

April 23, 2021



Principal's Message:

Good afternoon Rouge Park Families,

We hope that you enjoyed a restful April Break and that the transition back to online learning was as smooth as possible for all of you. We know that learning together at home as a family can cause added stress for both parents and children. We are here to help; please know that you can reach out to the classroom teacher or to me if you need resources, advice, or any other form of support. We are here to listen and assist in any way we can. You are not alone!

Our staff has been working hard to plan some fun events and special days for our students to enjoy while learning from home. Each class is coming up with ideas that they are sharing with the rest of the school. We will pick the most popular ideas and share a calendar of events with you so that you can help remind your children to participate. Our first special event will be next Friday when all classes will play the game-based learning platform, Kahoot! We would love for you to take photos of your child(ren) participating in each event/day. You are welcome to send pictures to me at lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca to be included in future newsletters.

Stay safe and well, Lindsey Maclean lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca

Social Media and Mental Health Presentation - Mo6th 7:00-8:00 - please note the change in time.

In response to surveys sent out to families last fall and in consultation with our School Council, Rouge Park is excited to offer a parent engagement evening addressing the topic of Social Media and Mental Health. Scott Ste. Marie is a highly sought-after keynote speaker, educator, coach and YouTuber. He will host a virtual parent evening on Thursday, May 6th from 7:00-8:00 pm. during which he will specifically address how social media and screen time impact emotional health and well-being in our children. Scott will also run a student session for grades 4-8 during the day (10:30-11:40) where students will gain a deeper understanding of the impact social media use has on their emotional wellbeing and how to use it safely. Five of our neighbouring schools have already hosted an evening with Scott Ste. Marie and the feedback has been incredible. There will be no cost to the presentation as it is subsidized by the Parents Reaching Out Grant (Pro-Grant) provided by the Ministry of Education.

Families Invited to Provide Input into YRDSB Budget

York Region District School Board is inviting all families to participate in the annual budget consultation process. Fill out the online 10 minute survey by Thursday, April 29, 2021 or take part in a virtual consultation on Monday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.. More information on how to join the virtual consultation is available on the YRDSB website.

The results of the consultation will be used to inform the 2021-22 school year budget allocation. Questions regarding the budget process may be directed to Budget20212022@vrdsb.ca.

Are You Moving?

We are in the process of organizing classes for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. If you know your child/children will be attending another school in September please email or call the school office to let us know.

Visit Our New Website!



YRDSB has refreshed its Board website to make it easier for families to find the important information they are looking for at www.vrdsb.ca.

The new website has been designed to be mobile friendly, translatable, accessible, searchable, easy to navigate and to better reflect York Region DistrictSchool Board and our community. This includes:

- Built-in translation tool
- Enhanced search capabilities
- Built-in accessibility features to meet accessibility legislation
- Revised navigation based on user testing, website analytics and research
- Quick access to six of our most accessed pages, including school calendars and school transportation information.

The new website also includes:

- A <u>Family Resources</u> that provides quick access to online tools like Edsby, Google Classroom and School Cash Online, as well as links to information about translation tools, IT support for families and more. Use the "need help" button to access tips and support in using these tools.
- Updated <u>Online Student Tools</u> pages provide quick access to students to online learning platforms and resources to help with homework. Use the "need help" button to access tips and support in using these tools.
- An enhanced <u>newsroom</u> with access to the latest news, events and videos so you can find out what's happening around our Board.
- Easy access to information about <u>supports for students</u>, <u>elementary school</u> and <u>secondary school</u> programs, <u>adult learning opportunities</u> and more.
- Information about COVID-19 and schools, including update information, screening tools and frequently asked questions can still be found at www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening.

Kindergarten Registration

There are several ways you can register for kindergarten on or after January 15, 2021:

- Online Families can access the <u>online Kindergarten</u>
 registration information. It is recommended that families use a
 laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete
 this registration.
- By email Families can download the Elementary School
 Registration Formand email the completed form to their
 school email address. Email addresses can be found on the
 school website.
- By phone Families can request support from the school Principal/Vice-Principal to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation. Call your local school.
- By mail or appointment. You can mail completed applications to the school, or request an appointment (once schools have reopened) to drop-off your completed paper application form.



Earth Day Messages from Ms. Trim's Class





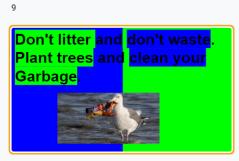




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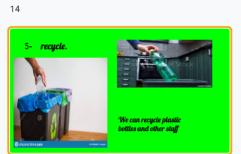






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International Day of Pink and Earth Day Learning Mrs. Liu and Ms. Arunasalam's Class

