



Regency Acres Public School Home of the Griffins April 2022



April is finally here and so is Spring. Spring is a time of renewal. Leaves start forming on trees, flowers start to bloom, grass becomes green again and animals start to come out of their winter hiding spots. Even at home we begin the process of spring cleaning. It is a good time to reflect on what needs to be purged and what new things need to be taken care of. It is a wonderful time to take advantage of doing things outdoors. I encourage everyone to get out, breathe in the fresh air and discover all of nature's wonders.

A feature of our monthly newsletters this year has been on mental health and well-being. As you plan to be outside more this month consider the practice of mindfulness. Mindfulness is a way of being. It's also a skill developed by deciding to slow down and taking the time to pay attention and be curious about things that we're experiencing and things that we see around us. Be mindful of how you can achieve happiness and how you can help your child(ren) achieve happiness. Everyone's path to happiness is different. Based on various sources of research from <https://actionforhappiness.org> They identify 10 keys to happiness.

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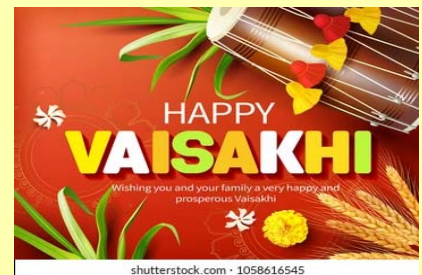
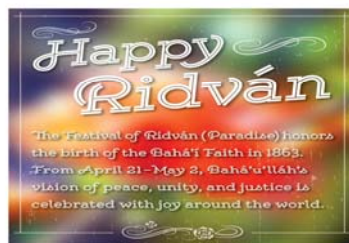


As you get outside more and as you reflect about your mental health and your children's ask yourselves what really makes you happy? How might we improve our happiness using they 10 key ideas? Try to be mindful of what keys you are using and how this affects your celebrations. For those who celebrate Vaisakhi, we wish you a Happy Vaisakhi. Those who celebrate of happiness.

As we embrace the welcome renewal of spring, we recognize that April is full of many celebrate Easter, we wish you a Happy Easter. For those who celebrate Passover, have a Happy Passover. For those who celebrate Saka, we wish you a Happy New Year. For those who celebrate Ridvan, we wish you a wonderful celebration. Have a wonderful month of April with many opportunities to be mindful and connect with people.



The Ministry of Education has indicated that all students in Grades 3 and 6 in Ontario public elementary schools are scheduled to participate in the EQAO assessments of reading, writing and mathematics between May 4 and June 24, 2022. The EQAO assessment will be administered during class time. For general information about the assessment visit <https://www.eqao.com/>. More information will be shared with Grade 3 and 6 families as it becomes available.



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**I FIND TELEVISION VERY
EDUCATING. EVERY
TIME SOMEBODY TURNS
ON THE SET, I GO INTO
THE OTHER ROOM AND
READ A BOOK.**

GROUCHO MARX

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"EVERY
ACCOMPLISHMENT
STARTS WITH
THE
DECISION
TO TRY"



Visit our website

YRDSB website has been designed to be mobile friendly, translatable, accessible, searchable, easy to navigate and to better reflect York Region District School Board and our community. This includes:

- Built-in translation tool
 - Enhanced search capabilities
 - Built-in accessibility features to meet accessibility legislation
 - Revised navigation based on user testing, website analytics and research
- Quick access to six of our most accessed pages, including school calendars and school transportation information.

The website also includes:

A [Family Resources](#) that provides quick access to online tools like Edsby, Google Classroom and School Cash Online, as well as links to information about translation tools, IT support for families and more. Use the "need help" button to access tips and support in using these tools.

Updated [Online Student Tools](#) pages provide quick access to students to online learning platforms and resources to help with homework. Use the "need help" button to access tips and support in using these tools.

An enhanced [newsroom](#) with access to the latest news, events and videos so you can find out what's happening around our Board.

Easy access to information about [supports for students](#), [elementary school](#) and [secondary school](#) programs, [adult learning opportunities](#) and more.

Information about COVID-19 and schools, including update information, screening tools and frequently asked questions can still be found at www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening.

We hope that the website makes it easier for families to find and access the information you are looking for.



Class Placement Information

As the final term continues, we will be making decisions later this spring regarding class placements for next year. When organizing classes, we take into account many important factors to provide an optimum learning environment. These include class size, student performance levels, gender and special education considerations.

The following criteria will be used to determine student placement:

Academic Ability: To ensure that all classes contain a balance of students with varying abilities.

Learning Styles: To ensure that specific student needs (learning styles, organizational skills, work habits and behaviour) are addressed.

Special Education Needs: To ensure that placement maximizes support and opportunities for success.

Peer Groupings: Students, where possible, will be placed to maintain positive peer support.

Should you have information that we are currently unaware of, and that you believe is important to your child's placement next year, please put this in writing to Mrs. Grossinger by Monday April 25th, 2022. Please complete this google [form](#) to share your thoughts. Requests after this date may not be accepted. We will not accept specific requests for a staff member. We will consider all information but provide no guarantees as class placement is a very complex process. All final decisions regarding student placements remain the responsibility of the principal, in collaboration with school staff. Student class placement may also change in late September due to Ministry of Education requirements related to Primary Class Size reduction.

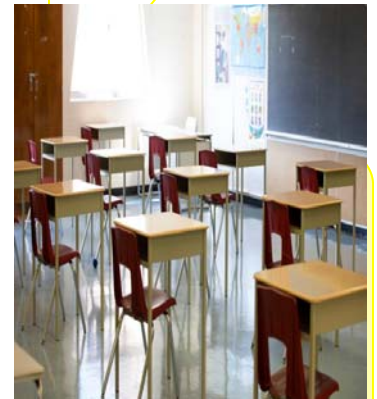
Registration and Moving

As you may be aware our planning for the 2022-2023 school year is underway. At this time, if you are aware of any family, friends or neighbours who have children born in 2018, please remind them to register their child for Kindergarten as soon as possible. You can visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/Kindergarten/Pages/default.aspx> for information about how to register or call our office (905) 727-9811.

If your family is planning to move to another area or out of the YRDSB, please contact our office by emailing regency.acres.ps@yrdsb.ca to let us know. We can help you with the transfer process and this assists us in our planning for September.

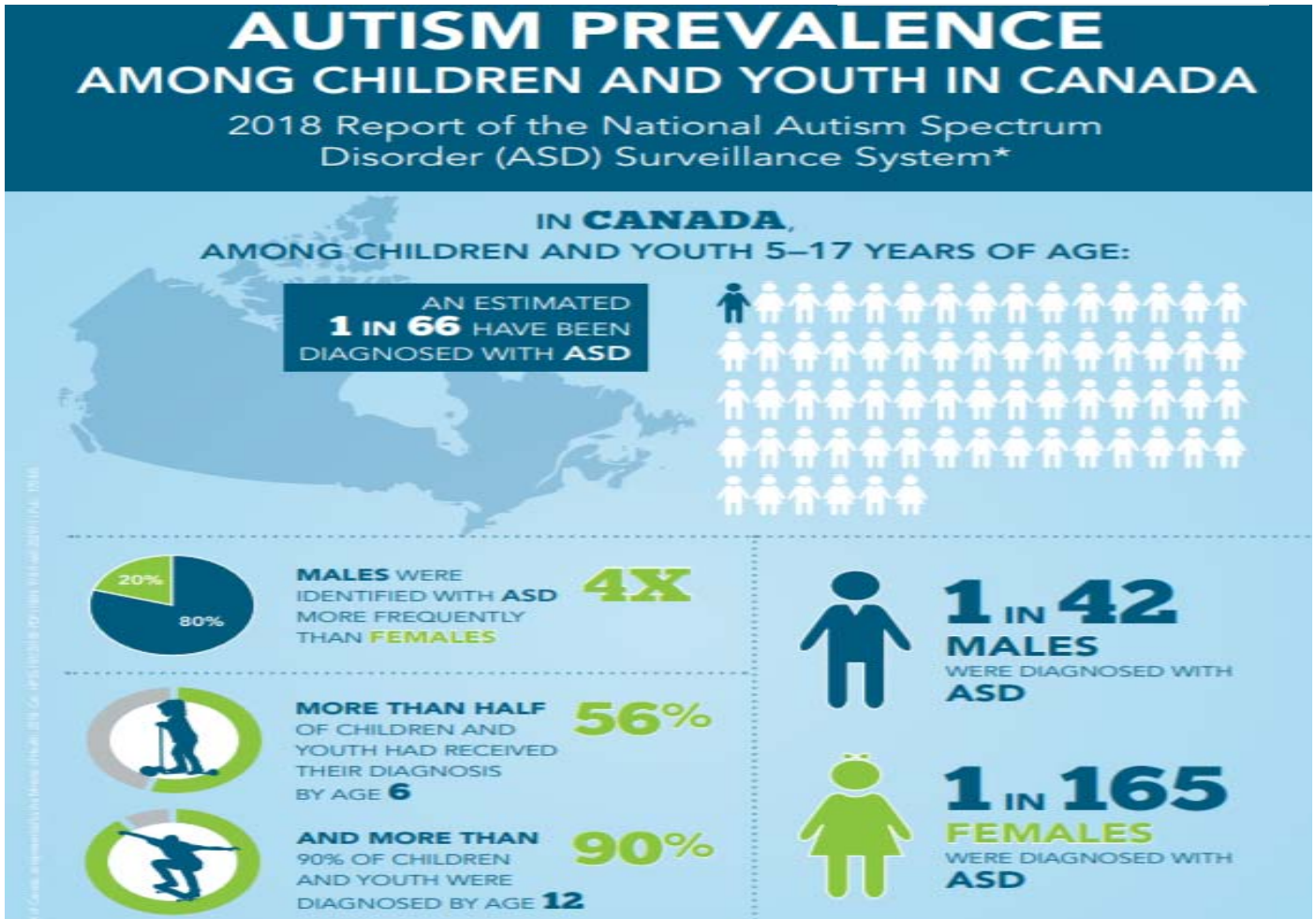


Practice Mindfulness



World Autism Acceptance Month

This year the YRDSB is officially launching a month long World Autism Acceptance Month. The Autism Ontario's Raise the Flag Campaign is to bring attention to the triumphs, contributions and experiences of people on the Autism Spectrum. By raising acceptance we can build stronger and more inclusive communities and learning environments for students who have ASD. This year we would like to focus on acceptance as it looks at commonalities we share and at the strength inherent in diversity. The most important thing to remember is that when you're talking about autism, you're talking about a person.



Welcome to Regency Acres

