



REVIEW



June 26, 2021

Principal's Message:

Hello Rouge Park Families,

Here we are at the end of the 2020-2021 School Year. There is no doubt, this has been the most challenging year for all of us. I want to thank you for your support, understanding, partnership and flexibility. As we pivoted from in person to on-line, we know how much of an impact this had on everyone. Many of our RPPS students were in EVS this year and we know this has been challenging too. I sincerely hope that everyone has the opportunity to relax and enjoy some good times during the summer vacation. If you need anything at all, please email me.

We are hopeful that as we return in September, everyone is in the building and there is a return to a sense of normalcy. We know for many students, this will be a return to Rouge Park after a long time away. As a staff, we are preparing to ensure all students are supported and feel welcomed. At RPPS, we believe in spreading kindness and making sure everyone feels they matter and belong.

To our families and students who are graduating or moving, please remember, "Once a Raptor, Always a Raptor". Please keep in touch!

Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy summer.

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With Gratitude

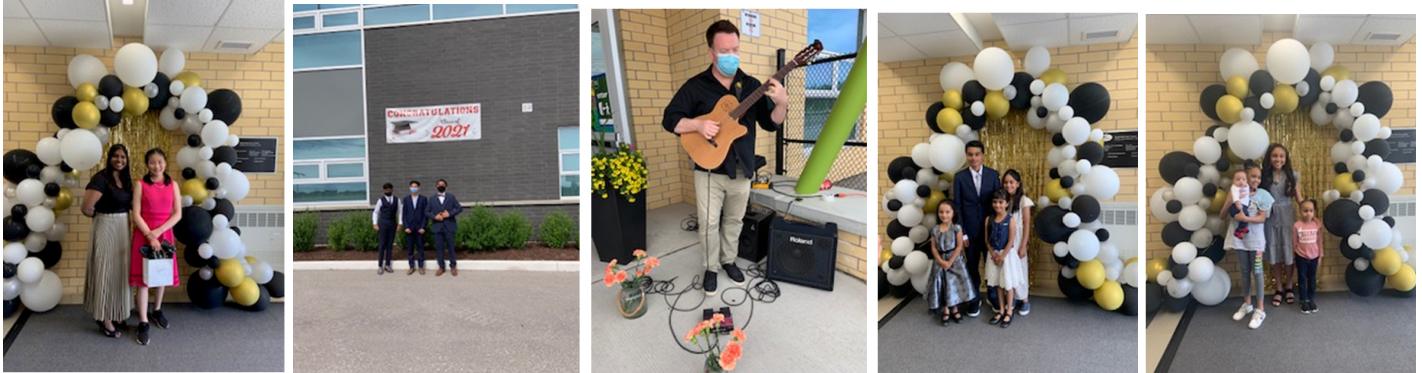
Thank you to the AMAZING staff at Rouge Park who have worked incredibly hard this year! All staff members have gone above and beyond to ensure students were given the best experience possible. We are truly fortunate to have such a hard-working, dedicated, creative and caring team at RPPS!

School Council

A special thank you again, to our amazing School Council who has been incredibly supportive during this challenging year!

Congratulations Grade 8 Graduates!

On Thursday, we had the opportunity to honour our Grade 8 graduates with a drive-through celebration and the release of the Virtual Graduation video. We hope that our Grade 8 families had a chance to watch this magnificent tribute to our graduating class of 2021. We are proud of our graduates and wish them nothing but the best as they enter the next chapter of their education.



Our Staff Graduation Committee!

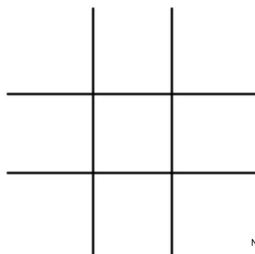
Final Fun Friday

Friday was our final Fun Friday with the Tic Tac Toe tournament. Our students tuned in virtually to watch their class winner compete for the school Championships. Congratulations to Sathusan who is the first Rouge Park Raptor Champ! The students have truly enjoyed the opportunity to do something a little different during virtual learning. These moments help raise spirits and create a sense of belonging within our school community. We have received requests for our tournaments to continue next year!

Ultimate Raptor's
Tic Tac Toe Champion!!



Name: Kathan



Name: Sassi

Round Four: Who will be....



SATHUSAN!!!!

Dear Families,

Re: Student Material Retrieval and Return Process

Students and families may now arrange to safely pick up items they left at school and return items that belong to the YRDSB on Friday, June 25th and Monday, June 28th. Students are expected to return all school items including textbooks, school library books, musical instruments and anything else that is property of the YRDSB.

Students & families will follow the schedule outlined below:

On Friday, June 25th and Monday, June 28th the school will be open between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm for pick up and/or drop off. Technology can also be dropped on the 29th but there will be no access inside of the building to retrieve items.

Guidelines for Visit

- If you are only returning technology, you do not need to enter the school. Please see the detailed email re: technology return
- If you need to enter the school to retrieve items, the visit must be conducted within the Public Health Guidelines and will include; physical distancing, single entry/exit point and use of hand sanitization. Further, a [self-screening](#) must be conducted prior to entering the building. All visitors must sign in and out of the building for contact tracing purposes.
- Elementary students, a parent/guardian is to retrieve materials with your child (gr. 7/8s may attend alone)
- Ensure you know your child's homeroom and teacher's name
- No additional family members, particularly children, will be allowed to enter the building
- No access to washrooms or drinking fountains
- If your child has medication at the school, it will be bagged, labeled and available for pick up.
- Desks and any other individual spaces must be cleared out, as all remaining items will be discarded. Lockers were emptied prior to the April break
- Family members/students will be told where to return items (*technology and library books on front tables, classroom texts etc. in the homeroom*).

Most of our RPPS students took all belongings home in April so many will not need to enter the building. However, many of our EVS and F2F students have borrowed technology that we need to have returned so that it is ready to be used within our school in September. Thank you in advance for ensuring this technology is all returned prior to the end of the school year.

Our goal is to provide a safe and supportive process to allow for the retrieval of materials and return of school property. We appreciate your cooperation as we facilitate a safe and organized process.

Dear Parents/Guardians/Students:

RE: Return of Board Technology Loaned to Students

This communication pertains to students/families who borrowed YRDSB technology to participate in online learning. In preparation for the next 2021-2022 school year, we will be collecting all Chromebooks and internet packages along with accessories loaned out to students/families.

Please return this equipment to the school by June 29th, including all power adaptors. The equipment should be labelled with the student's name or student number (i.e., name on masking tape, label) and placed in a plastic bag or in the box that it was loaned to you in.

The window to return loaner technology to your home school is **Friday June 25th, Monday June 28th and Tuesday June 29th. [between the hours of 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM]**. Families are also welcome to return borrowed equipment before this time if needed. Please coordinate with your school principal.

Please be reminded that as per the IT Services - Technology Loan Agreement - Student Technology Education Program (STEP), by borrowing Board owned technology device(s) and associated accessories (power adapters), you assumed responsibility and liability for its safe use and return.

Students enrolled in summer school

Students enrolled in YRDSB summer school programs can hold onto their loaner device for summer school. These devices will need to be returned in September. Please advise your school principal if you are enrolled in summer school and need to hold on to your loaner technology.

Prior to returning loaner technology please ensure:

- Technology is labelled with the student's name or student number (i.e., name on masking tape, label) and placed in the box or a plastic bag
- Internet package includes a phone with charger block and charger cable and a Chromebook with power adapter and power cord
- Chromebook includes a power adapter and power cord

How to return technology at the school

- Friday, June 25th, Monday, June 28 and Tuesday, June 29th from 8am to 3pm
- Please place the technology and any related items such as power cord onto the labeled cart in the first vestibule of the school (no need to fully enter the school).
- Please wear a mask when entering the vestibule and follow York Region public health Covid-19 protocols.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.



Coming together to enjoy Summer and prepare for the Fall



In partnership with the York Region District School Board, York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families presents...

RESET AND RECHARGE - HOW TO RECONNECT WITH YOUR FAMILY AND SET UP FOR A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER!

Presented by: Salwa Mawji (York Hills Clinical Navigator) and Ameena Ali (YRDSB Social Worker)

What a school year it has been! With the back and forth from face to face to online, and the uncertainty of imminent lock downs, this was a year like no other. Now, as the weather begins to warm and the summer begins, we recognize that parents/caregivers and children/youth, might have questions about what the summer will bring. This webinar aims to talk about the transition from school to summer, and provide parents/caregivers, with the skills and techniques to reconnect with their children in a supportive and fun way.

 **Thursday July 8 | 6:30PM-8:00PM | Zoom**

LETTING GO! FOSTERING SELF-COMPASSION AND SELF-CARE IN THE MIDST OF ANTICIPATED CHANGES AND CHALLENGES THAT MAY LIE AHEAD

Presented by: Phoebe Chan (York Hills Child and Family Therapist) and Ameena Ali (YRDSB Social Worker)

Feeling stressed out? Is the uncertainty of anticipated changes wearing you down? Being a parent/caregiver during these unprecedented times can be difficult. Being kind to yourself is more important than ever. This webinar aims to provide strategies for fostering self-compassion and the importance of caring for your own mental and physical well-being. In this webinar you will specifically learn how to be in tune with your own mental health and well-being in order to support your children and youth.

 **Thursday July 29 | 6:30PM-8:00PM | Zoom**

RIGHT FOOT FORWARD - HOW TO START SCHOOL OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT

Presented by: Joanna Allison (York Hills Child and Family Therapist) and Elana Presement (YRDSB Social Worker)

The past two school years have been unpredictable for parents, children and youth. You may be asking yourself, "What will school look like in September?" It is common for parents/caregivers to experience anxiety and uncertainty related to academics, social and emotional well-being, and attending in-person or virtual learning. The same can be said for children and youth. This webinar will help you feel empowered in your role as a parent/caregiver navigating back to school routines and ensuring that your child has a smooth transition to the new school year.

 **Thursday August 12 | 6:30PM-8:00PM | Zoom**

CHECKING IN - HOW'S IT GOING SO FAR IN THIS SCHOOL YEAR?

Presented by: Laurie Blow (York Hills Intensive Child and Family Worker) and Elana Presement (YRDSB Social Worker)

One month down, things are not going as planned at school. Now what? Join us to discuss what did and didn't work and how to troubleshoot for the future. Recognize that all plans need a back up, and we are here to support you in discovering some new ways of being and tackling these obstacles. Parents/caregivers will walk away with information and tools to help their child(ren) feel confident and successful, no matter that changes or transitions, and will learn ways to empower children/youth to find their voice at school and at home.

 **Thursday October 7 | 6:30PM-8:00PM | Zoom**

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Summer Programs and Resources

Welcome to Summer!

Please visit [2021 Online Summer Program Opportunities for Children, Youth and Families](#)

You will find a list of programs organized by category and age group. We encourage you to check the link regularly as the Community and Partnership Developer Team will be making regular updates to available programs and resources.

Also check out the [Community Resources](#) Page for other important information regarding mental health, financial, legal and other supports.

The following **Community and Partnership Developer** staff will be available throughout the summer to support families with information and resources they might need. These staff members can be reached by email or phone:

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