



The Phoenix: We Rise Together!

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Weekly Highlights:		Trending
Wk of Nov 1 - 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> November as Hindu Heritage Month Holocaust Education Week Nov 1 - All Saints Day - Christianity Nov 1 - Gr. 8 Visit to TDSS Nov 5 - Fall Back 1 Hr 	<p>November is</p>  <p>@ Fossil Hill Public School</p>  <p>Celebrated every November, we recognize the important contributions that Hindu Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario.</p> <p>We at Fossil Hill honour our commitment to inclusion and equity as a shared goal.</p>
Wk of Nov 6 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 7 - Glee Club begins Nov 8 - Intermediate Boys Volleyball Areas Nov 9 - Intermediate Girls Volleyball Areas Nov 9 - Progress Reports Go Home Nov 10 - Remembrance Day Service 10:45 am - Wear red, white, and/or black Nov 10 - Report Cards go home Nov 11 - Remembrance Day - Official Nov 12 - Diwali - Diamond Day - Hinduism 	
Wk of Nov 13 - 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 13 - 17 - Anti-Bullying Week Nov. 15 Hindu Heritage Assembly Nov 16 - Inter. -Student-Led - Confer. -PM Nov 17 - PA day - No School For students - Inter -Student-Led Confer-AM 	
Wk of Nov 20 - 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 20 - Jk Observations Begin - Dec 8 Nov 20 - A Celebration of our Diversity @ Fossil- A Spirit Day Nov. 20- International Children's Day -Student Leadership Nov 20 - Roma Lunchtime Art Club Nov 21 - Inter. Girls Volleyball Regionals Nov 21 - 360 Kids Parent Engagement Night - 6:30 pm - School Gym Nov 23 - Picture Retakes Nov 24 - Inter. Boys Volleyball Regionals 	

Wk of
Nov 27 - 30

- Nov 27 - Roma Lunchtime Art Club
- Nov 29 - Gr. 9 Open House @ TDSS
- Nov 20th - School Council Meeting

COMING
SOON!

In December

- Dec 1 - The Gift of Warmth Drive (hat, mitten and socks) Begins! Proceeds donated to Yellowbrickhouse
- Dec 4 - Roma Lunchtime Art Club
- 8 - JK observations end
- Dec 11 - Roma Lunchtime Art Club
- Dec 18 - Roma Lunchtime Art Club
- Dec 18 -22 Winter Spirit Week
- Dec 21 - Sing-a-long
- Dec 21 - First Day of Winter
- Dec 25 - Winter Break Begins
- Dec 24 - Christmas Eve - Christianity
- Dec 25 - Christmas - Diamond Day - Christianity
- Dec 26 - Boxing Day
- Dec 31 - New Years Eve
- January - Tamil Heritage Month
- Jan 1 - New Years Day
- Jan 6 - Winter Break ends
- Jan 8 - First Day back 2024

The Gift of Warmth Drive
for December (Hats, Mittens and Socks)
Proceeds Donated to Yellowbrickhouse
A Student Leadership Initiative



November Eco Theme What's In and What's Out



Students and families are encouraged to “Rethink” their actions before disposing of an item. That is, stop and consider the impact every disposal action will have on the environment and the world around us. It is important to be well-informed about what goes in the Blue Box for recycling and what goes in the garbage bin for landfill. Putting items in the Blue Box that shouldn't be there can ruin an entire batch of recyclable material. Thank you for continuing to protect our planet.

Fossil Hill's Student Leadership Community Charity Fall Food Drive

We would like to extend a huge thank you for your contributions towards our student leadership initiative with this school wide effort to support families experiencing food scarcity.



Thank you to all our families who gave back to families in need.

Our local food bank greatly appreciates the over 10- 12 barrels of food items sent the last two months. We are so proud of the initiative and commitment shown by our student leaders in promoting this event.

The food drive ends on November 14th, so it's not too late if you would like to donate!



Box Of Cards Fundraiser Update!



A very special thank you to all our families who graciously participated in our Big Box of Cards School Council fundraiser. Our fundraiser has come to an end and on behalf of our school Council, we would like to thank our community for your generous contributions in support of this initiative. The school raised just over \$4300! The funds will be used towards supporting experiential learning opportunities for all our students.

On November 30, at our next School Council meeting, executive members will vote on proposed initiatives in support of our School Improvement Plan. We look forward to sharing our initiatives in the December newsletter.

Congratulations To:

1. Mrs. Novielli's Top selling class who won a class pizza party
2. Mr. Nicassio's Class with second most sales wins a basket of art supplies

Winners of the Samsung 8" tablet & the 4 Gift cards will be drawn next week.

On behalf of the staff, school and community we would like to thank our Chairs and our volunteer parents who supported this School Council fundraiser by volunteering their time to support the school.

Fossil Hill School Council Meeting

When: Thursday, November 30, 2023 (In person)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Fossil Hill Library

All are welcome!
Childminding will be provided.

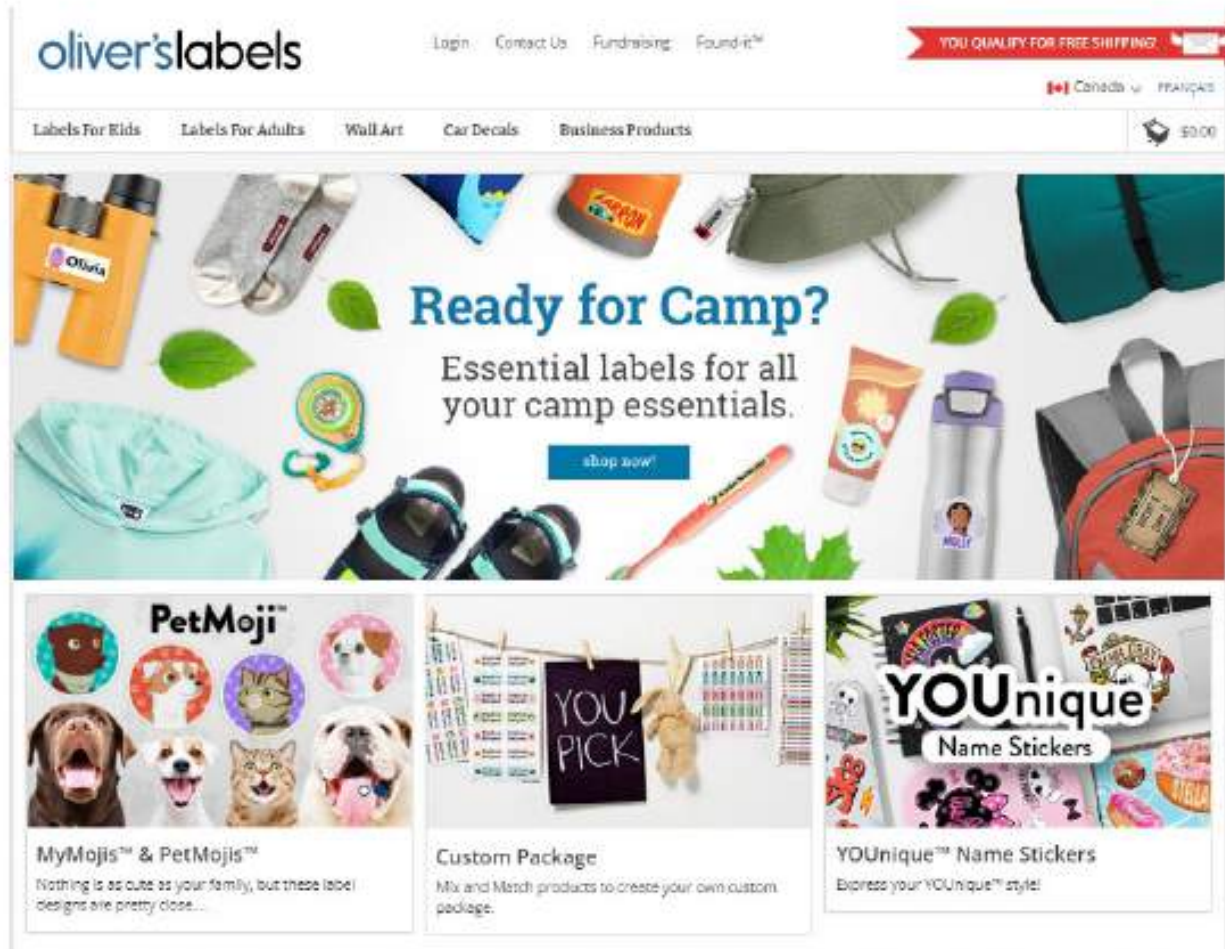


Labels for Belongings

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>



The screenshot shows the Oliver's Labels website. The header includes the logo "oliver'slabels", navigation links (Login, Contact Us, Fundraising, Found-it™), a shipping banner "YOU QUALIFY FOR FREE SHIPPING", and a language selector for Canada (English/Français). A menu bar lists categories: Labels For Kids, Labels For Adults, Wall Art, Car Decals, and Business Products. A shopping cart icon shows a total of \$0.00. The main banner features a collage of camp items (binoculars, sleeping bag, tent, etc.) with the text "Ready for Camp? Essential labels for all your camp essentials." and a "shop now!" button. Below the banner are three product tiles: "MyMojis™ & PetMojis™" (featuring animal faces), "Custom Package" (featuring a "YOU PICK" sign), and "YOUUnique™ Name Stickers" (featuring various character stickers).

LIVE LINK HERE:

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



Morning Arrival

Thank you to all families who have worked toward sending their children to school on time in the morning. Our school doors open at 8:25 a.m. and we are ready to receive your child at that time. Recently, we have noticed an increase in the number of students arriving after the 8:40 a.m. bell. When children are consistently late in the morning, this impacts student learning. A gentle reminder to all families to continue to work with your children to arrive at school before the bell rings between 8:25 am and 8:40 am. If your child arrives late, every late student must be signed into the office. Since the office gets quite busy at 8:40 a.m., we kindly ask parents to wait with their children to assist with signing their child in for the day.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.



Falloween Dance Event!

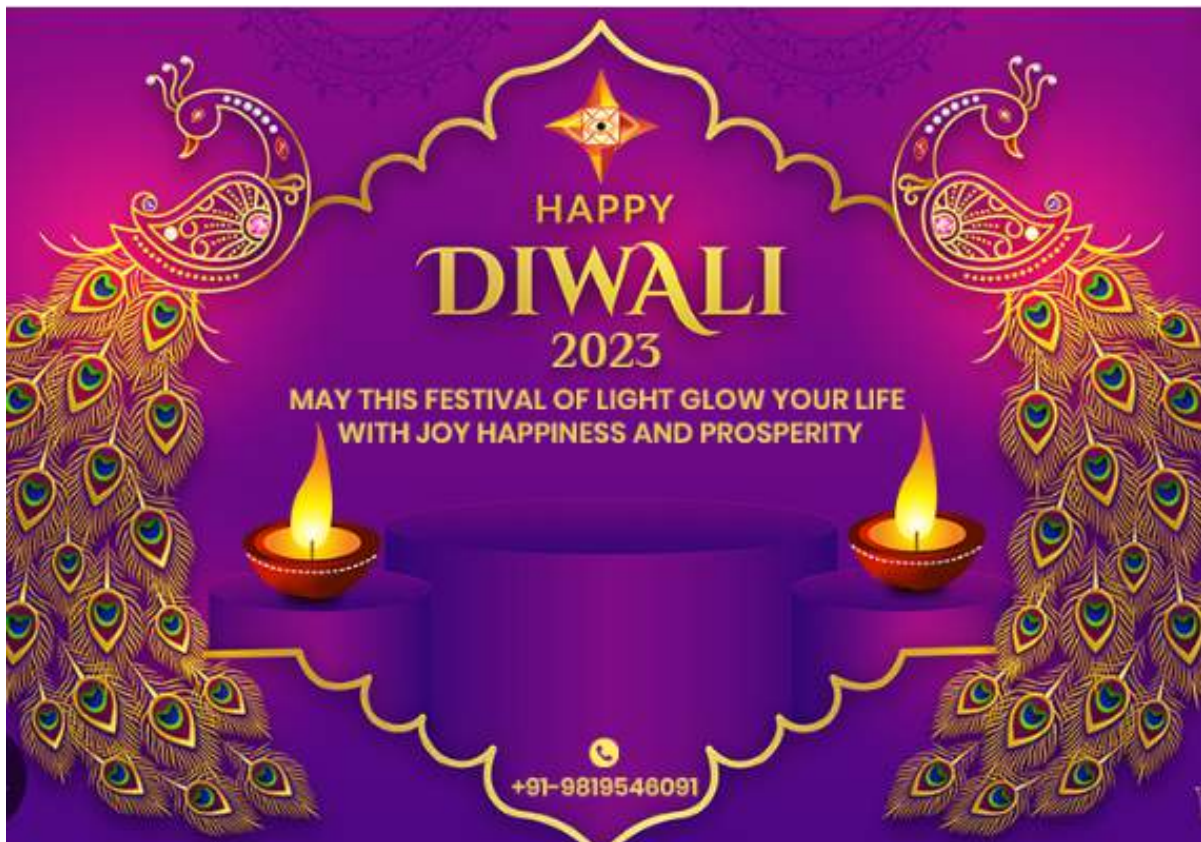


A big shout out to Fossil's Student Leadership Club on the great success of the Falloween School Dance this year! Students across all grades (Kindergarten to Grade 8) shared their delight and enjoyment of the event. Many commented on how much they liked that the entry was an item for the food drive and went to a charitable cause. Students and staff had a blast with the age appropriate, well selected and enjoyable music.

We at Fossil Hill are so proud of our Student Leaders for their organization and management of this school wide event. Your leadership and school spirit is an inspiration to our younger students. Special thanks to the Falloween: Coordinators, leads, DJs, Announcement , P.R. , cheerful and talented dancers(who danced all day!) and Decoration Teams culminated in a well organized event! Students were super engaged and charged with enjoyment as they enjoyed how staff joined in the fun in dressing up in their costumes and fall colours. A huge thank you to Intermediate teachers for being so flexible with the intermediate students involved in the event. Indeed without Mr. Colissimo there would be nothing to dance to. So thank you for the smooth and awesome Tech set up. ROCK ON!! Thanks, Mrs. Henry for the impressive light show, as well as, giving up so many of her lunch breaks to help facilitate student voices through this and other leadership initiatives!

Gr. 3 Gifted Screening

Fossil Hill PS will conduct a Grade 3 Gifted Screening from November 27th - December 1st this year. Please avoid booking any doctor's appointments or absences during this time. Refer to the Gifted Screening Parent Letter sent home on November 1st for more information. Please connect with your homeroom teacher if you have any questions.



November 5th, 2023

Fall back 1 Hour on Sunday!



November 10, 2023



Gifted Screening at Fossil Hill P.S.

November 27 - December 1, 2023





Remembrance Day



Remembrance Day is an important part of our history. Each year on November 11th we recognize Remembrance Day. This year, some of our primary, junior and intermediate students have been working closely with staff to honour this special day on November 10th, since November 11 falls on the weekend this year. On this day, we are reminded of the courage and bravery of our soldiers, past and present. As a school, we will be doing an in-person service to honor our soldiers and their families. Many of our students come from parts of the world in which wars are being fought right now, or may have come from parts of the world where they have seen wars being fought. In honour of this day we ask that students wear red, white and/or black. We will honour all lives in our service



Student-led Conferences/Interviews - November 16 - 17, 2023

November 17th is a PA Day

Booking times OPEN on November 6, 2023!

Fossil Hill P.S. Teacher Interviews or Student-Led Conferences will be held on November 16-17, 2023. Communication was shared with families on Wednesday, October 25, 2023. Please refer to the email communication to book your time through Edsby.

Fossil Hill is providing support to families with language needs during our school Student-led Conferences/Interview Days on November 16-17, 2023.

Interpreters/translators are available to support families. Please connect with your child's teacher if you require support. Interview times will be available for booking on November 6-15, 2023, through our Edsby platform. The schedule closes on November 15, 2023 at 9:00 am. Families who have questions are encouraged to contact their child's teacher and/or the office if you do not have an Edsby account and need help setting up your account. Call the office at 905-653-8055 or email at fossil.hill.ps@yrdsb.ca if you need assistance.

REPORT CARDS

All assessment, evaluation and reporting in Ontario schools are based on the policies and practices described in Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting In Ontario Schools, Covering Grades 1 to 12. There are 3 formal reporting periods in elementary schools where teachers share student's information regarding their learning and achievement of their learning skills, work habits and the Ontario curriculum expectations:

Elementary Progress Report Card

Progress Report to be sent home: November 10, 2023

Interviews to be held (Year one - grade 8): November 16 (evening) and/or November 17 (morning)

Term 1 Communication of Learning will be sent home in February as well as a

Term 2 Communication of Learning at the end of June.

Elementary Progress Report Card (Grades 1-8)

The purpose of this report card is to communicate the progress your child has been making since the beginning of the school year in each subject. The progress report also indicates how well your child is demonstrating the various learning skills and work habits and identifies areas where you may be able to support your child in achieving success this year. This report is not an evaluation or a record of achievement levels. It reflects preliminary observations of your child's learning to date. It is our hope that this re-port will serve as a central part of rich discussions between home and school.

Year One Kindergarten:

Parents will be invited for an in-class Observation Visit from November 20 - December 8, 2023 . Your child's teacher will send you an invitation and a convenient time will be arranged for your visit. The purpose of this visit is to enable you to observe your child in the classroom setting. In February, you will receive your child's Term 1 Communication of Learning. The Term 2 Communication of Learning will be sent home at the end of June. For both Term 1 and Term 2 reports, the teacher will report on your child's achievement based on curriculum expectations from the 4 learning areas. (Belonging and Contributing, Self-Regulation and Well-Being, Demonstrating Literacy and Mathematics Behaviour, and Problem Solving and Innovating.)

Year Two Kindergarten:

A Communication of Learning will be sent home on November 10, 2023. It is personalized to highlight your child's unique strengths, needs, interests and next steps based on initial evidence of learning. The comments will be based on the curriculum expectations within and across the four frames in learning.



Get Ready for Colder Temperatures

As the temperature Cools, please ensure that your child is dressed properly for our invigorating winter days. It is advisable for students to bring extra pants and socks. A change of clothes is often necessary due to the wet and cold weather of the winter months. To avoid losing clothing, it is recommended that parents/guardians label all articles of clothing, including, but not limited to boots, hats, mitts/gloves, scarves, and snow pants.

Translate Tools on York Region Website

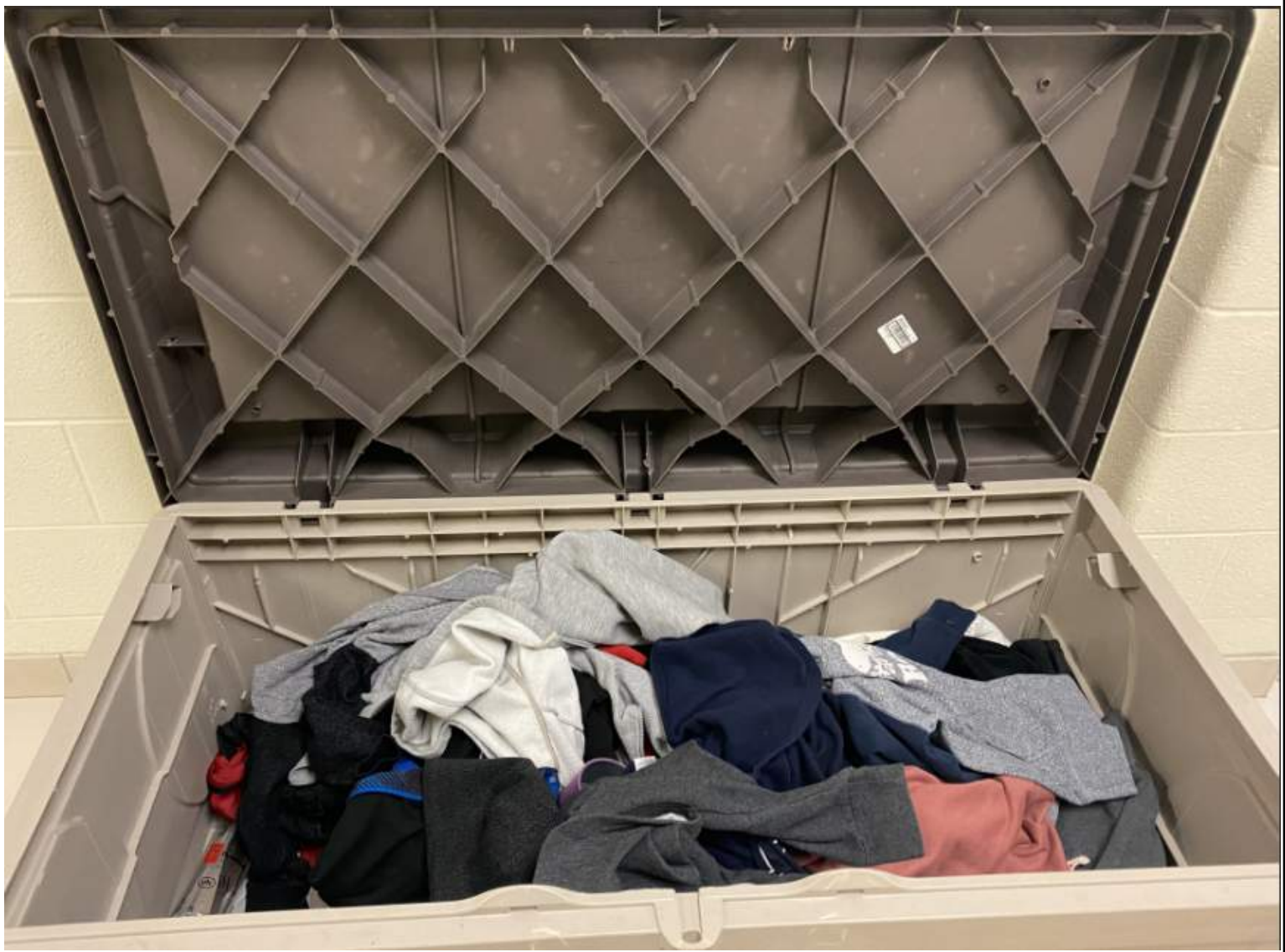
On our Board website, we have translation tools to help some families translate information for Google Classroom, Google Docs, etc. Click on the link above for further information.

Junior Kindergarten Observations Begin on November 20th



Lost & Found

Families are encouraged to sign into the office and visit our Lost & Found bin if your child is missing articles of clothing. The bin will be emptied on November 30, 2023.



Picture Retake Day



On November 23, 2023.

FOSSIL HILL PS ART CLUBS BY ROMA CRAFTS INC.

GRADE 2 & 3—MONDAYS

10 WEEKS—\$85+HST=\$96.05

LUNCH RECESS WINTER SESSION—5 ART PROJECTS

DEADLINE

NOVEMBER

17



WINTER

In markers & clay

TEDDY

In markers

PRINCESS

In pencil crayons

CART OF FLOWERS

With modeling clay

***Once they completed the 4 artworks they will do ART WORK OF THEIR CHOICE

GR 2 & 3—MONDAYS—10 WEEKS

NOVEMBER 20,27 DECEMBER 4,11,18 JANUARY 8,15,22,29, FEBRUARY 5

ROMA CRAFTS INC.—RAJI—romacrafts@hotmail.com

E-TRANSFERS TO romacrafts@hotmail.com

Please include your child's name, grade & school in the message section.

Followed by an email with the completed form & the password.

*****THE FORMS WITHOUT PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

**LIMITED SPACES—FIRST COME—FIRST SERVE

ALL CLASSES CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS WILL BE RE-SCHEDULED.

MISSED CLASSES ARE NEITHER REFUNDABLE NOR TRANSFERABLE

**HEY
PARENTS!**

KEEP YOUR KIDS HEALTHY AND IN SCHOOL

Are your child's immunizations up to date?

It's your responsibility to tell
York Region Public Health, not
your doctor's.



Update online now!
york.ca/GetImmunized




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Coming Soon! Parent Engagement Night at Fossil Hill PS
Tuesday, November 21, 2023 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm
In partnership with 360kids & TVO Mathify

Navigating Tough Love Parenting: Join us for an insightful evening with 360°kids

Dear Parents and Families,

We are excited to announce a special event. On Tuesday, November 21, 2023, for a thought-provoking presentation by 360°Kids on "Tough Love Parenting: Challenges, Strategies, and Youth Mental Health Awareness."

360°Kids is a trusted organization known for their commitment to empowering youth and strengthening families. This presentation will be led by experts with extensive experience in child and youth development, as well as mental health awareness.

We encourage all parents and guardians to attend this event. It's an opportunity to connect with other parents, share experiences, and gain valuable knowledge to help you become even better guides on your child's journey through adolescence.



**360°
kids**



Fossil Hill PS, 2 Firenza Road,
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Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Date: Tuesday,
November 21, 2023

Since 1989, our organization has been dedicated to helping homeless and at-risk youth. Our name reflects our commitment providing comprehensive support, recognizing that kids require range of services to support them. Our slogan captures our ethos "Surrounding kids in crisis with care." Visit us at www.360kids.ca find out more!



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- Explore the Question Bank to access nearly 200 whiteboards with ready-to-use math questions from Grades 6-10



Seamless Learning

- Personalized math portfolio to store math learning; easily transition school to home learning; and enable sharing between teachers, students and tutors
- Savable interactive whiteboard with ability to import or upload images or screenshots of math questions or problems to work through



Free Live Afterschool Tutoring

- Live 1:1 tutoring with Ontario Certified Teachers, two-way audio, integrated text, recorded sessions and ability to choose your own tutors

9:00AM - 9:00 PM ET
Monday to Friday

3:30 PM - 9:00 PM ET
Sunday

Register today to learn more and get started!

tvo.org/mathify

Registration requirements:

- Students require an OEN
- Educators require a district email address

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SEWING PROGRAM

Do you want your child in Gr 4 - 8 to learn to sew? We are extending the sewing program to **March 4 - 6, 2024**. The learning Sewing program will take place **March 4 - 6, 2024**. Your child will participate in the program for one 50 minute period on one of the selected dates. If you have paid for the program already you don't need to pay again. For the families who haven't signed up yet, there is still an opportunity for you to pay for this amazing learning activity using **Cash Online**. In order for the program to run we need 200 or more students to participate. This program is an extension and a part of your child's education. The session is intended to provide the students with life skills, such as building confidence and developing Growth Mindset, using their art skills, etc.

Denise Wild's Sewing Studio

A sewing program that focuses on mentorship, confidence, inclusion, and equity!

Denise Wild's Sewing Studio is coming to our school with a specialty program like you've never seen before – a dynamic, engaging sewing workshop that breaks the creative mold! The Sewing Studio's team of stereotype-busting mentors will guide each student through success, teaching everyone how to sew using a sewing machine. Boys and girls, that means you! Each child will gain confidence, develop their growth mindset, and complete their very own customized project from start to finish, all while being motivated and inspired.



PROGRAM DETAILS

- We come to your school with 15 to 30 sewing machines and our all-star team, and we set up a creative maker space in your library, gym, or available classroom.
- We teach every child (as young as 4 years old!) how to properly, safely, and successfully use a sewing machine.
- Highly skilled sewers and mentors coach kids, working on a 1-to-5 ratio, providing an incredible hands-on experience.
- Confidence-building exercises give a 360° learning experience.

Our all-star sewing mentors are also:

- Fashion designers
- Entrepreneurs
- Athletes
- TV personalities
- Coaches
- Musicians
- Interior designers
- Personal trainers
- Medical professionals
- Motivational speakers



DENISE WILD
CO-FOUNDER
@MEDENISEWILD
Denise Wild is a magazine editor, author, and sewing expert who appears regularly on CP24, Cityline, The Morning Show, Your Morning, and Breakfast Television.



ROLAND ACHEAMPONG
CO-FOUNDER
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Roland Acheampong is an All-Canadian athlete and an accomplished entrepreneur with a background in corporate sales, executive management, and business development.

SewingStudioClasses.com | Info@denisewild.com | (888) 448-7706

See program photos under the hashtag #sewingkidsXdenisewild on

Keep the Door Open: Understand Your Child's Inner World 敞开孩子的心房/敞開孩子的心房

This session in Mandarin and Cantonese will share tips on ways that lead your child to open their inner world and take care of their emotional wellbeing under the influence of both traditional Chinese culture and Western culture.

本次研讨会将探讨传统华裔文化和西方文化的影响下如何有效地关爱和照顾孩子的心理健康。

這次的講座將探討傳統華裔文化和西方文化的影響下如何有效地關懷和照顧孩子的心理健康。

To register for a Mandarin session:

[点击这里报名普通话讲座](#) or scan QR code



To register for a Cantonese session:

[點擊這裡報名粵語講座](#) or scan the QR code



HONG FOOK
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Parents, Guardians, Caregiver and Students

Join us to learn and share with your community how the families are supported!

Date: **Tuesday, Nov 21st, 2023**

Time: **6:00pm-7:00pm (Mandarin 普通话)**

7:00pm-8:00pm (Cantonese 粵語)

Location: **Virtually**

Presenters:

Hannah Xu (MPH)

Hong Fook Mental Health Association
Youth Program Worker

Charmaine Tong (M.S.W., R.S.W.)

York Region District School Board
Community Care Social Worker (Chinese Heritage Community)

For more information, please contact:

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This free session is brought to you in partnership with Hong Fook Mental Health Association and Community Care Team of York Region District School Board



School Screening



A reminder to parents/guardians to continue to screen your children prior to sending them to school. As always, if your child is not feeling well/sick, please keep them at home for the safety of the other students and staff.