

## R.L. Graham P.S.

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### **APRIL's Character Matters - FAIRNESS**



#### **World Autism Awareness Day – April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

World Autism Awareness Day helps to increase and develop world knowledge of autism and impart information regarding the importance of early diagnosis and early intervention. Additionally, World Autism Awareness Day celebrates the unique talents and skills of persons with autism and is a day when individuals with autism are warmly welcomed and embraced in community events around the globe.

#### **R.L. GRAHAM YEARBOOK 2016-2017**

Group photos for our sports teams, groups and clubs will be taken on **April 21<sup>st</sup>** in the lunchroom, so get ready to smile RLG! The smiles and memories of your child's year at RLG will be remembered forever in their 2016-17 yearbook!

**The last date to order is April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**



### **Dance-a-Thon is Almost Here!!**

**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** is this year's Dance-a-thon. Our fundraising goal is \$7000 and there are a lot of prizes to be won. Professor Jamz is back and ready to boogie!

**Collect pledges online or in person!**

**Prizes for pledges!**

**Glow products available for sale at the event!**

### **Save the Date – Coming Soon RLG FUN FAIR 2017**

**Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 from 11 am to 3pm**  
**RL Graham Public School**

Midway Fun – Games and Prizes – Contests – Face Painting – Silent Auction  
Bake Sale – Entertainers – Vendor Fair – Carnival Food & Treats

**Check us out on Facebook: [The 2nd Annual RL Graham FUN FAIR!](#)**

## Skateboards, Scooters, Roller Blades and Bikes



We are excited about the good weather coming soon and the opportunity to spend more time outside. We would like to remind you that students who are using skateboards, scooters, rollerblades or bikes to get to school must wear helmets for safety. Please also remember that all skateboards, scooters and bikes must be walked (not ridden) on school property!



## Graduation 2017

Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Keswick H.S.

Student dance to follow.

More details will be sent home soon!



## Kindergarten Registration Continues



**Kindergarten registration continues!** Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, **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. Details will be shared shortly. For more information about kindergarten registration, please visit the YRDSB website or contact the office.

## Bag2You Eco Team Fundraiser

A big thank you to all the families that contributed to our Bag2You Eco Team Fundraiser. This year we collected over 1400 kg of used clothing and accessories. Eco Team received a check for \$292.00 to be used for the outdoor classroom project. Great job Eco Team!!

## Class Placement Process – Creating Classrooms for 2017-2018

As our school staff begins organizing classes for September 2017, it is valuable for parents to understand the process for student placement decisions. The ultimate goal in all of our efforts is to provide an optimum learning environment for our students. Classroom teachers, special education as well as the principal and vice principal are involved in the class placement process.

A great deal of time and consideration goes into placing students in the most positive learning environment possible, given each individual students' skills, knowledge , attitude and work habits. Classes at each grade level are formed using a variety of important criteria such as:

- Class size consistent with Board and Ministry guidelines (e.g. Not more than 20 students in primary grades, with the exception of kindergarten);
- Gender balance in each class;
- A range of performance levels within each class, taking into account the skills, knowledge, attitudes and work habits of individual students;
- Placement of Special Education students that facilitates the programs required for these students;
- Promoting positive social relationships while minimizing unproductive associations.

Please note that there will be combined classes in the school for the 2017-2018 school year.

Often parents have new and/or important information to share about their child which lends assistance to class placement decisions. Please use the following guidelines when sharing information for our consideration:

- Positive Social Relationships (students who are positive learning partners);
- Learning style (independent, small group, need for teacher direction...);
- Student interests (sports, arts, reading...); and
- Other Considerations (e.g. special education)

**Parent input that is received in writing to the attention of Mrs. Macpherson prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 will be considered (and shared) during placement meetings. Please avoid naming a teacher as staffing can vary.**

Please also be advised that while such input is valued, it cannot drive class placement decisions since school-wide limitations and a variety of other factors will, at times, take precedence.

Final decisions regarding student placements remain the responsibility of the Principal and the school staff. Ministry mandates on class size will impact class placements into September. As a result, we will, regrettably, be unable to share class placement information with families prior to school opening, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Thank you for partnering with us in this very important task.

# Summer Institute

## Summer Institute Home

The York Region District School Board's Summer Institute is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8.



### Weekly Sessions July 4, 2017 to August 11, 2017

Week A - July 4 to July 7 (4-day week)

Week B - July 10 to 14

Week C - July 17 to 21

Week D - July 24 to 28

Week E - July 31 to August 4

Week F - August 8 to 11 (4-day week)

## Programs and Electives

Below are the program offerings available at all YRDSB Summer Institute sites. Please select your location(s) from the drop down lists below to view what programs, electives and fanatics are available at your desired location.

### Summer Institute Programs

[Armadale S.I.](#)

[Crosby Heights S.I.](#)

[Discovery S.I. \(located at Teston Village P.S.\)](#)

[Lake Wilcox S.I.](#)

[Lakeside S.I.](#)

[Maple Leaf S.I. \(located at Glen Cedar P.S.\)](#)

[Milliken Mills S.I. \(located at Highgate P.S.\)](#)

[Oscar Peterson S.I.](#)

[Sixteenth Avenue S.I.](#)

[Unionville Meadows S.I.](#)

[Woodbridge S.I.](#)

For further details about Summer Institute programming at Lakeside PS, click on the link - <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/summer/si/Pages/Programs-and-Electives.aspx>



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## **Community Partners Fair**

*For Parents, Guardians and Educators*

Thursday, April 27, 2017  
Sir William Mulock Secondary School

3:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Connect with community partners about what services they provide, who is eligible for their services, and how to access their services.

Build relationships among people who support both students and their families.

### **Location Information:**

Sir William Mulock Secondary School  
705 Columbus Way  
Newmarket, ON  
L3X 2N7

### **R.L. Graham School Council Executive – 2016-17**

Chair: Corinne D'Angelo  
Treasury Liaison: Staci Bassie

Next School Council Meeting: Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 p.m.











# APRIL 2017



◆ Diamond Days are significant religious holidays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 2nd	3 Day 3 Wear <b>Blue</b> for Autism Awareness Bracelets for sale if quantities allow. \$2	4 Day 4	5 Day 5 SUB DAY 	6 Day 1  School Council 6:30pm all welcome	7 Day 2 Dance-a-Thon 	8
9	10 Day 3	11 Day 4  ◆ Passover	12 Day 5 Pizza day 	13 Day 1  ◆ Vaisakhi	14 HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL  ◆ Good Friday	15
16	17 HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL  ◆ Easter Monday	18 Day 2	19 Day 3 SUB DAY 	20 Day 4  ◆ Ridvan	21 Day 5 Team/Groups Photo Day	22
23 	24 Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Day 3 PIZZA DAY 	27 Day 4 Gr 7&8 to KHS Play 10-11AM VOLUNTEER TEA	28 Day 5	29 GET READY JUNGLE SPORT NEXT WEEK! 