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Subject: Greetings, highlights and dates to remember

Hi German Mills Families!

We've had a wonderful week here at German Mills PS. I have enjoyed getting to know the students, your children, the staff and the community during my first few days here. I hope to continue to connect with each of you in the coming weeks.

In this communication, you will find highlights of our week, opportunities for families and students and upcoming dates to remember.

HELPFUL REMINDERS TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE AT GMPS

Please take a moment to consider the following:

- Since students are wearing masks outside for recess, please send an extra mask (or 2) to school in the event that your child(ren)'s mask gets wet when they go outside for recess;
- Please ensure that your child(ren) is prepared to be at school both indoors and outdoors with shoes, extra clothing (where necessary), winter clothing, lunch, and snack. Due to regulations, we are not permitted to allow visitors into GMPS during the school day. This means that parents/guardians are not permitted to bring items to GMPS once the day has begun.

Kindergarten Registration:

Kindergarten Registration for September 2021 continues. There are several ways you can register for Kindergarten:

- **Online** - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.
- **By email** - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address: german.mill.ps@yrdsb.ca
- **By phone** - Families can request support from the school Principal/Vice-Principal to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation.
- **By mail or appointment**. You can mail completed applications to the school, or request an appointment to drop-off your completed paper application form. Families are asked to follow all school COVID-19 protocols while on site. All permitted visitors must wear a mask.

Please note, at this time, under our [health and safety protocols](#), we cannot accept walk-in registrations.

Once you have completed your application, the school will contact you to make an appointment to review and verify the [required documents](#).

We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school.

Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy Launch Event:

The York Region District School Board is committed to championing equity and inclusivity. In response to continued evidence of anti-Black racism in Canadian institutions, including in education, the Board has co-developed an [anti-Black racism strategy](#).

The Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy: Creating anti-racist and Black-affirming learning and working environments was co-developed by York Region Black community leaders, YRDSB staff and in consultation with students. The launch of the strategy marks a coordinated effort to address anti-Black racism at the Board.

On March 8, 2021 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. students, staff and families are invited to the virtual [Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy launch event](#) featuring guest presenter [Robyn Maynard](#).

The program will examine anti-Black racism in educational institutions and unveil the Board's strategy. The strategy is designed to dismantle anti-Black racism in all its forms in our schools and workplaces.

The systemic nature of anti-Black racism requires that school boards act proactively to support equitable access to quality education and opportunities for all students, and to challenge the marginalization of Black students, staff and families.

Please visit www.yrdsb.ca for more details and [to register](#) for the event.

☆ Jewish Heritage Month Initiative For Kindergarten To Grade 3 ☆ Pj Library Goes To School

PJ Library Goes to School is a new initiative by the YRDSB, in partnership with PJ Library, a joint program by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. PJ Library Goes to School provides opportunities for Jewish parents and guardians to share affirmative Jewish stories with students of all identities in Kindergarten to Grade 3 via virtual meet platforms such as Google Meet or Zoom during Jewish Heritage Month 2021.

When?: Virtual readings will take place during the month of May, recognized as Jewish Heritage Month by the Government of Canada. Participating parents/guardians will receive a PJ Library picture book by mail through their student's school for the purpose of providing a virtual reading to their child's class. Participating parents/guardians should arrange a time for the virtual reading with their child's school teacher.

HOW TO SIGN UP: Interested Jewish parents/guardians are to complete an [online registration form](#).

DEADLINE: March 11, 2021.

ELIGIBILITY: This program is designed to give opportunities for Jewish parents/guardians to share their heritage with students of all identities in Kindergarten to Grade 3 with the support of their child's teacher and school principal via virtual meet platforms such as Google Classroom or Zoom.

Parent/guardian must meet eligibility criteria to lead a book reading on Jewish heritage or identity:

- Identifies as a Jewish parent/guardian of a child at a YRDSB school in Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2 or Grade 3.
- Parent/Guardian has communicated to their child’s teacher that they would like to participate in this program and has the teacher’s support. The school teacher will communicate to the school principal that the parent/guardian would like to participate in this program.
- The parent/guardian feels comfortable providing a book reading in English.
- The parent/guardian is able to make themselves available during school hours to provide a virtual book reading to their child’s class.

For more information, please contact YRDSB Community Partnership Developer (CPD): Jewish Community, Leonora Buskin, leonora.buskin@yrdsb.ca.

COMING UP:

- March 15th to 19th - GMPS Spirit Week



- March 24th- School Council - 8:00 p.m.
- REMINDER - March Break postponed to April 12th - 16th

Please continue to check YRDSB’s websites site www.yrdsb.ca, Twitter <https://twitter.com/YRDSB> and Instagram yrdsb.schools for ongoing communication. Our school EDSBY site will continue to post community updates and opportunities.

Wishing you a good weekend,

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