



## The Phoenix: We Rise Together!

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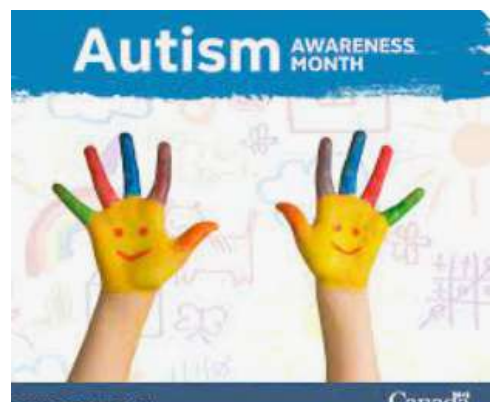
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Weekly Highlights:		Trending
Wk of Oct 2 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oct 1 - 5 - Mental Health Awareness Week</li> <li>Oct 2 - Custodian Appreciation Day</li> <li>Oct 3 - Meet the Teacher Night - 5:30 pm</li> <li>Oct 4 - I Walk month Launch</li> <li>Oct 4 - Big Box of Cards Fundraiser Launch</li> <li>Oct 5 - Teacher Appreciation Day</li> <li>Oct 5 - Walk to School Day</li> <li>Oct 6 - Gr. 7 Field Trip - Cedar Glen Outdoor Ed Centre</li> <li>Oct 6 - Last Day of Sukkot - Judaism</li> </ul>	<h3>Autism Awareness Month</h3>  <p>CANADA.CA/HEALTH Canada</p>
Wk of Oct 9 - 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oct 9 - Thanksgiving - No School</li> <li>Oct 10 - World Mental Health Day</li> <li>Oct 10 - Gr. 6 Cooking Program Begins</li> <li>Oct 11 - Vaccination Day - Gr. 7 &amp; 8's</li> <li>Oct 12 - IB Information Night for Gr. 7 and 8</li> <li>Oct 13 - Picture Day</li> </ul>	
Wk of Oct 16 - 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waste Reduction Week</li> <li>Cross Country Area Meet</li> <li>Oct 18 - Big Box of Cards Fundraiser Ends</li> <li>Oct 20 - PA Day - No School</li> <li>Oct 20 - At Home on My Own Certificate Program @Fossil Hill PS. Ages 10 +</li> </ul>	
Wk of Oct 23 - 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oct 23 - Kindness Assembly</li> <li>Oct 24 - Cross Country Regionals</li> <li>Oct 25 - Gr. 1 Farm Trip</li> <li>Oct 27 - Take me Outside Day</li> </ul>	
Wk of Oct 30 - Nov 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oct 31 - Falloween Dance</li> <li>Nov 1 - 7 - Holocaust Education Wk</li> <li>Nov 1 - All Saints Day - Christianity</li> <li>Nov 1-3 Sewing Program Gr. 4 - 8 Begins</li> </ul>	

## October Eco Theme

October Eco Theme: Lights Out This month we are challenged to "Rethink" our use of lighting in our schools and homes. Simply turning lights off when not in use is one very effective way to reduce energy consumption and help the environment. A significant savings in energy is achieved when lights are turned off in classrooms during the lunch period. An effective strategy is to assign someone the responsibility (e.g. an 'energy monitor') for turning lights off in classrooms during the recess and lunch periods. Also, if you know of a light that everyone forgets to turn off, make

a sticker or a sign to hang next to the switch that says "Lights Out!"





## In November

- Karate Kids starts sometime this month! Stay tuned.
- Financial Literacy Month
- Nov 1 - Take Our Kids to Highschool - Gr. 8 Day Trip
- Nov 1 - All Saints Day - Christianity
- Nov 1-3 - Sewing Program begins - Gr. 4 -8
- Nov 5 - Fall Back 1 Hr
- Nov 10 - Remembrance Day Service @ Fossil
- Nov 11 - Remembrance Day (official)
- Nov 12 - Diwali
- Nov 13 - 17 - Anti-Bullying Week
- Nov 16 - Interview/Student-Led Conference Night
- Nov 16 - 17 - Interview/Student-Led Conference Days
- Nov 17 - PA Day - No School for Students
- Nov 20 - Dec 8 - Jk Observations
- Nov 21 - Intermediate Girls Volleyball Regionals
- Nov 23 - Picture Retakes
- Nov 24 - Intermediate Boys Volleyball Regionals
- Nov 29 - Gr. 9 Open House at Tommy Douglas S.S. Evening event

## Fall Food Drive Student Leadership presents

### Fossil Hill Public School



**Gives Back!**



In October Fossil Hill students, staff and families are encouraged to show their gratitude and give back to those in need. All families are encouraged to bring in a non-perishable food item during our Meet the Teacher night on October 3, 2023.

Thank you in advance for your contribution!



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FOOD BANK**  
"Hungry takes no holidays"



**International Walk to School Month (IWALK)** is an annual celebration of active transportation that takes place around the world throughout the month of October. IWALK Month officially launches October 4, 2023. When walking to school, here are some important safety tips to remember

- Look all ways before you cross the street. Always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before crossing.
- Cross at intersections and crosswalks, when possible.
- Always make eye contact with drivers before you cross the street.
- Obey traffic signals and signs.
- Use a sidewalk if there is one.

For anyone who can't walk or cycle to school every day, we encourage you to try choosing an active mode of travel two or three times a week, or consider parking and walking a block to decrease the pollution and improve safety around your school. If you choose to drive, please be mindful of students who walk and cycle, drive slowly and be highly vigilant of your surroundings. **Benefits of Active School Travel** Improves student academic performance by making students more alert and better prepared to learn. Improves both physical and mental health. Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone in school zones and around our school community. Improves air quality. Encourages social interaction and improves social skills. Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future. It's fun! For more information about IWALK Month please visit: [Ontario Active School Travel IWALK Month](#)



**You are invited to Fossil Hill's  
Meet the Teacher Night  
Tuesday, October 3, 2023  
5:30 - 7:00 pm**



Please join us on Tuesday, October 3 at 5:30 p.m. for our 2023-2024 Meet the Teacher Night. You will have an opportunity to meet Fossil Hill staff, and enjoy food from our food and ice cream trucks.

Meet the Teacher Night is an opportunity for families to come into our school, meet the staff and teachers, and learn about our curriculum. Mingle and enjoy food from our food trucks at 5:00 pm. Doors to the school open and open house sessions begin at 5:30 pm and run through to 7:00 pm. It is an early chance to establish the important 3-way educational partnership between parent-student-teachers for student success. Our staff are excited to meet you, and are looking forward to a prosperous academic year!

**Islamic Heritage Month**

***Thank you to Sheila Malik, a member of our community who has graciously created our Islamic Heritage Month display in our front hallway.***





**Welcome to our Fossil Hill School Council**  
**2023-2024**

Many thanks to all our parents who came out to our first School Council meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2023.

**Our School Council Executive for the 2023-2024 School Year!**

<b>School Council – Fossil Hill Public School 2023-2024</b>	
<small>(alphabetical order by last name)</small>	
<b>Chairs</b>	Miranda Chan, Sylvia Denton, Nina Taylor
<b>Secretary</b>	Eva Brandt
<b>Treasurer</b>	Karthika Saravanan, Nitin Shekhar
<b>Members at Large</b>	Adrienne Crookshank, Joanne Huang, Sonali Joshi, Diane Minio, Arifur Rahman, Nicole Rout

**School Council Fundraising!**

**School Council is proud to present our Big Box of Cards Fundraiser which will launch on**  
**Wednesday, October 4th**



- Boxes and specific details will be shared and sent home on Wednesday, October 4th.
- Our campaign runs from Wednesday October 4th to Wednesday October 18th.
- Each family will be provided with a starter box of cards as well as an order form. Orders to be placed through Cashonline. The link through cashonline will be live on Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

<https://www.schoolcashonline.com/>

Many thanks to our School Council and to all our volunteers who have come forward to support this exciting initiative!



**Picture Day is October 13, 2023**



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**International Baccalaureate Information Night for Grade 7 and 8 families - Oct 12, 2023**

The International Baccalaureate (IB) aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end, the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment. These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right. Students in York Region have the opportunity to earn the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in addition to the Ontario Secondary School Diploma at the following schools: • **Alexander Mackenzie High School** • **Bayview Secondary School** • **Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School** • **Maple High School** • **Milliken Mills High School** To learn more about the IB programme, students who will be starting Grade 8 in September 2023 and their parents/guardians are invited to attend an International Baccalaureate Programme information session on Thursday, October 12 at one of the schools listed above.



*Re: Falloween celebrations are on Tuesday, October 31 at Fossil Hill P.S.*

*On Tuesday, October 31, we will celebrate Falloween at Fossil Hill P.S. We encourage students to wear fall colours, (brown, red, yellow, black and orange). For those who do not wish to wear fall colours, costumes are permitted on this day. Students who celebrate the tradition of Halloween as an occasion in costume at our school, must comply with the Safe School's policy. Costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are not in compliance with York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0. Bringing any of these items to school at any time during the year can result in suspension. Please note that this policy applies to all students JK-Grade 8.*

*Due to school safety restrictions, no inflatable costumes are allowed. These costumes (which include built-in fans) keep potential aerosols suspended in the air.*

*We would also like to remind students and families that are choosing to wear costumes to please be respectful of others when choosing costumes. If something is representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs, then it should not be worn as another person's costume. For example, only a native person should wear a costume that depicts a native. Halloween costumes worn at school should not include costume masks (students can and still wear their Covid masks). Make-up can be worn in place of masks as it encourages easy breathing and allows for unobstructed visibility. Please ensure costumes are of an appropriate length and do not become tripping hazards. Additionally, we ask that students not come in costumes that may be scary to other students (i.e., gory costumes)*

*This is an appropriate time to remind families of our adherence to the school policy of maintaining a nut-safe environment. Before, during or after Halloween, we ask that you refrain from sending with your child candy or snacks that are NOT peanut or nut free. We wish to keep our anaphylactic children safe.*

*If you do not wish your child to partake in such activities, please speak to your child's teacher for details of what will be done and we will arrange an alternate program.*

*Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to having a safe and enjoyable Falloween.*



### **Falloween Dance Tuesday October 31st 2023 & Food Drive ( September 29 to November 15 )**



*Dear Fossil Families,*

***The Student Leadership Council is excited to announce our second school dance on Tuesday October 31, 2023, in our Gym.***

***(There will be an alternative activity provided for students who require religious exemptions).***

*To support families who are experiencing financial difficulties and food scarcity, our Student Leadership Council and staff decided to run a Food Drive to give back to our Woodbridge and surrounding community.*

*Our students are building ethical leadership by taking on this initiative and asking for non-perishable food items instead of charging for entry to the dance. They have spent time learning about the needs in the community and have decided to collect work for the **SLC** food bank. While this is voluntary, families are requested to **send in non-perishable food items towards our school donation to the local food bank**. Students are to hand in their items to their homeroom teacher. The goal is to fill their class box to match the number of students in their class and have fun dancing for Falloween Dance. Some suggested food items (to reflect the diverse cultures of our community are chickpea/channa, spices, atta, flour, dhals, beans, rice, pasta, cereal, noodles, oats, etc. We would like to thank our community in advance for supporting the Student Council for this charitable event.*



The Student Leadership Council & Fossil Hill Staff

## Terry Fox School Run

**We raised \$3056! Way to go Fossil!**



## October 20th PA Day - No School For Students

There is no school for students on October 20, our upcoming PA day. As per PPM 151, Administrators are required to electronically share their PA Day plans with School Council Chair(s), a copy is posted in the main office, and we will share the plans with parents/guardians. The PA day plans are also posted on the Board's public website. The agenda will be shared with families in a subsequent email for your reference.

**FOR AGES 10+**

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WHAT SHOULD THEY DO: TO KEEP SAFE & OCCUPIED / HANDLE EMERGENCIES  
HANDLE REAL-LIFE SITUATIONS / STAY IN TOUCH WITH PARENT / FEEL SAFE & SECURE

**RETURN FORM & PAYMENT TO YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE BY: Oct 6, 2023**

**COST \$25.00 ea.** Cash or please make cheques payable to: Performance Development

LOCATION: **Fossil Hill P.S.**

DAY OF PROGRAM: **Oct. 20, 2023** TIME: **3:30pm - 5:00pm**

NAME OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_ EMERGENCY NO: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please note that Performance Development is an independent provider for the York Region School Board. Please note that the \$25.00 fee is for the course only. The fee does not include the cost of the course materials. The fee does not include the cost of the course materials. The fee does not include the cost of the course materials.



## Do you want your child/ren to learn to sew?

We are excited to be having Denise Wild's Sewing Studio coming to Fossil Hill PS on **November 1-3, 2023** to teach our **grade 4 - 8 students**, boys and girls how to sew. Students will learn to sew using a sewing machine. A free machine will be donated to the school if all our students participate in the learning. The **cost** for each student will be **\$16.50**. Students will also get the opportunity to finish their own customized project during the session. Please pay on Cash Online.



**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  
@ME DENISE WILD  
Denise Wild is a magazine editor, author, and sewing expert who appears regularly on CP24, CTV, The Morning Show, Your Morning, and Breakfast Television.

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

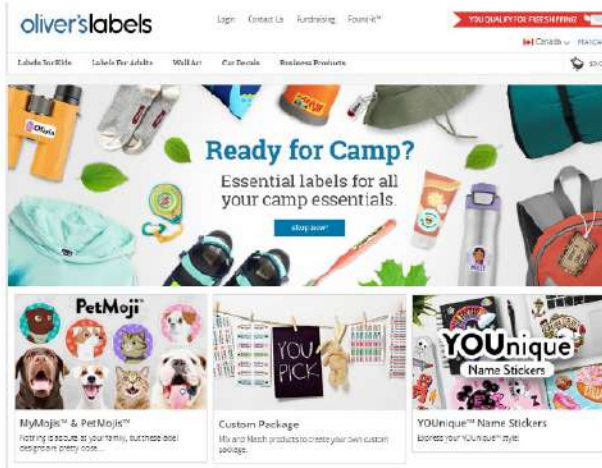
SewingStudioClasses.com | Info@denisewild.com | (888) 448-7706  
See program photos under the hashtag #sewingkidsXdenisewild on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

### 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>



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## 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.