

NOWRUZ 2018

This week Richmond Rose recognized and celebrated the Persian holiday Nowruz. This significant holiday represents the New Year in Persian culture. Our own Nowruz assembly, organized by School Council members, Wellbeing Team members, as well as, parents, was a highlight and showcased aspects of Persian culture through history, dance, poetry and music.

A huge thank you needs to go out to the group of parent volunteers who helped make this day a success. We truly appreciate the partnership and time that went into all the planning and organization. Happy Nowruz.



Good Friday, Easter (Western) and Pesach/Passover Greetings

Today, three students visited each class to acknowledge the Jewish Festival of Passover/Pesach. This Jewish festival commemorates the departure of the Israelites from Egypt. Passover is celebrated by more Jewish people than any other holiday on the Jewish calendar, perhaps because it is so essentially and uniquely a family holiday.

Each class received a sample of Matzah (unleavened bread) as part of our snack program, which is symbolic of this special holiday.

Thank you to Hanna, Natalie and Nicole for taking on this leadership opportunity, and for helping to continue to build on our understandings of different cultures and traditions.

We also acknowledged Easter (Western) through school-wide announcements, which recognized and celebrated this important holiday and tradition.



Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls

York Region District School Board is revising its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

Save the Date!

TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES	LOCATIONS
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 9 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill

Autism Acceptance Day 2018!

Next week Richmond Rose will be reconging World Autism Day on April 4th, during our Autism Acceptance Day celebration.

Wednesday, April 4th will include a full day of activities for all students and staff. Each division will have their own guest speaker(s), a selection of activities to work through with their homeroom/prep teachers that speak to making Richmond Rose, a safe and inclusive place for all.

This special and important day has been organized by members of the Autism Acceptance Day Team & The Wellbeing Team

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Our School Council is planning another amazing Cultural Connections evening this spring. They are now in the process of inviting families, who would like to be involved in hosting a table during the event, showcasing a country or culture for the community to explore.

Please email the council letting them know if you are interested. Families and neighbours can join together and host a table as one.

This is a great community building event at Richmond Rose.

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CULTURAL CONNETIONS, a community building event, hosted in the RR gym, showcasing countries and cultures represented at Richmond Rose.

It's time to remind children about being safe in our community.

It's a good time for parents to remind children about personal safety.

Here's what children need to know:

- Their name, age, telephone number, address, city and province. This can be done through rhyme or song.
- How to contact their parents at any time, by memorizing cell or work numbers.
- How and under what circumstances to call 911.
- To never approach or enter a stranger's vehicle. A responsible adult would never ask a child for directions or any other question for that matter.
- Make sure they know they have a right to say "no" to an adult, especially when the adult is asking them to do something they have been taught is wrong or feels uncomfortable. Reminding children of this right is important because children are taught from a young age to respect adults.
- To always tell parents where they will be and to never enter someone's home without their parent's permission.
- If home alone, never admit it when answering the phone. Never answer a knock at the door or speak through it. Adults can be very persuasive. Teach your child to call you if there is a knock at the door and if they fear for their safety, teach them to call 911. Make sure they know that police officers are there to help them and would not get mad if it were a false alarm.
- If they think they are being followed or are in danger they should run home or to a public place. If someone grabs them, they should try to get away, yelling and screaming while doing so.
- It is important to play in safe areas, never take shortcuts and stick with a buddy whenever possible.

It is never too early or too late to teach children the importance of personal safety. Common sense, communication and consistency are the keys. Remind children to alert a responsible adult if something strange happens that makes them feel uncomfortable. Remember, crime prevention is everyone's responsibility.

For more information on this subject, visit www.yrp.ca.

SAVE THE DATE

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

- **April 19th New Adventures in Learning – evening presentation for all families**
- **May 3rd Welcome to Kindergarten Night – new FDK students for the 18/19 school year**
- **June 20th Grade 8 Graduation**

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.



New Adventures In Learning 2.0

RICHMOND ROSE

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 19TH

Come for another amazing evening exploring aspects of Modern Learning, Mathematics, Mental Health and Wellbeing. Organized by The Richmond Rose Well-being Team, comprised of Teachers, School Council Members, Parents, and Students.

