

PACHI's Visit - Student Reflection

On Tuesday March 3rd, four representatives from the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games 2015, including the infamous mascot Pachi, the Porcupine, came to our school to promote the Games. We learned about the 41 different countries that are going to participate in various sports such as basketball, baseball, skating and tennis. They shared about the athletes' perseverance and the amount of time and effort they put to be successful in their achievements. Good luck to all the athletes in the Pan Am/Parapan Am Games!



March Break

PA Day

March 13th

March Break

16th - 20th

School Returns on March 23rd.



STUDENT SURVEYS - Reminder

York Region District School Board Student Surveys

In order to provide information for Board and School planning, York Region District School Board students in Grades 5 to 12 will be invited to participate in a school survey. The survey, which is anonymous and confidential, will be conducted from **April 7 to May 15, 2015** and will take place at school. The information from this survey will be used to identify areas to be addressed, monitor progress and plan strategies to support student achievement and well-being. Aligned with Board priorities, the survey will address topics including equity and inclusion, school safety, learning environment, student well-being and other priorities. If you have questions, please contact the school office.

York Region District School Board School Climate Survey for Parents Key Findings

In May and June 2014, parents were invited to complete a questionnaire to collect perception data about their child's school environment and learning. The survey addressed topics including equity and inclusion, school safety, learning environment, student well-being and parent engagement. More than 14,000 parents participated in the survey.

Overall, parents tended to have positive perceptions of school safety, the learning environment at their child's school, and reported that the school environment was welcoming, equitable and inclusive. Parent responses indicated some areas for attention, specifically in areas related to parent engagement, the provision of information related to mental health supports and community agencies and services, and the steps taken by the school to prevent and address bullying.

Thank you to all who participated. Information gathered from this survey will support school and Board planning processes.

ONTARIO CURRICULUM

It is important for parents to know that they have access to important information through the [Ministry of Education](#) webpage. The website has specific resources for parents under a parents tab (see below).



The screenshot shows the Ontario Ministry of Education website. At the top is a navigation bar with links: HOME | STUDENTS | PARENTS | TEACHERS | ADMINISTRATORS | ABOUT THE MINISTRY | NEWS. Below this is a large banner for the 'PARENTS' section, featuring a collage of diverse families and the word 'PARENTS' in large green letters. To the left of the banner is a sidebar menu with categories: Learning in Ontario (with a dropdown arrow), Employment Ontario, Popular Topics, Publications, Frequently Asked Questions, Explore Government, and Contacts. Under 'Learning in Ontario', there are sub-links for Child Care, Full-Day Kindergarten, Elementary, Secondary, French-Language Education, Postsecondary, and Adult Learning. Below the banner, there are 'E-MAIL' and 'PRINT' icons. A 'Check Us Out!' section follows, featuring three main items: 'Child Care' with a photo of children and text about licensed and unlicensed care; 'Full-Day Kindergarten' with a photo of a child and text about programs for four- and five-year-olds; and 'abc123' with a photo of children. To the right of these items is a 'Parent Information' section with a circular graphic containing text in multiple languages (English, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Urdu, Vietnamese, and French) and the text 'Parent Information' and 'Important information in many languages.' Below that is a 'School Information Finder' section with text about searching for schools.

MUSIC ALIVE



Next Wednesday March 11th, the Richmond Rose Intermediate Concert Band will be travelling to the YCDSB Centre (St. Elizabeth High School) to perform in the annual York Region Music Alive Festival. Richmond Rose will be among one of the four schools to perform in their class as they will be performing the following musical selections: Portrait of a Clown and Second Storm. Ms. Kuan and Mr. Lew would like to give a big shout out to all 60 members of the band for their hard work and dedication this year! Way to go Rockets!

Thank you to Mr. Lew and Ms. Kuan for their leadership and dedication to the band!!!

OPEN CALL TO FAMILIES – CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Cultural Connections - May 7th

Cultural Connections is a School Council organized event which celebrates the many diverse cultures of our school and community. The council is currently looking for families and/or individuals to host a table that would celebrate a specific country/culture. If you are interested please email the council using the address below.

Richmond.rose.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH



Hand washing

Children share many items throughout the school day and at home including: books, puzzles, computers, water bottles and sports equipment. During the cold and flu season, sharing can spread germs that can cause sickness. Correct hand washing is the best way to prevent the spread of infection.

To help keep the people in your home healthy, take these steps:

- Encourage children to sneeze into the bend of their arm rather than into their hands
- Make time for hand washing, especially before eating
- Always have soap, paper or hand towels within easy reach
 - Before eating, preparing food or visiting someone who is sick
 - After using the bathroom, blowing their nose, sneezing or coughing, handling garbage, touching animals, playing outdoors or visiting someone who is sick
 - When hands look or feel dirty



Together we can make the healthy choice the easy one!

For health-related information visit www.york.ca/healthyschools



1-800-361-5653
TTY: 1-866-252-9933

York Region Health Connection

Community and Health Services
Public Health

www.york.ca



FIT SPIRIT

FitSpirit is back at Richmond Rose! This week our Grade 6-8 girls took part in an introductory speaking engagement with Canadian National Team member Maddie Buttinger who specializes in the Heptathlon. The goal of FitSpirit is to “help girls discover the enjoyment that comes from taking part in physical activity in an environment that is positive, rewarding and open to everyone.” Throughout this program students will have the opportunity to discover the fun of being active with friends, learn about healthy eating habits and commit to completing a goal. The goal of the program is for students to complete a 5K or 10K run. The run will take place in Downsview Park along with 3,000 other girls the same age. Over the next few months teachers and students will train together to achieve their goal. You can go to: www.fitspirit.ca to learn more about this program.



THE GREAT BIG CRUNCH

On Thursday March 12th, RRPS will be hosting "Crunch Day".

Crunch Day promotes healthy eating highlights local produce and celebrates nutrition. At 10:05 all students will line the hallways, with an apple from our snack program, and simultaneously take a bite of their apple - creating a **great big crunch!**

Thank you to Mrs. Fisher's students for leading the snack program and for organizing our first **GREAT BIG CRUNCH!!!**



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The Battle of the Books is a friendly competition between neighbouring schools that takes place annually in April. The Richmond Rose BOTB teams have been working hard to prepare for their upcoming Battle. The BOTB consists of two teams of Grade 4-6 students who come together weekly to write clues and answers and test one another from a list of 25 preselected books. Students from grades 7 and 8 also help to coach the teams and get them ready for their competition.



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!



Asian Community Games
A Spirit of Unity
Diversity in Action!



11th

ASIAN COMMUNITY GAMES 2015

AN ANNUAL CANADIAN MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY SPORTS EVENT



Welcome

**All Canadian Communities,
 Students, Staff, and Members
 of Ontario School Boards**

****A sports challenge to people at all ages****

An Event to Demonstrate Spirit of Unity through Diversity in Action

**Tournaments from June 6th to 20th with Opening Ceremony on Sunday, June 7th
 @ 10:30AM at Centennial Park Stadium, Etobicoke**

Organized by Sing Fai Sports Club – A non-profit organization since 1987
 77 City Centre Drive, East Tower, Suite 501, Mississauga, ON, Canada, L5B 1M5
 Phone: (905) 803-0803 Website: www.acgames.ca

11TH ASIAN COMMUNITY GAMES 2015

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Revised Feb 23th, 2015

Date	Time	Event	Fee	Location	City/Town of	Division	Latest Submission
March 18th	11:00AM	1st Press Conference	N/A	Markham Civic Centre 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham, ON L3R 9W3	Markham		
May 7th	11:00AM	2nd Press Conference	N/A	Markham Civic Centre 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham, ON L3R 9W3	Markham		
June 7th	10:30AM - 12:00PM	Opening Ceremony	Ticket Required	Centennial Stadium, Centennial Park 256 Centennial Park Road, Toronto, ON M9C 5N3	Toronto		
June 6th	9:30AM - 4:30PM	Bowling	Tournament: \$75 Fun-Competition: \$25	Woodbridge Bowl 191 Marycroft Avenue, Woodbridge, ON L4L 5Y3	Vaughan	Youth & Adult	May 15th
June 6 - 7	Saturday 8AM - 5PM Sunday 9AM-2:30PM	Basketball	\$350/team (Adult) \$300 Early Bird* \$250/team (Youth)	Bill Crothers Secondary School 44 Main Street, Markham, ON L3R 2E4	Markham	Youth & Adult	May 30th
June 6 - 7	Saturday 8AM - 5PM Sunday 9AM-2:30PM	Volleyball	\$300 per team \$250 Early Bird*	Bill Crothers Secondary School 44 Main Street, Markham, ON L3R 2E4	Markham	Youth & Adult	May 30th
June 6 - 7	10:00AM - 6:00PM	Soccer	\$350 per team \$300 Early Bird*	Eglinton Flat 3601 Eglinton Ave. West, Toronto, ON L5M 7C4	Toronto	Youth & Adult	May 23th
June 7th	12:30PM - 5:30PM	Track & Field	\$12/event (Before Jun 1st) \$17 (After Jun 1st)	Centennial Stadium, Centennial Park 256 Centennial Park Road, Toronto, ON M9C 5N3	Toronto	Youth & Adult	Pre-registration available online. Can register on site
June 7th	12:00PM - 2:30PM	Scouts Sport Day	\$25 per Scouts Member	Centennial Stadium, Centennial Park 256 Centennial Park Road, Toronto, ON M9C 5N3	Toronto	Scouts Members	April 24th
June 13 - 14	8:30AM - 9:00PM	Badminton	\$30 for 1st event \$5 per add'l event	Bill Crothers Secondary School 44 Main Street, Markham, ON L3R 2E4	Markham	Youth, Open & Master	May 30th
June 13 - 14	8:30AM - 8:00PM	Fencing	\$25 per Fencer	Vango Toronto Fencing Centre 980 Denison Street, Markham, ON L3R 8B4	Markham	Youth & Adult	Pre-registration available online. Can register on site
June 20th	8:00AM - 2:00PM	Swimming	\$11 per event	Cornell Community Centre 3201 Bur Oak Ave., Markham, ON L6B 0T2	Markham	Youth & Adult	June 10th
June 20th	12:30PM	Golf	\$150/ Adult \$130/ Youth Dinner included	St. Andrew Valley Golf Course 4 Pinnacle Trail, Aurora, ON L4G 3K3	York Region	Youth & Adult	May 30th
TBA		Taekwondo				Youth & Adult	
TBA		Cricket				Youth & Adult	

*Early Bird special ends at April 25th 11:59PM.

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Registration is available at www.acgames.ca. Email enquiries to info@acgames.ca.

Applications can be mailed to 77 City Centre Drive, Suite 501, East Tower, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 1M5, Canada.