

April 2024



The Phoenix: We Rise Together!

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Weekly Highlights:		Trending
Wk of April 1 - 5	<p>Sikh Heritage Month National Nutrition Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - Easter Monday - No School - Christianity 2 - Autism Acceptance Day (wear red) 2 - Karate Kids Lunch Program 3 - Pizza Lunch 4 - School Council Meeting 5 - Lunch Lady 5 - Art Lunch Program 	<p>April Eco Theme Reusable Containers</p>
Wk of April 8 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 - Solar Eclipse - Early Release Day 12:00pm 9 - Karate Kids 9 - 10 - Eid - Islamic Faith 9 - Karate Kids 9 - Neurodiversity Tuesday (wear rainbow colours/tie/dye) 10 - Pizza Lunch 12 - Lunch Lady 12 - Art Lunch Program 13 - Vaisakhi - Sikh Faith 	
Wk of April 15 - 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15- Magnificent Mind Monday (wear a fun hat) 16 - Karate kids 17 - Pizza Lunch 18 - 4R Eco Presentations Gr. 1 - 4 : 9:10 - 10:10; Gr. 5 - 8 : 11:10 - 12:10 pm 19 - Lunch Lady 19 - Art Lunch Program 	
Wk of April 22 - 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21 - 22 - Ridvan - Baha'i Faith 22 - 26 Earth Day & Wk & School Wide Assembly with 20-Minute Makeover to Follow 22 - Passover - Judaism Faith 23 - Karate Kids 24 - Pizza Lunch 24- What's Your Passion Wednesday (wear something you love) 25 - Holi - Hindu Faith 26 - Black History Month Day-More information shared soon 26 - Admin Assistant Day 	

The eco-theme for April is on reusable containers. As always, our Fossil Hill community is encouraged to reduce waste by packing food and beverage in reusable containers. Let's do our part to protect our planet. Fossil Hill P.S. will be honouring our many Eco Initiatives this month during our 4R Eco Assembly on April 18, 2024!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 - Lunch Lady • 26 - Art Lunch Program
Wk of April 29-May 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 - 30 Eve Passover - Judaism • 30 - Karate Kids • 30- Sensory Friendly Final Day (wear comfy clothes, turn off lights, wear sunglasses) • May 1 - Pizza Lunch • May 3 - Lunch Lady • May 3 - Art Lunch Program



Thank you to all families who joined us on March 7 at our Fossil Hill Movie Night!

Our School Council Event was a great success! The School Council raised approximately \$1524. Funds raised will support Arts initiatives at the school.

A special thank you to Miranda and Eva who coordinated this event. We would also like to thank our parent volunteers: Christina, Lale, May, Sarah, Sonali and Sylvia. All your support is greatly appreciated!



In May

Asian/South Asian/Dutch Jewish Heritage Month

- 1 - Human Rights Day
- 2 - Rock Your Class - French Concert -Gr. 4-8 -1:30-2:30pm
- 3 - Orthodox Easter
- 3 - Class Placement Requests are Due
- 14 - 15 - Zoo To You Kindergarten Classes
- 15 - 16 - Track and Field Gr. 4 - 8
- 21 - Discover Kindergarten 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- 27 - June 10 - GR. 3 and 6 EQAO Assessment Dates
- 22 - Gr. 2's To Borc
- 23 - Gr. 6 360kids - Financial Literacy Presentation
- 23 - 4A - Nissenthall's Class to Borc
- 24 - 4B - Mantenuoto's Class to Borc
- 24 - Last Lunch Time Art Program Day
- 27 - Hutton's Class @ Borc
- 28 - Hawrelluk's Class @ Borc
- 29 - Henry's Class @ Borc
- 31 - York Region Public Health Immunizations



Solar Eclipse - April 8, 2024









A gentle reminder to all families, York Region District School Board announced that to ensure student safety due to the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, all schools will be dismissing students early.

As such, there has been an early dismissal time adjustment. Fossil Hill PS will dismiss at 12:00 pm - 180 minutes before the end of the dismissal bell. The morning bell, drop off and transportation will remain unchanged. For those eligible for school transportation, such as busing and taxis, service will be adjusted for the early afternoon departure. The safe arrival program will remain in place, if your child is not attending school on April 8, please record their absence. Student after-school activities, including extra-curricular activities, will be cancelled on April 8.

Earth Week

(April 22-April 26)



Makeover Monday	Turn off Tuesday	Waste Free Wednesday	Transportation free thursday	Fashion Friday
<i>School wide assembly followed by a 20-minute outdoor clean-up.</i> 	<i>Turn off the lights throughout the day and open the blinds.</i> 	<i>Bring litterless snacks and lunches.</i> 	<i>Walk or ride your bike to school instead of driving.</i> 	<i>Wear eco-friendly (thrifted, hand-me down) green clothes or accessories.</i> 

Autism Acceptance Month



April is Autism Acceptance Month. Every April 2, we celebrate World Autism Day, which is a historic day in Canada for the autism community because it brings to light the struggles and triumphs of people on the autism spectrum and unites families, schools, communities, government, and professionals to make Ontario a more supportive and inclusive place for people on the autism spectrum. As a school, we will take this month to learn about what autism is, and how to be kind and a good friend to anyone in our community. We will be having some special themed days throughout the month to spread awareness and acceptance.

April 2- World Autism Day (wear red)

April 9- Neurodiversity Tuesday (wear rainbow colours/tie dye)

April 15- Magnificent Mind Monday (wear fun hats to celebrate each of our unique minds)

April 24- What's Your Passion Wednesday (wear something you love)

April 30- Sensory Friendly Final Day (wear something super comfortable and sunglasses)

Spirit Wear



On Behalf of School Council



We are happy to announce that we will be offering school Spirit Wear t-shirts for sale just in time for the warm temperatures. All orders will be done on School Cash Online and will be available from April 2 until May 30, 2024. The cost for the t-shirt is \$17.00. Please note that all items are final sale, so please check the sizing carefully. Money raised will go towards supporting Arts Initiatives in the school. To access School Cash Online. <https://www.schoolcashonline.com/> We look forward to your child showing their Fossil Hill School Spirit!

Sizes

Adult :T-Shirts XS-4XL

Children :T-Shirts XS(4-6) S(8-10) (M12-14) (L16-18) (XL20-22)



Kindergarten Registration is STILL OPEN!



We are open for Kindergarten Registration. Families are encouraged to visit our office from 9:00 to 3:00 pm or register through the portalP.S. <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/fossilhill.ps/info/Pages/School-Registration.aspx>

Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO --Mark Your Calendar!

This year the Gr. 3 and 6 EQAO assessment dates are scheduled between May 27- June 10, 2024. Families are encouraged not to book appointments for their child/ren during this time. Families are encouraged not to book appointments for their children on those dates.

Thank you.

Summer Institute Registration

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at nine school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the

[**Summer Institute webpage.**](#)

Registration opened on March 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Families can register online.



Passover, also called Pesach, is a significant Jewish holiday that celebrates the Biblical story of the Israelites escape from slavery. This year, Passover begins the evening of Monday April 22, 2024 and ends the evening of Tuesday April 30, 2024.

Passover is observed for seven days in Israel and eight days in the Diaspora (outside of the state of Israel). The main event of the Passover holiday is the seder. The Hebrew word “seder” translates to “order”, and the Passover seder is a home ritual blending religious traditions, food, song and storytelling with a festive meal in which the haggadah (the book of exodus and related writings) is recited in a set order.

During the entire duration of the holiday (8 days) it is forbidden to eat leavened food products (such as bread, pasta, etc.). Instead, eating Matza. Matzo represents the unleavened bread the Jews ate while fleeing enslavement. According to legend, the fleeing Israelites left their bondage in such a hurry that they didn't even wait for their bread to rise. Much of the food eaten during Passover is deeply symbolic and representative of the bitterness of slavery.

Passover teaches us about faith and the importance of having faith despite being in a difficult situation. It also teaches us to embrace and realize the true value of freedom and not to take it for granted. Hardships in life are sometimes meant to push us forward toward a better and brighter future. One person has the power to make a monumental change; each person has an individual responsibility to do what is right. These lessons serve as inspiration year after year. Happy Passover to all our Jewish families.

Cookie Sales!

Thank you so much to all the families who have supported the Grade 8 fundraising efforts! Our weekly cookie sales have raised money to reduce the cost to families for the Graduation celebration and/or Grad trip.

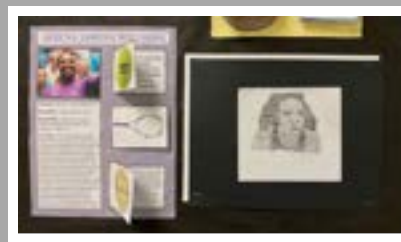
Tues. Apr. 2 will be our final day for cookie sales. Just as a reminder, we have 3 available flavours: chocolate chip, fudge chip, and funfetti, all from Terra Cotta Cookie Co. Each cookie costs \$2.00, payable by cash.



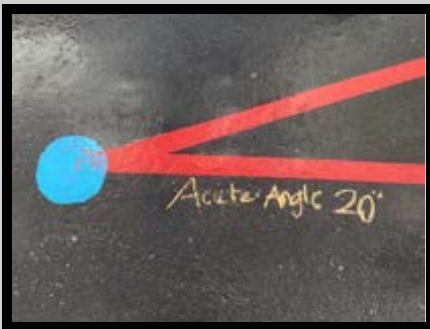
Spring Gear

As we begin to approach spring weather, the Primary Teachers are asking for students to arrive at school with appropriate outdoor gear, and extra clothing for wet days.

MR. SCHAFER'S 5A CELEBRATING BLACK EXCELLENCE OF THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE ...



MR. SCHAFER'S 5A CLASS IDENTIFYING ANGLES & THEIR RELATIONSHIPS USING UNIQUE SURFACES



Save the Date: Grade 8 Graduation

Our Grade 8 Graduation ceremony/celebration will take place on:

Wednesday June 19 - **new date**

at The Royalton

Ceremony starts at 5:30pm

Students need to be picked up at 10:00pm



Re: Class Placement Requests - September 2024

The beginning of Spring is a busy time in our school. We are planning for year-end activities, but must also begin planning for the next school year. As our school staff begins to organize for classes in September 2024, it is important for our parents to understand the process for student placement decisions at Fossil Hill P.S. Our ultimate goal is to provide an optimum learning environment for all students. The current teachers at each grade level will meet with prospective teachers of the next grade level, as well as with Special Education teachers, MLL (multi-language learners) teachers, and the Principal/Vice Principal of the school. We work as a team with the following criteria taken into consideration:

- Class sizes consistent with Ministry and Board Guidelines
- A range of performance levels within each class
- Placement of MLL or Special Education students that facilitates resource or withdrawal programs required by some students
- Promoting positive relationships
- Gender Balance
- Matching learning styles with teaching strategies whenever possible

Please note, we will not be accepting requests for specific teachers as a part of this process. If you have information or suggestions to assist us in making an appropriate placement, please complete the Google Form: [HERE](#) no later than Monday, May 3, 2024.

Since there are a variety of factors which influence the make-up of balanced classes we cannot guarantee that all your requests will be granted. When teachers, along with school administration, meet to create new class lists, we will consider the above information to help determine placement. Please note, the final decision for the placement of all students at Fossil Hill P.S. rests with the Principal and Vice Principal, in consultation with staff. Thank you in advance for your support and confidence in making the best possible choice for your child's class placement for next year.

Mental Health

Mental Health Committee: Ms. Shamis, Ms. Sobel, Ms. Vecchio, Ms. Yoo

During the past 2 weeks, Fossil Hill's Student Mental Health Leaders sold positive mental health messages through their **"Positive Mental Health" Sticker Fundraiser**. These stickers were a hit! These amazing vinyl waterproof stickers will continue to be sold **every Thursday** for the month of April. They are great to stick on water bottles, laptops, lunch thermoses, etc. Each time your child drinks water, eats lunch, or opens up their laptop, they will read uplifting positive messages!

1 sticker for \$1.00
2 stickers for \$1.50
4 stickers for \$2.00



Labels for Belongings

Fossil Hill Families, are you looking for labels for your belongings? School Council has the direct link to assist you with customizing labels for you and your family. Sign up and join in through Fossil Hill Public School. Labels will be mailed directly to your home. As an Oliver's **Labels** Fundraiser, Fossil will earn 20% commission every time someone places an order.

Our custom website address is now live at:

<http://www.oliverslabels.com/FossilHillPS>

LIVE LINK HERE:

<http://www.oliverslabels.com/FossilHillPS>

THE LUNCH LADY



We are proud to be serving

Fossil Hill PS in Woodbridge on Fridays beginning January 12th, and every Friday thereafter! Please place your order before 7am the day of delivery!

Ready to place your first order?

Visit order.thelunchlady.ca to get started!



Register for an account



Add student(s) (customers) then select Order Now



Select order delivery date



Add items to cart (return to calendar for more dates)



Check out and complete your order



Relax and let us do the rest!



Special Food needs? Email us before your first order.



Reduce single use plastics. Bring your own cutlery from home.



Sick child? It happens. Email us before 8am to receive a credit.

We're here to help! Contact Pam at Brampton@thelunchlady.ca