



THE GIBSON GAZETTE

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Eco-Gators leading our school yard clean up in support of Earth Day

Since the beginning of the school year, students have been involved in many extra-curricular activities run voluntarily by our amazing Gibson staff during recesses and lunch. Students have also had the opportunity to participate in other activities such as Intermediate Band, Yearbook Photographers and Spirit Council; and recently our EcoGators and Lunch Monitors have been planning Litterless Lunches, Earth Day school yard clean up and educating students on the proper use of the trash, recycling and composting bins.

In the coming weeks, Joseph A. Gibson is also starting a Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)! GSAs are student led groups that create spaces for students of all gender and sexualities to talk about support for 2SLGBTQI+ students. The York Region District School Board has a goal of having GSAs in all schools and we are excited to start our own club. Participation from students is voluntary and open to any student that is interested in grades 5-8. A school social worker, Missy Mae-Ng, MSW, RSW, will be attending the first couple of sessions to provide education about the importance of GSAs and their impact on student wellbeing as well as common ways that GSAs run.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
APRIL is Autism Acceptance Month and Sikh Heritage Month	
Apr. 24	Big Box of Cards ORDER FORMS due
Apr. 24- May 12	Every Child Counts Surveys to be completed
Apr. 26	Jr. Girls AREA Basketball Tournament
May 1	Gr. 5 Scientists in the School - AM

MONDAY, JUNE 26th

SAVE THE DATE! – Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony & Evening Celebration and Dinner

Spring Has Arrived!



Spring has arrived and with it comes the need to send a change of clothes for your child. Please ensure your child has a change of clothes at school in the event that they get wet in puddles or mud.

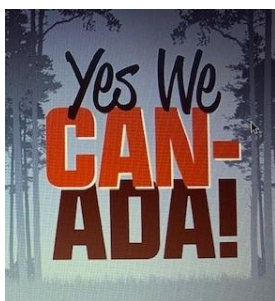
And as always, with the weather changing on a daily basis, please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather as all students are expected to go outside during recesses.

Every Child Counts Survey

The Every Child Counts Surveys have arrived at the school and families of students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 will receive a student specific letter that will guide them on completing the survey at home. 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.

Students in Grade 4 to Grade 8 will receive a paper invitation to complete the survey from their teacher, and will be provided with in-class time to complete the survey.

FINAL REMINDER - Yearbook 2022-23



The last day to order your copy of the J. A. Gibson 2022-23 Yearbook is **May 8th**. If you are interested in a copy, they can be ordered online at ybpay.ca using **Yearbook ID Code 13489723**.

Paper order forms are also available in the Parent Information Section in front of the office.

Summer Learning 2023 – Registration Now OPEN

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? **Summer Institute** offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for five weeks during July and August and is offered at 10 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](#) webpage on www.yrdsb.ca. Registration opened on March 29, 2023. Families can register online.

In addition, other Summer Learning Programs are available for York Region Students. See the [attached flyer](#) for more detailed information.

2023-24 School Organization REMINDER

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.

Big Box of Cards FUNDRAISER – Apr. 3 - 24



April 24th is the last day for our School Council Big Box of Cards Fundraiser. Please ensure you send any orders or boxes to school by this date. Thank you to **Ms. Leggieri** for all her help in collecting the returned boxes and money and a huge THANK YOU to all our families who have supported this campaign!

SAVE THE DATE – Spring Fair – June 22

for Gibson's Annual
Spring Fair and BBQ
on
June 22, 2023
6-8 pm

Our School Council and Spring Fair Committee, in partnership with Upper Canada Childcare, are working hard at putting together a wonderful evening of parent engagement and celebration of our school community. More detailed information will follow in the coming weeks.

School Council News

2022-23 School Council Chairs:

Pina Olsson and Lisa Papa



NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, May 15, 2023

7:00 pm in the library

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

Claudia Fischer

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SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS - 2023

Elementary Non-Credit Programs

<u>Summer Institute</u>		(F2F)
Description	<p>The Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to grade eight.</p> <p>The program is offered at the following locations: Crosby Heights PS, Glen Cedar PS, Ellen Fairclough PS, Fairwood PS, Oscar Peterson PS, Sixteenth Avenue PS, Sutton HS (three weeks), Teston Village PS, Wilclay PS, Woodbridge PS</p>	
Eligible students	Students in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8	
Program Dates	Monday, July 10 to Friday, August 11 (5 weeks) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	

<u>Elementary Summer School</u>		(F2F & Remote)
Description	<p>Literacy and Numeracy Reinforcement Program for students. Please note: this is not an acceleration program. A remote learning model will be available and the program will be offered in-person at the following locations: Bur Oak SS, Emily Carr SS, Sir William Mulock SS, Richmond Hill HS, Unionville HS, Sutton District HS.</p>	
Eligible students	Students in Grades 6,7 or 8 with Principal recommendation	
Program Dates	Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 28 (3 weeks) from 8:45 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.	
Registration Dates	YRDSB students register through MyPathwayPlanner from April 11 to June 9.	

Summer Exploration and Learning Programs

Program for Students with Developmental Disabilities (PSDD)		(F2F)
Description	<p>The program content will be based on the student's Individual Education Plan. The PSDD is an extension of the student's regular day school program and is designed for students currently enrolled in a developmental disability classroom. Offered at the following locations Bur Oak SS, Emily Carr SS, Sir William Mulock SS, Richmond Hill HS, Unionville HS, Sutton District HS</p> <p>This program is for YRDSB students only.</p>	
Eligible students	Students aged 8-20 years old	
Program Dates	Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 28 (3 weeks) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.	
Registration Dates	<p>Registration opens on Monday April 24 at 9:00 a.m. and closes on Friday May 5.</p> <p>Applications will be processed on a first-come first-served basis by location. Capacity will be limited by available staff and Ministry funding</p> <p>Registration Link</p>	
Parent Letter	Program for Students with Developmental Disabilities Parent Letter	

Program for Students with Multiple Exceptionalities (PSME)		(F2F)
Description	<p>The program content will be based on the student's Individual Education Plan. The PSME is an extension of the student's regular day school program and is designed for students currently enrolled in a multiple exceptionalities program. Offered at the following locations Bur Oak SS, Emily Carr SS, Sir William Mulock SS, Richmond Hill HS, Unionville HS, Sutton District HS</p> <p>This program is for YRDSB students only.</p>	
Eligible students	Students aged 8-20 years old	
Program Dates	Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 28 (3 weeks) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.	
Registration Dates	<p>Registration opens on Monday April 24 at 9:00 a.m. and closes on Friday May 5.</p> <p>Applications will be processed on a first-come first-serve basis by location. Capacity will be limited by available staff and Ministry funding</p> <p>Registration Link</p>	
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Grade Eight Reach Credit Ahead Programs

<u>Reach Ahead Credit - GLD2O - Discovering the Workplace</u>		(F2F)
Description	This program is a secondary school credit course that provides literacy and numeracy instruction as well as opportunities to discover and develop workplace essential skills and work habits required to be successfully employed. Offered in a face-to-face learning model.	
Eligible students	Grade 8 students entering Grade 9 in September 2023	
Program Dates	Wednesday, July 5 to Friday, July 28 (18 days) from 8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m.	
Registration Dates	YRDSB students register through MyPathwayPlanner from April 11 to June 9	

<u>Reach Ahead Credit - International Languages</u>		(Remote)
Description	Students can earn a secondary school credit as a Group One – compulsory or as an elective credit towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma in Farsi, Simplified Mandarin or Spanish. These courses will be offered using an online remote learning model (synchronous).	
Eligible students	Grade 8 students entering Grade 9 in September 2023	
Program Dates	Wednesday, July 5 to Friday, July 28 (18 days) from 8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m.	
Registration Dates	YRDSB students register through MyPathwayPlanner from April 11 to June 9.	

<u>The Come Up Program</u>		(F2F)
Description	<p><u>Program Flyer</u> The Come Up summer program is offered to YRDSB self-identifying Black students. Students entering grade 9 will earn the grade 10 Civics/Careers. Offered at Milliken Mills H.S. and Tommy Douglas S.S.</p> <p>This program is for YRDSB students only.</p>	
Eligible students	Self-identifying Black students entering Grade 9 in September 2023	
Program Dates	Wednesday, July 5 to Friday, July 28 (18 days) from 8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m.	
Registration	<u>Complete registration form</u> and Register through MyPathwayPlanner	