

Welcome Back

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Richmond Rose after the winter holiday. We hope everyone had a safe and restful break. We look forward to the New Year, and all of the wonderful things happening at Richmond Rose.

Staffing updates.

We would like to welcome Mrs. Apperley back to Richmond Rose as our new grade 7 teacher, in for Mrs. Biondo who is off on maternity leave. As well, we would like to welcome Ms. Cooper to Richmond Rose. She will be taking over the teaching responsibilities of Mr. Sandhu moving forward. Welcome to Mrs. Apperley and Ms. Cooper.

Some of you might have seen the CTV news clip about Mrs. Biondo and her family. She gave birth at the side of the road, on the way to the hospital. It's a good news story that we wanted to share with the community.

[CTV News Clip - Mrs. Biondo](#)

HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2018

Kindergarten Gallery Trip

This week all of our Kindergarten classes attended the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinberg, on a field trip exploring art and creativity. The students had a great time exploring and learning about Canadian art.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who attended.



Grade 1 French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information Sessions

Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools that have a Grade 1 program on January 18, 2018 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website in January 2018 <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

Registration

FI registration will begin on January 19, 2018. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2018, and wishing to enroll in the FI Program, can visit or call their home school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. This Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register, between January 19 and February 9, 2018. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

Late Registrations

Late registrations are those submitted after February 9, 2018. Late registrations will be treated on a first- come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 19, 2018

Kindergarten registration will commence on January 19, 2018 for the 2018-19 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2018, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten.

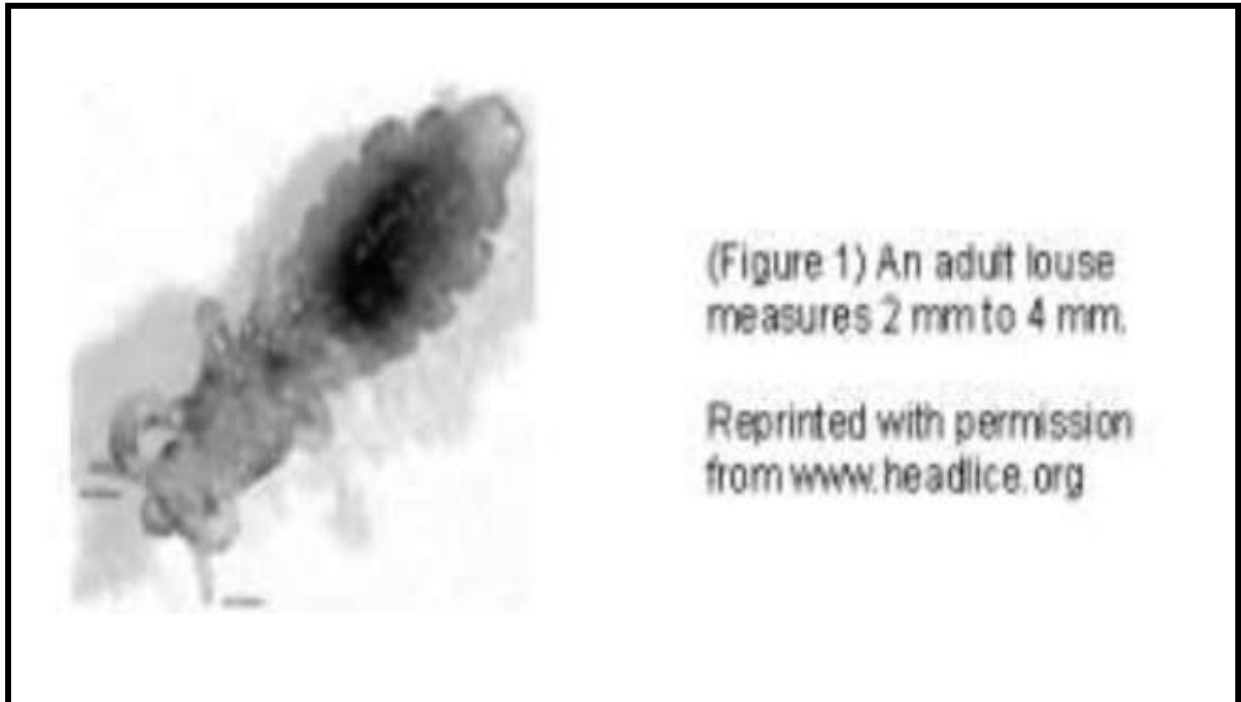
A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring.

Please call the school for information regarding the documentation needed for registration at Richmond Rose.

The Ministry of Health, York Region Health Services and the Canadian Pediatric Society consider pediculosis (head lice) to be a nuisance and not a communicable disease.

Families can contact ACCESS YORK at 1-877-464-9675 for additional information on pediculosis

Please refer to the attached information from the Canadian Pediatric Society about Head Lice - how to identify it, how to treat it, how it spreads, and how to prevent it.



SAVE THE DATE

Check out the google calendar on our website for more information....

- Jan 15th – School Council Meeting
- Jan 19th – Kindergarten Registration
- Jan 19th – PA DAY * NO SCHOOL *
- Jan 23rd - Grade 8 Information Night at Bayview SS
- Jan 26th – School Council Book Swap

Richmond Rose – TOUCHSTONE

At Richmond Rose, we take responsibility for our work, words and actions.

We put in our best efforts, enjoy our successes, and learn from our mistakes.

We embrace each other's differences and care for each other's feelings.

We think before we speak and use words that are appropriate for school.

Our community is a safe community; a place where we treat people with kindness, respect and dignity.

No one is afraid at our school.

At Richmond Rose, we are free to succeed!



Head lice

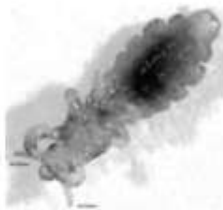
Head lice are tiny insects that live on the scalp, where they lay eggs. Head lice do not spread disease. It's not your fault if you or your child has head lice.

Having head lice does not mean you are not clean.

What do head lice look like?

Lice have 3 stages – the egg (nit), the nymph and the adult.

- Nits are whitish-grey, tan or yellow ovals, about the size of a grain of sand. They stick to the hair close to the scalp and can look like dandruff. Nits hatch into nymphs in 9 to 10 days.
- Nymphs are baby lice. They look like adult lice but smaller.
- Adult lice are hard to see since they are about the size of a sesame seed. Adult lice can live for up to 30 days on a person's head, but they die within 2 days away from the scalp.



(Figure 1) An adult louse measures 2 mm to 4 mm.

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How do they spread?

Head lice spread easily, especially where people are in close contact. They are very common among school-aged children or children in child care.

- Head lice spread through direct hair-to-hair contact or indirectly by sharing hats, combs, hairbrushes and headphones.
- Head lice don't fly or hop, but crawl very quickly.
- The head lice that live on people are different from the kind that live on cats or dogs. People cannot get head lice from animals.

How do you know you have head lice?

One of the first signs of head lice is an itchy scalp, but it's possible to have head lice without any symptoms. Most itchy scalps are not from head lice. If your child has an itchy scalp or was exposed to head lice, check his hair right away. Check again once a week for 2 weeks in case you missed them.

How do I check for head lice?

Look carefully through the hair for live lice and nits. If you only find nits, your child may not have head lice. Usually children have no more than 10 to 20 live lice.

- Because lice are so small, good lighting is important. A magnifying glass may help.
- Head lice move fast and are hard to see. You may just see movement rather than the actual lice. Lice are usually found very close to the scalp, at the bottom of the neck and behind the ears.
- To look for nits, part hair in small sections, moving from one side of the head to the other. Look close to the scalp. If you only find nits and no lice, check again every day for 1 week to make sure that you did not miss any live lice.

How can I treat head lice?

Do not treat anyone with a head lice product unless you find live lice in their hair. If someone in the house has lice, check all family members.

Head lice can be treated in a variety of ways:

Insecticides

Insecticides are chemicals that kill insects. In Canada, 2 insecticides are approved to treat head lice:

- pyrethrin (found in R&C shampoo + conditioner)
- permethrin (Nix creme rinse or Kwellada-P creme rinse)

Pyrethrin and permethrin are safe when used on humans over two months old. You do not need a prescription. Over time, head lice have become resistant to some of the chemicals used to kill them. So some products may be less effective than they used to be. But they are still worth trying.

How to apply insecticides:

- Follow package directions carefully.
- Don't leave the shampoo or rinse in the hair longer than directed.
- Rinse hair with cool water after the treatment. It's best to rinse over a sink, not in the bath or shower, so that other body parts don't come in contact with the product.
- Repeat the treatment after 7 to 10 days, in case new lice hatched from the nits.

These treatments can sometimes make the scalp itchy or can leave a mild burning feeling. If your child is scratching after treatment, it does not necessarily mean the lice are back.

Non-insecticides

- Isopropyl myristate/cyclomethicone (Resultz) is approved for use in Canada, **but it should only be used in children 4 years of age and older.** It dehydrates the lice and they die. Apply to a dry scalp and rinse with warm water after 10 minutes. Repeat after 1 week.
- Silicone oil dimeticone (NYDA) is effective against live lice, nymphs and nits. It is **not recommended for children under 2 years old.** A second treatment is recommended after 8 to 10 days.
- Benzyl alcohol lotion 5% (Ulesfia) is effective against live lice but a second treatment is recommended after 9 days.

These products are usually more expensive than insecticides. It is not known for sure whether they work better.

Other treatments

- Some people suggest home remedies such as mayonnaise, petroleum jelly, olive oil, vinegar or margarine. Although these products may make it hard for lice to breathe, they probably won't kill them.

- There is little evidence that wet combing (removing lice by combing wet hair with a fine-tooth comb) works all on its own.
- There is no evidence that products such as tea tree oil or aromatherapy work to treat head lice.
- Ivermectin is a drug that can be taken by mouth or used as a cream, but it is not approved for use in Canada.
- **Never use gasoline or kerosene.** These products can be extremely dangerous.

Do I need to disinfect the house if someone has head lice?

Because head lice don't live long off the scalp, there is no need for extra cleaning.

However, you do need to get rid of lice or nits from items that touch the head such as hats, pillowcases, combs and brushes:

- Wash items in hot water and dry them in a hot dryer for at least 15 min; or
- Store the items in an airtight plastic bag for 2 weeks. Use a Ziploc-type bag that is airtight. A regular shopping bag often has little holes.

Should children with head lice stay home from school?

Children with head lice should be treated and then attend school or child care as usual. 'No-nit' policies that keep children with head lice or nits after treatment away from school are not necessary because:

- Head lice are common among young children. Many days of school would be missed if children had to stay home.
- People are often wrong when they think a child has head lice. It would be unfortunate to see children missing school when they don't really have lice.
- Making children stay at home will not get rid of head lice. Often, other children in the class have lice but don't have any symptoms. Without treatment, they will continue to spread lice.
- Head lice don't spread disease. They are a nuisance and unpleasant, but they are not dangerous.

How to prevent head lice?

Teach your child to avoid head-to-head contact. Children should not share combs, hairbrushes, tuques, hats or hair accessories.

More information from the CPS:

- Head lice infestations: A clinical update (position statement)

Reviewed by the following CPS committees:

- Infectious Diseases and Immunization Committee

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The information on Caring for Kids should not be used as a substitute for medical care and advice. If you have specific concerns about your child's health, please see your child's paediatrician, family physician, or another health care provider.

**“Celebrate Family Literacy Day
2018!”**

8th Annual RRPS Book Swap

Book Swap Day: Friday, January 26th, 2018
3:05pm to 4:00pm



Bring in your gently used, well-loved children’s books that you have outgrown, and swap them for other books that you will enjoy!

Please make sure the books you bring in are in good condition, that they are not outdated or damaged, and only English books please!



For each book that you bring in to be swapped, you will receive a ticket that you can use on Book Swap Day to choose another book.

Don’t lose your ticket(s)!



Dates for collecting books:
Monday, January 22nd to Friday, January 26th

The library will be open during morning and lunch recesses for collecting books.

Morning recess: primary students
Lunch recess: junior and intermediate students

On Book Swap day, come to the gym after school to select your new books, and don’t forget your tickets!



Come early so you won’t be disappointed!
Lots of intermediate, junior and primary books!



EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANTI-BLACK RACISM SUB-COMMITTEE

Community Consultations

You are invited to attend a community consultation regarding:

Actions Taken by YRDSB following Ministry Review to Support the Learning of Students of African Descent and their Families

Agenda

- An overview of the Ministry of Education's Review of YRDSB
- YRDSB Current Work and Response to the Ministry's Review on all levels (board, school and community engagement)
- Community Feedback Sessions in small group carousel format - *What is going well? What are you worried about? What needs to happen next?*
 - Board
 - School
 - Community Engagement
- Report Back and Next Steps

Dates, times and locations

Thursday January 18, 2018

6:00pm – 9:30pm

Milliken Mills High School, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5

(Refreshments will be provided)

Saturday January 27, 2018

10:00am – 2:00pm

Vaughan Secondary School, 1401 Clark Ave W, Thornhill, ON L4J 7R4

(Lunch will be provided)

Registration

Please register [online](#) by Friday January 12, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Freyja Phillips freyja.phillips@yrdsb.ca.



EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CLASSISM SUB-COMMITTEE

Community Conversations

Are you an advocate for those marginalized by low income and class-based discrimination?

We are seeking passionate youth, families and community members to provide feedback regarding equity and inclusion for students in York Region public schools.

Please attend one of the five community conversations hosted by York Region District School Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee.

- January 15** **Maple Leaf PS, 155 Longford Dr, Newmarket, ON L3Y 2Y7**
- January 22** **Sutton District HS, 20798 Dalton Rd, Georgina, ON L0E 1R0**
- January 29** **Bayview SS, 10077 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2L4**
- February 5** **Maple HS, 50 Springside Rd, Maple, ON L6A 2W5**
- February 12** **Milliken Mills HS, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5**

All Community Conversations run from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Child-minding will be provided at all locations. *If you require child minding, please email Kristine with the number of children and their ages.*

For more information or transportation support needs, please contact:

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