



Friday, April 23rd, 2021

Good afternoon GMPS families!

We are so very happy to be able to reconnect with our students online. Please take some time to review the information and opportunities below.

REMINDERS DURING REMOTE LEARNING:

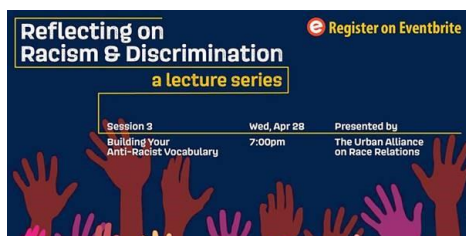
Teachers and students are working together to ensure a productive, safe online learning environment. Here are some tips and reminders of how students and families can help at home:

- Prepare a comfortable learning space with minimal distractions.
- Have all materials needed nearby (e.g. headphones, a water bottle, notebooks, paper, writing instruments and a charging cable etc...).
- Be on time for classes every day.
- Follow teacher directions for turning cameras and microphones on and off and for when and when not to use the Chat feature in the Meet.
- When engaging in synchronous learning, *patience is key and waiting is normal*. Using the chat or the hand wave feature are useful ways to show the teacher you have a question or comment.
- School and classroom codes of conduct remain in effect in the virtual learning environment. Respectful actions, words and behaviour are expected in all aspects of the virtual classroom, general chat and break-out rooms.
- Students are expected to stay in class and not leave the meeting; if you need to leave the class, please let your teacher know.
- Participation in synchronous sessions is limited to students only. Parents/Guardians may support their child logging into or accessing learning platforms and digital tools as needed.
- Parents/Guardians and students are **to refrain from:**
 - Recording any aspect of the synchronous learning ses
 - Distributing or posting any recorded, copied or distributed materials in any way

- Taking photos or screenshots unless when given permission or direction by the teacher to do (e.g. visuals used for instructional purposes that may not be available later)
- Editing or manipulating materials in any way
- Sharing or distributing links meet sessions provided by the teacher

Your support in this is greatly appreciated. Please reach out to your child’s teacher if you have questions or need support.

OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS FROM YRDSB AND THE COMMUNITY



REFLECTING ON RACISM & DISCRIMINATION:

Vaughan Public Libraries presents Reflecting on Racism & Discrimination: Building Your Anti-Racist Vocabulary on Wednesday April 28, 2021. This lecture is presented by The Urban Alliance on Race Relations.

About this Event

Unconscious bias, white privilege, micro aggression, allyship, BIPOC. What do these words really mean? Join us for a discussion on ingrained perceptions, awareness, impact, and ways to reduce biases and learn how to effectively engage in anti-racism.

Presented by the Urban Alliance on Race Relations. This program will be hosted on Zoom. The event is Free, and registration can be done via Eventbrite. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

YRDSB’S BUDGET CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

York Region District School Board is inviting all families to participate in the annual budget consultation process. Fill out the [online](#) 10 minute survey by **Thursday, April 29, 2021** or take part in a virtual consultation on **Monday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.** More information on how to join the virtual consultation is available on the [YRDSB website](#).

The results of the consultation will be used to inform the 2021-22 school year budget allocation. Questions regarding the budget process may be directed to Budget20212022@yrdsb.ca.



AEBS 2021 - SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BLACK STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM YRDSB HIGH SCHOOLS: Please see the attached flyer for application information.



WOMEN OFFERING WISDOM:

Please see attached an invitation for self-identifying Asian and Tamil female grade 7 to 12 students to attend the annual WOW Well-Being Conference.

MANY FACES OF MARKHAM CONTEST. Follow this link for more information. The contest is open to students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 who live in Markham.

COMING UP:

- **Friday April 30** – Holy Friday
- **Thursday May 13** – Eid-ul-Fitr
- **Monday May 24** – Victoria Day – no classes today
- **Wednesday May 26** - School Council
- **Monday, May 31st** - PA Day - no classes today

Please continue to check YRDSB's website site www.yrdsb.ca, Twitter <https://twitter.com/YRDSB> and Instagram yrdsb.schools for ongoing communication.

Wishing you a good weekend. Stay safe. Be well.

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