about how to talk with youth, read [Talking with your teen about vaping: a tip sheet for parents](#) and visit [Tobacco, Vaping And Youth](#).

When talking with youth about tobacco products and vaping, it is important to:

- Understand tobacco and vaping from a youth's point of view – youth understand the issue differently based on their developmental stage.

- Talk about the tactics used by the tobacco industry to make tobacco and vaping appealing to youth. Explain how the industry tempts youth to buy tobacco products and/or engage in behaviours that might be harmful to their health.
- Role play, practice and provide options about how to refuse tobacco products to help youth prepare for situations involving tobacco and vaping with their peers.
- Equip youth with the information, skills and motivation they need to make informed and healthy choices.
- Discuss vape-free laws so youth understand that it is illegal to sell or supply vapes to anyone under 19 years of age;= and that it is illegal to vape anywhere you can't smoke cigarettes, including on or around school and community centre properties, among other places.

Quitting vaping/tobacco

Quitting vaping and/or tobacco is one of the best things you can do to improve your health. If you or someone you know needs help, call York Region Access York at 1-877-464-9675 TTY (for those with hearing disabilities) 1-866-512-6228 or email tobaccofreeliving@york.ca.