



THE GIBSON GAZETTE

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Thank you to our Grade 8 students for their hard work in creating our **Canadian History Timeline** that is now proudly on display in the primary hallway for everyone to read and learn about Canada's diverse history.



April is Autism Acceptance Month - This year on April 3, 2023, the York Region District School Board (YRDSB) is officially launching a month-long World Autism Acceptance campaign alongside our community partners from Autism Ontario, a member of our Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). The purpose of Autism Ontario's Celebrate the Spectrum campaign is to bring attention to the triumphs, contributions and experiences of people from the Autistic community. By fostering acceptance, we can build stronger and more inclusive communities and learning environments for students with Autism.

We have some extra 2022-23 **School Agendas** for Primary, Junior and Intermediate divisions for sale for \$1 each. If you are interested, students can get their copy from the office.

We are in the process of planning for next year and looking at creating a school organization for the **2023-2024** school year. As most of you are aware, the Ontario Ministry of Education implemented a hard cap of students in each primary classroom. Although limiting class sizes is certainly a positive move, it does introduce a number of challenges. Flexibility is limited and consequently combined classes are continuing to be a part of our school organizations.

I recognize that parents/guardians may have new and/or important information to share about their child (e.g., a recent medical diagnosis, positive/negative peer relationships which exist outside of school, learning style, individual and family issues, etc.) which may impact class

placement decisions. If you wish to express, **IN WRITING** via email to claudia.fischer@yrdsb.ca, any information that should be considered as we begin to tentatively place students in classes, I ask that you do so **before May 17th**. **These requests are to focus on your child and their needs only**. Please be aware that any information you provide will not be shared and will be kept in confidence as part of the class placement process.

Our primary goal is to develop balanced classes that reflect the diversity of our community and allow for a variety of abilities, interests and talents. Teachers work diligently to balance the classrooms in terms of student needs, academic ability and social and emotional concerns. Class placement is an important and complex process that takes many hours of thought and discussion, so it is imperative that families adhere to the May 17th request deadline.

Please note that your written submissions are **NOT** considered confirmation of your request. Because of changing enrolment patterns during the spring and summer months, final class placement will be shared with students and families just prior to the first day of school.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
MARCH is Bangladeshi Heritage Month, Greek Heritage Month and Nutrition Month	
Mar. 27	Super Smoothie Day
Mar. 31	Wear your Favourite Colour Spirit Day
Apr. 3	Dental Screening – Gr. JK, SK, 2, 8 and possibly 4, 7
Apr. 5	Spring Photos and Team/Club photos
Apr. 6	Passover Significant Faith Day
Apr. 7 and 10	Good Friday and Easter Monday HOLIDAY – no school



Watermain Construction Resumes – March 27

The construction for the watermain replacement, road rehabilitation and stormwater drainage improvements in the Old Maple community within the vicinity of Joseph A. Gibson Public School will be resuming next week and all remaining construction work is expected to be completed this Fall.

Please be advised that on **Monday March 27th**, the Contractor will commence with the watermain construction on Gram Street beginning at the intersection of Goodman Crescent and work will proceed each day in a northerly direction toward Major Mackenzie Drive.

On behalf of the City of Vaughan, and in the interest of safety and to avoid traffic delays, families are asked to **avoid using Gram Street and the walkway access to the school at the intersection of Naylor Street to pick up or drop off their children** while this watermain construction is taking place over the next 2 or 3 weeks.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

2023-24 School Year Calendar

The proposed YRDSB 2023-2024 school year calendars have been sent to the Ministry for review and approval. These calendars may be accessed on the YRDSB website at: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar> **Please note:** Calendars are not official until they receive formal Ministry approval which is expected in late May 2023.

EQAO - Webinar for Parents/Guardians

Register for this free live webinar and learn about EQAO assessment results and Ontario's large-scale assessment program at the elementary-school level. EQAO will review highlights from the 2021–2022 assessment results. The session will also highlight how the primary-division (Grade 3) and junior-division (Grade 6) assessments have been modernized. The presentation will be approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by a live Q & A session with EQAO staff. **Registration:** www.eventbrite.ca/e/451955981507

Every Child Counts Survey Options

This information is also available in the following languages: [Arabic](#), [Chinese Simplified](#), [Chinese Traditional](#), [Farsi](#), [Gujarati](#), [Hebrew](#), [Korean](#), [Punjabi](#), [Russian](#), [Tamil](#), [Turkish](#), [Urdu](#) and [Vietnamese](#).

York Region District School Board will be engaging students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 in the [Every Student Counts Survey](#). [CCI Research](#) has been contracted to support YRDSB in the administration of the survey. The online survey will occur from **April 24, 2023 to - May 10, 2023** and will be available in multiple languages.

The Board provided an opportunity for internal and external partners to provide their feedback on the draft surveys. This feedback was used to inform the development of the final surveys. We thank everyone who took the time to provide us with their feedback. Final versions of the survey are available on the [Board website](#).

Information for Families of Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 will complete the survey at home with their parent(s), guardian(s) or caregiver(s). Families of students in Grades K-3 who do not wish for their child to fill out the survey can disregard the paper invitation, which will be considered an opt out.

Families of students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 who require an accommodation (e.g., paper survey in enlarged print, translated paper copies) to complete the survey need to contact CCI Research between February 27, 2023 and March 10, 2023 by phone at 1-866-450-4907, to make a request.

Information for Families of Students in Grade 4 to Grade 12

Students in Grade 4 to Grade 12 will receive a paper invitation to complete the survey from their teacher, and will be provided with in-class time to complete the survey. Parents or guardians of students in Grade 4 to Grade 12 who do not wish for their child to receive the survey will have the opportunity to opt out between February 27, 2023 and March 10, 2023. Families can opt out by completing this [form](#), or by contacting CCI Research by phone at 1-866-450-4907.

Big Box of Cards FUNDRAISER – Apr. 3 - 24



To support the purchase of some outdoor benches for our students, School Council will be running our Big Box of Cards fundraiser this Spring to raise funds for this educational endeavor.

The fundraiser will take place from **April 3rd to April 24th**. As separate letter will be sent home to all families later this week. Thanks in advance for your support.

School Council News

2022-23 School Council Chairs:

Pina Olsson and Lisa Papa



NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, April 17, 2023

7:00 pm in the library

We welcome all parents and guardians to attend any or all meetings.

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