



## OAK RIDGES PS

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that it is the month of October and that the first month of school has already ended. We definitely experienced hot temperatures last month and welcome the more seasonable temperatures that we are currently experiencing. Our staff and students have settled into their routines and continue to establish a sound understanding of the learning expectations at Oak Ridges Public School.

Our staff is dedicated to meeting the needs of every student and a strong relationship between the school and home is a proven benefit for student achievement and well-being. Over the course of the year, we encourage you to feel free to speak to your child's teacher to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have.

The Oak Ridges community has come together to support a number of important initiatives so far this year. On September 26<sup>th</sup>, we participated in the Terry Fox School Run. Teachers used this event as an opportunity to talk about important character traits such as courage and perseverance. On September 30, our school recognized Orange Shirt Day, a day where schools in the Y.R.D.S.B. and communities across Canada come together in a spirit of reconciliation and hope, acknowledging that every child matters. We have also begun our Coat Drive, collecting new and gently used coats for distribution to those in our community in need. We are grateful for the continued support of our community as we once again demonstrate the importance of caring for others. Thank you for making a difference!

Our first School Council meeting occurred on September 16 and we have elected our executive members for the 2019-20 school year. Please join us in welcoming Kathleen Griffin and Gina Pappas as Co-Chairs, Penny Ortega as our Secretary, and Julie Horne as Treasurer. We welcome all of our community members to attend School Council meetings and participate in the various initiatives that Council organizes. Our next meeting is November 4, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Library.

Although our Meet the Teacher evening was cancelled due to labour disruptions, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher at any time. We value your partnership and we deeply regret that our event was cancelled by the Board. We thank you for your patience and understanding. The Elementary Progress Report Card will be sent home on November 13. Formal interviews with your child's teacher will take place on the evening of November 14 and during the day on November 15. Information with regard to booking an appointment will be forwarded in the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to a great month ahead!

Trish Dynes  
Principal

Nadia MacKinnon  
Vice Principal

**OCTOBER 2019**

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### Daily Timetable

8:27	ENTRY BELL
8:30 - 9:30	Period 1
9:30 - 10:10	Period 2
10:10 - 10:40	RECESS
10:40 - 11:40	Period 3
11:40 - 12:20	Period 4
12:20 - 1:20	LUNCH
1:20 - 2:20	Period 5
2:20 - 3:00	Period 6
3:00	Dismissal

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## **Inserts**

The following inserts are in the October newsletter:

- October calendar
- School Council News
- Richmond Hill Public Library Colouring Contest

## **Reminder of PA day on Monday, October 21st**

## **Important Office Note**

Please refrain from calling or coming to the office after 2:30 pm to arrange last minute pick up plans. The office staff cannot always safely relay the information to the teacher/student by the 3:00 pm dismissal time.

Thank you for your co-operation in planning ahead.

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## **Administration of Medication to Students Board Procedure #662.1**

Medication must be supplied in the original, clearly labeled container from a registered dispensary.

It must include:

- the student's name;
- date of issue;
- name of the medication;
- the name of the registered dispensary;
- the prescribed dosage and frequency;
- period of use; and
- the name of the prescribing licensed physician or nurse practitioner.

This is a new procedure from previous years. Going forward please adhere to the information above.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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# YRDSB Student Suicide Intervention Protocol

York Region District School Board is committed to student well-being and mental health. YRDSB has developed a Student Suicide Intervention Protocol to help keep students safe in the event of suicidal thoughts or actions. The Student Suicide Intervention Protocol will be implemented starting fall 2019. Youth suicide is a complex, emotionally-charged and sadly real problem in Canada. It is the second leading cause of death amongst young people. It's important to recognize that those who struggle with mental health have personal strength and resilience and the potential to overcome difficulties to ultimately thrive.

The YRDSB Student Suicide Intervention Protocol is designed to address the six steps involved when responding to current and present thoughts of suicide, as well as actions related to suicide. In addition, the Protocol is governed by a set of guiding principles which are underpinned by a culturally responsive and reflective practice.

Suicide is not culturally neutral. Our cultural and ethnic backgrounds will inform how each of us understands suicide. To see all the guiding principles, refer to the print version of the [YRDSB-Student Suicide Intervention Protocol](#) on the on the board website.

Given the urgent need to help keep students safe from suicide, each school has access to Board staff trained in suicide intervention. In the urgent situation of suicide intervention, staff trained in suicide intervention do not require parental / guardian consent to intervene. However, we do make every effort to contact parents/ guardians to apprise you of your child's situation and the assistance provided. Parents/guardians are an integral part of keeping their children safe. In the event that the intervention protocol is used, a record of the intervention will be shared with you and a copy will be created and stored in a private and confidential on-line records management system. In accordance with privacy and health records legislation, a copy will be retained until the student turns 31 years of age. As per the protocol parental/guardian (student if 18 or over) consent will be sought to share the intervention plan with those members identified in the record. If you have any questions about the Student Suicide Intervention Protocol please contact your school principal.

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

***Re: Halloween celebrations at Oak Ridges Public School***

Each year, our students celebrate the long-standing tradition of Halloween.

Students celebrating this occasion in costume at our school must comply with the Safe School's policy. Costume accessories including, but not limited to, toy guns, knives, axes, swords, etc. are not in compliance with York Region District School Board's Safe Schools Policy #668.0.

Face masks are not advised as they restrict the student's vision.

Please note that this policy applies to all students at all levels, including Kindergarten.

Thank you for your understanding.

We look forward to having a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

Sincerely,  
Trish Dynes  
Principal

Nadia MacKinnon  
Vice-Principal



**Please do not send Halloween treats to school for lunches or snacks that contain peanut or nut products. Check the packaging for wording that indicates peanut/nut free.**

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## Days to Remember -October-

### School Council Meetings 6:45 - 8:15 pm.

- November 4
- December 2
- January 7
- February 3
- March 2
- April 6
- May 4
- June 8

- 1 - Rosh Hashanah
- 2 - Bus safety
- 3 - Richmond Hill Theatre trip-Gr 1 and 2's
- 7 - Picture Day
- 7 - School Council meeting 6:45 pm
- 7 - VIP for Gr 7's
- 8 - Scientist in School for Kang/Kumar
- 9 - Yom Kippur
- 14 - Thanksgiving
- 15 - Area Cross Country
- 16 - Mathletes
- 17 - Mathletes Family Night
- 21 - PA Day (no school)
- 22 - Brooks Farm trip for Kindergarten
- 27 - Diwali
- 31 - Halloween

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## Winter Coat Drive

This fall **OAK RIDGES PS** will be participating in the York South Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Winter Coat Drive. For over 10 years, the St. Vincent de Paul has been organizing this initiative to help families in York Region who struggle to make ends meet. For many families it is difficult to buy the clothing that is needed to stay warm when the freezing temperatures arrive. We are asking all students to bring in gently used winter coats that are no longer needed in your families. Please check your closets and share with your Neighbours in Need.

**Coats must be at the school by October 18th. Coats will not be accepted after that date.**

Thank you so much for sharing

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# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Day 5</i> Rosh Hashanah 	2 <i>Day 1</i> Bus Safety	3 <i>Day 2</i> Richmond Hill Theatre trip-Gr. 1 & 2's	4 <i>Day 3</i>	5
6	7 <i>Day 4</i> Picture Day Grad meeting 5:45 pm School Council Meeting 6:45 pm VIP-Gr 7's	8 <i>Day 5</i> Scientist in School- Kang/Kumar	9 <i>Day 1</i> Yom Kippur 	10 <i>Day 2</i>	11 <i>Day 3</i>	12
13	14 	15 <i>Day 4</i> Area Cross Country	16 <i>Day 5</i> Mathletes	17 <i>Day 1</i> Mathletes Family Night	18 <i>Day 2</i>	19
20	21 PA Day- No School	22 <i>Day 3</i> Brooks Farm trip- Kindergarten classes	23 <i>Day 4</i>	24 <i>Day 5</i>	25 <i>Day 1</i>	26
27 Diwali 	28 <i>Day 2</i>	29 <i>Day 3</i>	30 <i>Day 4</i>	31 <i>Day 5</i> 		

## **Oak Ridges Public School Council**

We hope everyone has enjoyed a great start to the school year. If you are new to Oak Ridges Public School: Welcome to our Community! If you are returning: Welcome Back!

School Council is a group of parents, guardians, teachers & school administrators who meet once a month. Our goal as a Council is to act as a liaison between home and school. We share information, help foster a sense of “community” at Oak Ridges PS, and fundraise money that is used to purchase items or fund activities designed to enhance the quality of education of our students.

At our first meeting in September, we voted in a new Council executive team: Kathleen Griffin and Gina Pappas as Co-Chairs, Julie Horne as Treasurer, and Penny Ortega as Secretary. We also welcomed 11 voting members onto our team. In addition, we have many parents/guardians who participate on Council as non-voting members.

If you are interested in School Council, please consider attending our next meeting on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:45-8:15pm in the school library. Anyone from our school community is welcome to attend our meetings, join in on our discussions, and participate as much (or as little) as you’d like on any of our committees. We are a fun and friendly group!

## **Fundraising at Oak Ridges Public School**

One of the responsibilities of School Council is to generate funds that will be used to enhance student learning. Fundraising is done differently at different schools. At Oak Ridges, most of our fundraising money is made through our hot-lunch programs.

This year, we are offering HERO BURGER on Mondays and DOMINOS PIZZA on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please consider supporting these fundraising initiatives. Orders can be made through School Cash Online and are due by Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Also, back by popular demand, is our TERRA COTTA COOKIE DOUGH fundraiser. Order forms will be available shortly for delivery to the school in November. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to purchase this delicious ready-made frozen dough!

### **Save the Date**

We have already been busy as a Council organizing events and activities for students and families at our school. More details will come – but please plan on participating with your families!

<b>September</b>  Welcome Back to Oak Ridges PS	<b>October</b>  Mathletes Family Math Night (Oct 17)
<b>November</b>  Cookie Dough delivery (Nov 14) Family Movie Night (Nov 19)	<b>December</b>  Happy Holidays!
<b>January</b>  Social Media Education Night Staff Appreciation Breakfast (Jan 31)	<b>February</b>  Family Movie Night
<b>March</b>  Spring Break (Mar 16-20)	<b>April</b>  Multicultural Night (Apr 7)
<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>  Last day of School (Jun 25) Have a great summer!

On behalf of the School Council, we wish you and your children a fantastic school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at [oak.ridges.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:oak.ridges.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca)

Kathleen Griffin & Gina Pappas

Co-Chairs, Oak Ridges Public School Council



# Richmond Hill Public Library Fall Colouring Contest

## Terms & Conditions

Richmond Hill Public Library (RHPL) is offering this contest to RHPL cardholders and residents of York Region. By participating in this contest, the legal parent/guardian is agreeing to the Terms and Conditions outlined below.

### CONTEST DATES

The contest is open from September 19 to October 15, 2019. One (1) entry per child is permitted. Entries from children of RHPL employees will not be considered.

All entrants must be under the age of 14.

### HOW TO ENTER

1. **Pick up a colouring sheet.** Colouring sheets will be given out at schools in Richmond Hill, at any RHPL location, and online via [rhpl.ca](http://rhpl.ca). Print the colouring sheet; all colouring sheets must be coloured by hand and not on an electronic device.
2. Ensure your child's name, school and grade are included on the colouring sheet. Include the parent name and email address for an additional method of contacting you.
3. **Submit the colouring sheet** in person to any RHPL location by Tuesday, October 15. Winners will announced on the official RHPL Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/rhpl.news/>) in October.
4. By entering the contest, you agree to let Richmond Hill Public Library post your artwork on social, print and electronic media channels. Your personal information will only be released with your consent.

### JUDGING

Entries will be judged by RHPL staff. Decisions are weighed based on the age of each entrant, and are made at the discretion of RHPL staff. We reserve the right to designate multiple, or no, winners.

### WINNERS AND PRIZES

Winners will be notified by email or through the child's school.



Four winners will each receive a prize pack that includes a \$25 gift card to Indigo and various pieces of RHPL-branded merchandise.

Prizes can be picked up at the full service desk at Central Library (1 Atkinson Street) during regular business hours (<https://www.rhpl.ca/your-library/locations-and-hours/central>).

## **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

By entering the contest, you agree to be bound by the above rules of the contest and release the Library and all parties associated with the contest from any liability, with respect to the contest and its prizes.

If, for any reason, the contest is not capable of running as planned, RHPL reserves the right to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest.

All entries become property of RHPL and will not be returned. Submissions will not be sold or distributed for profit, and your contact information will not be given or sold to third-party companies.

Entrants will only be subscribed to RHPL's monthly newsletter with your consent.

Any concerns related to the contest can be directed to [communications@rhpl.ca](mailto:communications@rhpl.ca).



RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC  
**Library**

# COLOURING CONTEST

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I'd like to receive details on upcoming events  
& services in the RHPL monthly newsletter.

