



# Roméo Dallaire P.S. Newsletter

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May 2022

## **Message from the Principal and Vice-Principal**

Spring is always a very exciting time of year around school and this spring is no exception! This month we celebrate Asian/South Asian Heritage and Jewish Heritage Month. We value the purposeful contributions that these people have made to our country. In addition, students of all ages will actively participate in Children's Mental Health Week. Many have worked to create opportunities for mindful moments, activity breaks to get moving, and students will have opportunities to listen to a guest speaker who will talk about "Empowering Young Minds for New Times". We encourage the ongoing participation and engagement of our students in learning. We encourage everyone to take some time to care for his or her well-being by relishing in some of the simple and special moments that bring joy.

We are approaching the time of year that school staff will begin the collaborative process of class placement meetings for September. Classroom teachers, in cooperation with support staff, administration, and with parental input work diligently to create balanced classes for the upcoming school year. School staff considers the academic, social, and emotional strengths, needs and interests of each student when preparing class lists. The ultimate goal of class placement is to support and enhance the learning of all students. We welcome any input you wish to share about your child's strengths, needs, and learning styles. However, requests for specific teachers will not be considered. The responsibility for final decisions in that area lies with administration. Please send any information you would like considered about your child's placement for next year, in writing, to [katherine.gousis@yrdsb.ca](mailto:katherine.gousis@yrdsb.ca) and [steven.sevel@yrdsb.ca](mailto:steven.sevel@yrdsb.ca) no later than **Friday, May 13, 2022**.

Sincerely,

Katherine Gousis  
Principal

Steven Sevel  
Vice-Principal

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## **EQAO**

EQAO is a provincial standardized test that will take place for students in Grades 3 and 6. Our Grade 3 students will complete EQAO in Mathematics in French, and our students in Grade 6 will complete EQAO in both the Mathematics and Language in English. We expect that the test administration dates will be at the end of May or early June. We will communicate directly with families of students in Grades 3 and 6 as more information becomes available.

Please see this website for more information:

<https://www.eqao.com/frequently-asked-questions/>

## **Warmer Weather**

The warm weather is approaching and we remind parents to send refillable water bottles and hats to school with their children. Please ensure your child's name is labeled on the bottle and the hat. We appreciate your help with this matter. Sun screen should be applied at home. Please do not send or bring sun screen to school. We expect all undergarments to be covered at all times. We also remind students of the importance of good hygiene, especially with the warmer temperatures. Footwear should be supportive and secure.

## **Yearbooks**

The yearbook is a wonderful keepsake and way to commemorate our school year. All grades will be featured and the yearbook will be in colour. If you are interested in purchasing one, they are \$20 and available for purchase on School Cash Online between May 2 and May 15. Yearbooks will be delivered to students in their classrooms in June.

## **Moving**

Are you moving before September, or have you recently moved? Families who are planning to move before the start of the next school year are asked to please contact the school office as soon as possible by emailing: [romeo.dallaire.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:romeo.dallaire.ps@yrdsb.ca). Families in York Region are eligible to attend specific schools based on their residential address. School office staff can help you locate your child's new school and also can assist you with the student transfer process. In addition to helping make your child's transition to a new school a smooth and hassle-free process, by informing the school of your plans to move, you are helping us ensure that our school is effectively organized for September.

## **Reminder – Please Update Your Records**

The school requires up-to-date contact information for all students. If you have recently changed or cancelled a home phone number or cell phone number, or removed the landline, please ensure that you update this information with our office staff. Also, please ensure you provide the office with any new contact information! Thank you!

## **Elementary Learning Models for 2022-2023**

While most students are now attending school in-person (face-to-face), YRDSB recognizes that some families may wish for their child to continue online learning. The Government of Ontario requires that school boards continue to offer students virtual learning for the 2022-2023 school year.

For 2022-2023 school year, YRDSB plans do not include hybrid learning.

For those who opted for the Elementary Virtual School, students in **Grades 1-8** will have a minimum of 225 minutes of a 300-minute instructional day of real-time, live (synchronous) learning with a teacher. Any remaining time will be asynchronous (not live) learning. **French Immersion** online programming may be provided in 2022-2023, if possible, based on student/family interest and staffing requirements. If offered, French Immersion classes may include students in multiple grades. In the event that French Immersion is not available virtually, you will be contacted by your current school to discuss options.

For more information, please visit: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/virtual-school/elementary-virtual-school>

## **Grade 8 Graduation**

We are pleased to share that our RDPS Graduation will occur in person this year.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022

**Location:** Premiere Banquet Hall

**Address:** 696 Westburne Drive, Vaughan, Ontario L4K 4V5

**Start Time:** 5:15 pm, the doors will open

More information will be shared with families of graduating students later this month.

## **Upcoming Dates for May and June**

- Theme for May: Respect for Self
- May is Jewish Heritage Month and Asian/South Asian Heritage Month
- May 2: Eid-ul-Fitr
- May 23: Victoria Day – No School
- May 26: School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm via Google Meet
- Theme for June: Perseverance
- June is National Indigenous History Month and Pride Month
- June 15: Final School Council Meeting, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm via Google Meet
- June 22: Grade 8 Graduation for RDPS
- June 28: Report Card electronic distribution
- June 30: Last day of school