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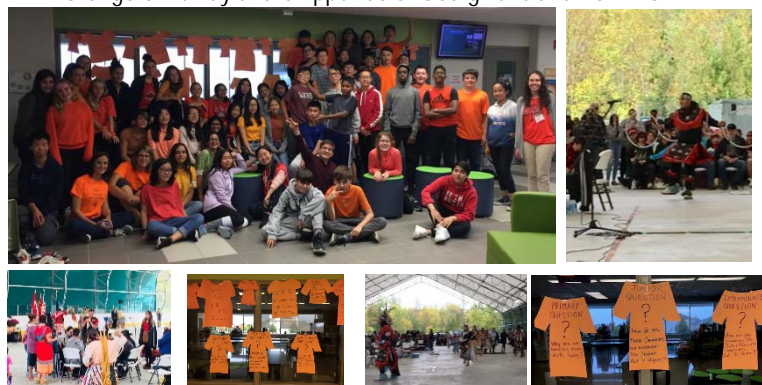
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Monday, October 7 Day 4	
Tuesday October 8 Day 5	9:15am Community Connection Meeting 10:00am Picture Day
Wednesday October 9 Day 1	Significant Faith Day: Yom Kippur
Thursday October 10 Day 2	9:15am Grade 6's Walking Trip to the Arboretum
Friday October 11 Day 3	

Photo Gallery

Orange Shirt Day and Chippewas of Georgina Island Pow Wow



Information

Hot Lunch and Milk Program: Due to the current labour situation, we will be postponing the start date of our lunch and milk program. Pizza lunch will not be starting on October 10th. We will communicate start dates with families when more information becomes available. Thank you.

Community Connection: Please see the linked flyer for our upcoming Community Connection Meeting on Tuesday October 8th at 9:15am in the Learning Commons. It is a space for parents and grandparents to come together to informally ask questions and provide feedback to help strengthen our home school connection. We continue to grow our group and need your voices to help us build our partnership with the community.

Reading Club: Are you in Grade 2 or 3? Do you love to read? Join us in the learning commons every day 3 at morning recess for Reading Club! Students can eat their snack and as soon as they're done, they can walk quietly down to the learning commons, grab a book and read, read, read! Grade 2 and 3 students, come let your imaginations run wild at Reading Club!

Arts Program: We are excited to share information regarding the RHPS Arts program that acts as an enrichment to the curriculum for all students. Each grade will have the opportunity to see or participate in 7 different workshops or performances. [Please see the linked letter for more information.](#)

Islamic Heritage Month: In 2007, the Government of Canada declared the month of October as Canadian Islamic History Month. The province of Ontario passed the Islamic Heritage Month Act (2016) to recognize and affirm the important contributions that Muslims make in Ontario as part of the vibrant social, economic, political and cultural fabric of our province. This month affords an opportunity to reflect, celebrate and learn about the rich and longstanding contributions of Muslim Canadians to this nation. Affirming Muslim identity for our students is critical in combating Islamophobia in our schools and further challenging systemic barriers that impede the inclusive climates necessary for student well-being and achievement.

LGBT History Month: The month of October commemorates the impact that gay, lesbian and transgender individuals have had in our local communities, nationally and internationally. It is an opportunity to build awareness of the contributions the 2SLGBTQ+ community has made in Canada and abroad. The affirmation of gender diversity in our learning and working environments means that we recognize the diversity within our 2SLGBTQ+ communities and acknowledge the presence of Indigenous, racialized, disabled and other diverse identities among our students and staff. Likewise, knowledge about 2SLGBTQ+ history helps to address the systemic barriers that contribute to heterosexism and cissexism.

Arts Mackenzie Information Session on October 16th: Arts Mackenzie invites all interested grade 7 and 8 students and their families to attend Arts Information Night on October 16th at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts. Arts Information Night will showcase the Arts Mackenzie curriculum with a series of performances, breakout sessions and art exhibitions. Applicants will have an opportunity to ask questions about application and audition process to Arts Mackenzie students and staff. Families are asked to reserve a ticket by e-mailing arts.alexandermackenzie@yrdsb.ca.

Bill Crothers SS: Due to the current labour situation, BCSS will need to postpone the Grade 8 / New Student Information night scheduled for Wednesday October 2, 2019. The application will open as scheduled on October 3, 2019. Please see the linked letter for more information.

Upcoming Dates:

October 14th Thanksgiving Day
October 15th Area Cross Country

Links

[Strike Action on Monday October 7th – Important Information](#)
[Arts Package Information Letter](#)
[Community Connection - October](#)
[Student Suicide Intervention Protocol \(Fair Notice School Newsletter Insert\)](#)
[Arts Mackenzie Information Flyer](#)
[BCSS Information Evening Cancellation Letter](#)