

Northern Highlights



Community Update

Week of March 24th, 2025

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday March 24 Day 3	Recognition Assembly (9:15 am)	April 10 - Family Bingo Night (Early Session 5-6 pm, Late Session 7-8 pm) April 18 - Good Friday (no school) April 21 - Easter Monday (no school) April 28 - Recognition Assembly
Tuesday March 25 Day 4		
Wednesday March 26 Day 5		
Thursday March 27 Day 1		
Friday March 28 Day 2		

INFORMATION & UPDATES

BOOSTER JUICE: Booster Juice is back! Please help support our Grade 8 students by purchasing **Booster Juice**. A portion of each sale goes directly toward funding their year-end activities.

There are three sizes to choose from: Small 240 mL (8 oz.) – \$6, Medium 355 mL (12 oz.) - \$8, and Large 710 mL (24 oz.) – \$10

There are five flavours to choose from:

1. Strawberry Sunshine (140/210/410 Cal) – Strawberries, bananas, passion fruit, guava, and probiotic yogurt
2. Mango Hurricane (120/180/360 Cal) – Mangoes, strawberries, passion fruit, guava and probiotic yogurt
3. Pirates Nectar (140/210/410 Cal) – Mangoes, pineapples, pomegranate, and probiotic yogurt
4. Tropical Tornado (150/220/440 Cal) – Mangoes, bananas, strawberries, passion fruit, guava, and probiotic yogurt
5. Very Berry (130/200/390 Cal) – Blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, cranberries, and probiotic yogurt

Drinks will be delivered at the beginning of lunch on Monday, April 7, Monday, April 14, Monday, April 28, and Monday, May 5. Orders are open on School Cash Online from **Monday, March 24** until **Wednesday, April 2**. Don't miss out!

FARSI WORKSHOP: EMOTIONS IN CHECK: ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Family Services York Region (FSYR) is hosting a free workshop in Farsi for parents/guardians on April 3 at Highview PS. The flyer is available in both English and Farsi. This event is designed to help parents learn about the education system and practical strategies in regards to emotion regulation and enhance communication skills with their children. Please [click here](#) for more information.

VICTIMS OF CRIME WEEK: Parents, caregivers, guardians, community members and youth 11+ are welcome to attend the 3rd Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Conference in York Region. Join us at Seneca Polytechnic College King Campus on May 13 and 14, 2025 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. for an evening of learning, networking, and collaboration in the fight against human trafficking. [Registration for the 3rd Annual York Region Anti-Human Trafficking Conference](#). Our conference brings together experts, advocates, and community members to raise awareness and education. Through engaging workshops, inspirational talks and community booths, we gain valuable knowledge and tools to protect and empower our community. Free refreshments and a light dinner will be provided.

IRANIAN/AFGAN EDUCATOR ALLIANCE PERSIAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION: The Iranian/Afghan Educator Alliance (IAEA) is hosting a meaningful Persian Heritage Month celebration to honour the rich cultural and historical contributions of the Persian community to our society. Together, we'll explore Persian heritage, enjoy cultural performances, and deepen our understanding of the diverse world around us. This event will focus on fostering equity, inclusion, and community engagement and is open to all YRDSB students, families and staff. Please join us on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning, 36 Regatta Ave, Richmond Hill, L4E 4R1. Please [register](#) by Friday, April 4, 2025, as space is limited. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

GET INVOLVED VOLUNTEER IN EDUCATION G.I.V.E. 2025 SPRING SESSION: Parents, guardians and caregivers empower yourself to support your school community and enrich your child's learning experience!

Join this 5-morning workshop series and discover how you can make a difference in your child's education by volunteering in schools. The spring session is April 7-11, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Sharon Public School Library. Please [click here](#) for more information.

CAMP BLACK BRILLIANCE SUMMER PROGRAM: Registration is open for The Centre for Black Student Excellence - Camp Black Brilliance Summer Program.

Camp Black Brilliance will offer families the opportunity to get to know the Kindergarten program and have their children experience their introduction to schooling in a way that is culturally responsive and affirming of their identity, through experiential learning.

Who: Children of Black Families who are in Junior and Senior Kindergarten entering school in September 2025.

When: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., July 7 - July 25, 2025

Location: Choose One of the following locations (subject to change based on registration). Transportation is not included.

- Armadale Public School
- Crosby Heights Public School
- Discovery Public School
- Maple Leaf Public School

Register today! Deadline is June 1, 2025. [Click here](#) for registration information.

INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

FAMILIES PLANNING TO MOVE OR STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER: As we begin our planning for the 2025-2026 school year, we kindly ask you to inform the school office if your family has plans to move over the summer, or if your children will not be returning in September for any reason. This information helps us to ensure a smooth transition for all students and to make necessary staffing arrangements for the upcoming academic year. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps us in planning effectively for the new school year. Thank you for your support.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Is your child turning 4 or 5 in 2025? Mark your calendars. Kindergarten registration opens on January 17.

How to Register:

- **Online** - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten. It is recommended that families use a laptop, or desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete the registration. Current families can also find the program registration link in the [Family Dashboard](#).
- **By email** - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to northern.lights.ps@yrdsb.ca
- **By phone** - Families can request support 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.
- **In-person at the school** - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete the registration form.

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