

REVIEW

March 12, 2021



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We have had another great week of learning at RougePark. The lessons and activities I see in classrooms during my walks around the building are inspiring. I'm especially impressed with the conversations that are happening around understanding and appreciating our own identities and how we can work in solidarity against racism. This is work we will continue to commit to as a staff and within our classrooms. We have some special activities planned for the coming weeks at school. These curriculum-related activities will not only be fun and engaging, but will also help us continue to build our sense of community. More details about our March Madness week are listed below.

It has been wonderful to meet many of you during drop off and pick up each day. As always, if I can offer support or answer questions, please feel free to reach out to me when you see me outside, via email or by calling the school.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Stay safe and well,

Lindsey Maclean

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March Madness at RPPS

We have a fun-filled week of activities planned for our students and staff! The week of March 22-26 is our March Madness week! Our hope is that this will help raise spirits and benefit the wellness of everyone in our building. Here is a sneak peak at what the week looks like so far...

Monday- Beach Day (dress appropriately, but like you're in a tropical paradise) + Ice Cream or fruit cup (pre-ordered)

Tuesday - Tinker Tuesday (STEM building day!) + Rock, Paper, Scissor Competition

Wednesday - Wacky Wednesday - dress backwards and be ready for some wacky Wednesday activities throughout the day

Thursday- Movie Day (Watch a movie with your class) + enjoy individually packaged Popcorn (pre-ordered)

Friday - Rock, Paper, Scissors Finale + Carnival at Rouge Park

Please pre-order treats on School Cash Online (directions below). If you are unable to order, please contact the office and we will ensure we look after your child(ren).

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March 8th was International Women's Day. This year's theme was: #ChooseToChallenge. Some messages we shared with our students included:

- A challenged world is an alert world. Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day.

- We can all choose to challenge and call out gender bias and inequality. We can all choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievements. Collectively, we can all help create an inclusive world. • From challenge comes change, so let's all choose to challenge.

World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD)

March 21st, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. The Province of Ontario has proclaimed March 21st as Ontario Down Syndrome Day, since 2016. The date for WDSD being the 21st day of the 3rd month was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down Syndrome. We are pleased to share with you this amazing video created by one of our York Region students, along with her family.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/siv49c0e2j90x06/World%20Down%20Syndrome%20Day%20Video.mp4?dl=0>

School Council Meeting:

Our next virtual School Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 25th. All are welcome to attend! We are looking for someone to join our Executive as Secretary. The job description entails taking the minutes at each meeting. Please contact Lindsey at the school if you are interested in this position. No interview necessary!!

New COVID Screening Tool for Parents

Please see York Region Public Health's [new screening guide](#). All students are required to complete the screening guide daily before coming to school.

March 9th Wellness Evening:

Thank you to all of the families who joined our Wellness evening with Dr. Bloom and Randi Berger. We will be sharing some of the information and resources shared at the event with all of our families in the near future.

Bullying

- Bullying is when someone does something unkind over and over again
- Bullying is when someone does something mean on purpose
- If you are being bullied, you should first tell the person to stop and then tell someone like a teacher or a friend and they will help you
- Remember to be kind

- Written by Xavier



Nowruz 2021

For most of us, March 20th signifies the beginning of a new season, spring and a chance to look forward to warmer weather. For many of us from countries like Iran, Afghanistan, the Kurdish regions of Iraq, Turkey and Syria, throughout Central Asia and many more - The first day of spring is a New Year's Festivity, also known as Nowruz (pronounced NO-ruz). While specific traditions vary from

country to country, as different cultures add their own elements, the central theme is the same: a celebration of spring and a time for rebirth and renewal.

In recognition of Nowruz, students and parents/guardians are invited to participate in free activities during the month of March which focus on aspects of Nowruz traditions celebrated by different communities.

On-Going Events for March

Student Virtual Talent Show

When: March 19th 5:30-7:00 pm

Where: Virtual TBA

Ages: Grade 1-12

Overview: Students within our board can get an opportunity to celebrate Nowruz by showcasing their talents on a virtual platform. This event will be open to anyone who would be interested in attending.

At this stage, we are hoping to gather students Grade 1-12 who celebrate Nowruz that may be interested in showcasing their talent.

It would be for 5-10 minutes and can be individual or a group. Talents can include anything, however these are just some suggestions:

- Playing an instrument
- Poetry/Spoken word
- Singing
- Acting
- Any type of visual art

Following [Registration](#) of the Virtual Talent Show a consent form will be provided and will need to be completed in order for the student to participate.



Rouge Park P.S. is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt.

To view a presentation about the program, go to <http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>.

Follow the easy steps on the next page to register and get started!

PLEASE NOTE: Your purchases will appear on your statement as “School Cash Online – YRDSB”

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Step 1: Register

a) Click on the School Cash Online button on our school's website

at

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/rougepark.ps/>

and select the “***Get Started Today***” button.

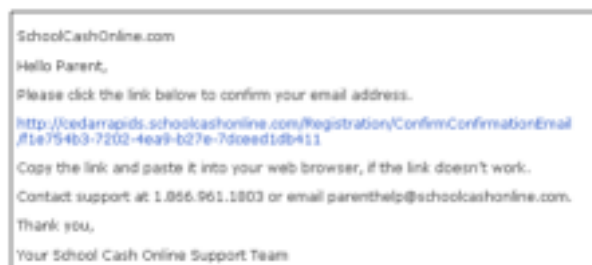


b) Complete each of the three Registration Steps

***For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**

Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your



email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

Step 3: Find Student

NOTE: A STUDENT NUMBER IS REQUIRED

This step will connect your children to your account.

- a) Enter the School Board Name
- b) Enter the School Name
- c) Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name
- d) Select **Continue**
- e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- f) Your child has been added to your account

Find Student

1. Type in the School Board name and select one from the list

York Region District School Board

☐ Change school board name.

2. Select a school

Select school...

3. Enter student information

Student Number

Last Name

Continue

(No students? [Click here](#))

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the [GET HELP](#) option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com.

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Poster Competition

When: March 1st - March 19th – Winner announced
March 19th 2021 at Virtual Talent Show

Where: Virtual TBA

Ages: Grade 1-12

Overview: What does the first day of spring mean to you? For those who celebrate Nowruz, the first day of spring is the start of a new year and new beginnings.

We are encouraging all students who celebrate Nowruz to create a poster that illustrates any of the following:

- How do you and your family celebrate Nowruz?
- What does Nowruz mean to you?
- What do you hope for the upcoming New Year?

Get Creative! Posters can be made in any format the student is comfortable with (digital, paint, canvas, etc.)

A photo of the poster can be sent to maryam.jafari@yrdsb.ca along with the student's name, school, grade and contact information. A consent form will be provided following poster submission.

Winner will receive a \$25.00 Gift Card!

Family Virtual Workshops for March

Family Virtual Workshop Registration

Families (students and parents/guardians) can [sign up](#) for the free workshops and a Zoom link will be provided prior to the event.

Egg Decorating

When: Thursday, March 11th 2021 5:30-6:30pm

Where: Zoom link will be sent prior to event date

Ages: Grade 1-12

Materials Required: Eggs, markers [optional: stickers, paint]

Overview: A workshop designed to provide an opportunity for YRDSB families to learn more about the traditions of the Iranian community around Nowruz. Every household that celebrates Nowruz sets up a table with seven different items (known as the Haftseen) that bring specific luck to the family. Eggs represent fertility in hopes of new additions to the family. Every one of all ages gather and decorate the eggs before placing them on the Haftseen table. During this workshop, families will have the opportunity to decorate their eggs inspired by ideas from members of the community.

Haftseen it Your Way

When: Thursday, March 18th 2021 5:30-6:30pm

Where: Zoom link will be sent prior to event date

Ages: Grade 1-12

Overview: A workshop designed to provide an opportunity for YRDSB families to learn more about the traditions of the Iranian community around Nowruz. For Nowruz, the community sets up their own table with seven items that begin with the letter S. Each item represents an item that will bring good luck to the family in the New Year. In this workshop, families will get creative and pick another letter and set up a new table with items beginning with the chosen letter and share what each item represents or means to them personally.

Esme Famil (Traditional Iranian Game)

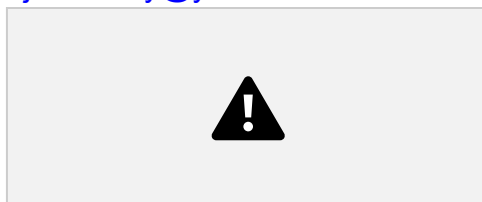
When: Thursday, March 25th 2021 5:30-6:30pm

Where: Zoom link will be sent prior to event date

Ages: Grade 1-12

Overview: A workshop designed to provide an opportunity for YRDSB families to learn more about the traditions of the Iranian community around Nowruz. This friendly online game is played among the Iranian community. It's competitive but fun! Similar to other religious and cultural celebrations, during Nowruz, families get together and celebrate the New Year by eating delicious food, giving gifts, and playing games at gatherings. With this traditional Iranian game, families will have the opportunity to play with members of the community and learn about different cultures and traditions.

For more information about the events and workshops please contact Marjan Afzaly at marjan.afzaly@yrdsb.ca



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211 CENTRAL FACT SHEET

What is 2-1-1?

211 is a free service that connects individuals and families with the complete range of government, health, community and social services in their communities.

211 Central Quick Facts:

- 211 can be accessed by:
 - Phone (Call 2-1-1 / Toll-Free Number: 1-877-330-3213 / TTY: 1-888-340-1001)
 - Online (Search 211Central.ca for Toronto, Peel and York Regions / Durham.211Central.ca for Durham Region / 211Ontario.ca for province-wide / 211.ca for nation-wide)
 - Text (Send an SMS to 21166 / Monday-Friday | 7am-9pm EST)
 - Live Chat (211Ontario.ca/chat / Monday-Friday | 7am-9pm EST)
 - E-mail (gethelp@211Ontario.ca / Monday-Friday | 7am-9pm EST)
- 211 is free, confidential and available 24/7 (even on holidays) in 150+ languages
- When you dial 2-1-1, the line is answered by certified Service Navigators who will help you navigate the complexities of the human services system quickly and easily
- Contact 2-1-1 for information and referral to:
 - Health Services & Mental Health Supports
 - Income Support & Financial Assistance
 - Food Banks & Meal Programs
 - Housing Help
 - Seniors Support Services
 - [and more...](#)

Next time you are facing a non-emergency situation or are seeking community help and don't know where to turn, remember to contact 211! Help starts here.



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