



November 4, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Grade 3 student:

The YRDSB offers the opportunity for students in both the Face to Face (F2F) and Elementary Virtual Schools (EVS) in grade three to participate in system wide screening for possible identification as a Gifted student.

The Grade 3 Gifted screening procedure is a two stage process. **Stage One** for F2F & EVS Grade 3 students will take place in the student's **home school between November 24 and December 8, 2020.**

All students will be given the **Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT)**, a test of cognitive abilities (thinking and reasoning skills). It takes approximately 90 minutes to complete all three sections of the test.

For all Grade 3 students in F2F and EVS, parents will be asked **to complete this [YRDSB North Gifted Screening Survey](#)** to **choose to opt in or out for Stage One** of the screening process. For our students in F2F classes who choose to OPT IN, this will take place during the day in their classroom between November 24 - December 8. If you do not have access to technology to complete the survey, please contact your Home School Principal.

For our EVS Grade 3 students who OPT IN, the test will take place in a controlled, separate and supported entry at the home school. The EVS students will be completing the screening together in a separate location in the school. They will not be mixing with other students within the school.

Parents/guardians in both the F2F School and Virtual Schools, must choose to OPT IN or OUT of the Stage One of the assessment, by completing the survey (see link above), For your child to be considered for Stage One Screening you must reply by **November 13, 2020** as indicated on the survey. **If you are unsure if you want your child to participate in the screening or have questions about the process, please contact the school.**

Only those students who score at a predetermined level on the **Stage One CCAT** will be considered for **Stage Two**, which is a one-on-one intellectual screening with a member of the YRDSB Psychological Services department. **If your child qualifies for Stage Two, you will receive a 'Consent for Intellectual Screening' form between January 8 and 10, 2021.** If you **do not** receive a consent form that means your child is not moving on to Stage Two.

More information pertaining to Stage Two of the testing will be available closer to the projected testing date.

Students who meet the YRDSB intellectual criterion on the Stage Two individual screening will be considered for possible identification under the Ministry of Education Category: Intellectual-Giftedness through the Identification, Placement, Review Committee (IPRC) process.

A reminder again, if you do **NOT** want your child to participate in Stage One of the gifted screening process please complete the **Survey** by November **13, 2020.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school.

Sincerely,

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