



The Holland Landing Highlights

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From the Office



Have a safe and enjoyable spring break! Please continue to follow the Public Health measures in place to keep our community safe.

Budget Consultation Process for Families and Community Members

Between April 7 and April 29, York Region District School is inviting families and community members to participate in its annual budget consultation process. The Board values public input and encourages public participation in virtual [consultation sessions](#) and an online survey. These consultation sessions provide the Board with valuable information about how the community would like to see the school board budget allocated to better support student achievement and well-being. The results will be used to inform the 2021-22 school year budget allocation.

The dates and times of the virtual consultations are:

- **Monday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**
 - Please register for this Public Budget Consultation Session at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3227105524126939660> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.
 - Public, listen only, telephone access to the webinar is via **647-497-9389** and Access Code **149-846-166**.

YRDSB has created a survey to gather community feedback into the process. The survey will be available for completion on the Board [website](#) April 7 - April 29, 2021.

Letter to Parents From Ministry of Education

Dear parent/guardian,

Thank you for continuing to follow the public health and safety measures that have kept schools open and safe for students and staff. It is our collective effort that continues to ensure your children can learn in the classroom.

As per recent announcements, the province has implemented a province-wide shutdown for four weeks in response to worsening trends in key health indicators across the province.

The mental health and well-being of children continues to be a key government priority and schools will remain open for in-person learning through the Provincial Emergency and Stay at Home Order. The spring break will continue as planned, from April 12th to 16th, and schools will reopen for in-person learning on April 19th.

In light of the recently announced measures, it is more important than ever that we continue to follow health advice over the Spring Break to do our part to keep schools open, for in-person student learning.

At this critical point in the pandemic, the following [public health measures](#) are crucial to help prevent and limit the spread of COVID-19:

- Socialize with your own household.
- Stay home and get tested if you feel ill.
- Participate in the targeted testing offered by your school board.
- Screen every day, including during spring break, for COVID-19 symptoms before attending child care (the [COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Tool](#) is available to assist families with symptom screening).
- Practice good hand hygiene habits, masking, and physical distancing.
- Refer to [Ontario.ca/covidresponse](#) to learn what public health measures are in place in our community.
- Refrain from travelling.

During the spring break, students in Grades 1-8 can continue to engage in their own learning through supplemental, curriculum-linked activities available at [TVO Learn](#) and TFO [IDÉLLO, apprendre à la maison](#). These rich, engaging opportunities allow students to keep up with their learning and interests. Secondary students can continue to access [TVO's Independent Learning Centre \(ILC\) Open House](#) and [Portes ouvertes pour les cours TVO ILC in French-language. Mathify](#) (English) and [Eureka!](#) (French) are also available to provide one-on-one online tutoring services for elementary and secondary students. [Mathify](#) covers online math tutoring in English for Grades 6 to 10 and [Eureka!](#) supports all subjects for French-language students in Grades 1 to 12.

For the week of April 12-18, pharmacies that currently offer testing and assessment centres across the province will accept appointments from students and education staff for asymptomatic testing. The Ministry of Education will be working with school boards to offer school based clinics. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of this testing capacity to have their children tested to support a safe return to school on April 19. Children attending child care, and child care staff, will also be eligible to access this testing.

As a reminder, before coming back to school on April 19th, you must screen for COVID-19 symptoms. If your child or anyone in your household is ill, stay home and follow the guidance in the school screener.

By following public health advice, we can all enjoy a safe spring break and continue to support in-person learning in our school.

Have a safe, fun and restful break.

April 14, 2021 is the International Day of Pink

Due to the revised Spring Break, this year the YRDSB will be acknowledging the International Day of Pink on **April 21, 2021**.

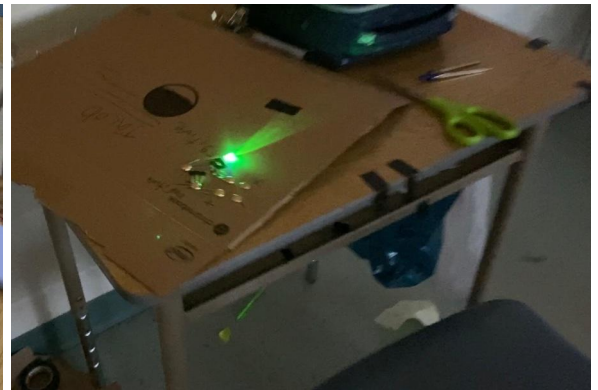
The International Day of Pink is a day when communities across Canada and across the world unite to celebrate diversity and raise awareness about the need to stop homophobia, transphobia, discrimination and all forms of bullying. On this annual day in April, individuals wear pink to show respect for diversity and to demonstrate support for learning and working environments which are safe and inclusive of people from all different backgrounds.

International Day of Pink is intended to create a more inclusive and diverse world. The Day of Pink originated in Eastern Canada, after a few young students decided to stand up against homophobia, bullying and toxic masculinity.

All students and staff must learn and work in environments that are free from discrimination and harassment. Small acts of activism and solidarity can have a big impact on our culture and society. **Wear pink on April 21 to celebrate the International Day of Pink.**

Highlights from the Week

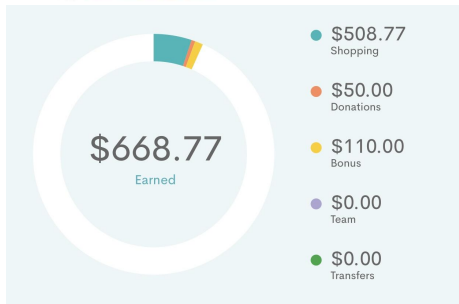
Grade 6s spent the morning exploring electricity by building circuits using paper clips, brass fasteners, LED lights, a 3V battery and electrical tape. Each student was able to construct a working circuit that could light up the LED light and some were even able to light more than one. Switches were even devised to turn on and off the flow of electricity to the bulb and to help the battery last longer. We learned about positive and negative charges, conductors, insulators and had fun taking risks and were resilient when faced with challenges. Students started building their own bedside night lights for home.



School Council

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- Download the FlipGive App or visit www.flipgive.com/join to sign up
- When asked to "join existing team", enter our unique team code:
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- Have fun shopping!

Reach Out!

If you have a question for our School Council, or any items you would like to be brought to our attention, please email our Chair - Zalema Mavor holland.landing.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

Looking Ahead

April...	12-16 - April Break (no school) 21 - Grad Photos 21 - Day of Pink
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