

May 14, 2021

Principal's Message:

Good afternoon Rouge Park Families,



I hope that you were able to enjoy some long-awaited sunshine this week. Students and staff are continuing to make the best of virtual learning; the resiliency and optimism I see each day is commendable. I have received many notes from parents to express gratitude for our staff which has gone a long way in keeping spirits up throughout the many changes to our school year.

In this week's Rouge Park Review, there are some important reminders and opportunities from both our school and the board. If you have any questions or comments after reading the information, please feel free to reach out via email. I am always happy to phone you to discuss supporting your children and your family in any way needed.

For those of you who celebrated this week, wishing you Eid Mubarek!

Stay safe and well,

Lindsey Maclean lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca

School Council Meeting

Our next virtual School Council meeting will be on Thursday, May 27th @ 6:30 pm. We will provide updateson recently purchased items, school logo creation, future spirit wear and more. We would love to gather more community voice for future plans so please plan to attend if you are able!

Mental Health Resources Available to Families

Ontario has upped their game with some free personal counselling supports for students and families in the last few weeks. Click the links below for more information.

- 1. <u>MindBeacon</u>
- 2. <u>Free 12-Week Therapist Guided Counselling Program</u>. Although the website indicates a cost for this service, is it currently free for all Ontario residents.
- 3. <u>What's Up Walk-In Counselling</u> Call 1-866-585-MHTO (6486) M-F between 9am-7pm to be connected with a counsellor for a phone or video counselling session

 MOBYSS Virtual Clinic Thursdays, 3-5 p.m. anyone aged 12-25 can access free confidential counselling services by joining Zoom meeting: <u>https://cmha-yr.zoom.us/j/98702161280?from=addon</u> Meeting ID: 987 0216 1280 Password: 869125 For more information call: 289-879-2376 or e-mail <u>mobyss@cmha-yr.on.ca</u>

Long Weekend Reminder

May 24 is a holiday. There will be no classes or asynchronous work for students on that day. Please take the time to relax and enjoy some down-time with your family.

Friday Fun Day

This week's Fun Day featured scavenger hunts!

Ms. Lui's and Ms. Arunasalam's kindergarten class:



Please scroll down ...





Design a Plow Contest

Draw, paint or colour to showcase public works in our communities. The theme for the design is **Public Works**, **Stronger Together**.

Four classes with the winning designs will receive the following:

- Winning design featured on a snowplow truck for the 2021/2022 season
- Pylon Pete mascot will speak to the class virtually from the road operations centre and host a game (15 minutes)
- Artwork will be shipped to the school or the teacher, mounted and ready for display
- Winning design posted on @YorkRegionGovt social media channels

Steps to enter the contest:

- Print the attached form or simply create a design to fit a 26 cm x 10 cm rectangle. A paperless option is to use a digital colouring program like Microsoft Paint and create a digital copy
- Take a high quality/resolution photo of the design (2 MB maximum size) and save as a Jpeg format to upload on york.ca/publicworks or to submit by email.
- 3. Select the *Design a Plow* tab.

Each student entry will be a separate upload Or, email entries to: transportation@york.ca

All designs that are submitted will be featured in the photo gallery on **york.ca/publicworks**

- 4. Provide the following information with the contest entries:
 - School name
 - Grade level
 - Artist's first name
 - Teacher's name
 - Teacher's email address

Only the school name, the artist's first name and grade will be shared publicly.

 Vote! Encourage colleagues, parents and guardians to visit york.ca/publicworks to vote on designs. The four designs with the most votes will receive the items listed.

Visit **york.ca/publicworks** for information and videos to inspire design. One entry per student. All grades can participate. There is no limit to the number of submissions from a school!

Contest opens on May 17 and ends May 28. Winning designs will be announced the first week in June.

Full contest rules are posted on york.ca/publicworks







Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS) Student & Family Event

When

Thursday, May 27, 2021 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (EST)

Registration

Please register via <u>bit.ly/3eHpIMB</u> by May 25, 2021.

In a year that has punctuated the impact of anti-Black racism across systems, people of African descent around the world are choosing to resist through JOY. This is an event that supports Black-Identifying students and their families from YRDSB and the community. We are providing a Black-affirming space for dialogue and community building in a safe forum. We will have specific break-out sessions for adults and students. Having separate devices is recommended.

Special Guests Include:

Tracey Elleston Thomas (YRDBS Identity Specific Social Worker) Jay Martin (comedian) and Nadia Hohn(storyteller) YRDSB Student Panelists- Julius Adu, Renee Wint-White

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For additional information please contact aebsca@gmail.com



Parent Engagement Panel Discussion (Mandarin session) Raising Children with an Intercultural Lens 中西文化衝突下的育兒之道

-- 解析在育兒過程中遇到的困惑和挑戰

Guest Panelists / 普通話講座嘉賓

Dr. Lixia Yang

<u>Julia Shen</u>

楊麗霞教授

- Professor of Psychology, Ryerson University
 瑞爾森大學心理學系教授
- Co-founder, WeSupport 加華心理健康互助平台創辦人
- Co-founder, EPIC
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- 沈近嘉
- Certified NVC Trainer Candidate 非暴力溝通認證培訓師候選人
- Founder, Space for Heart 心空間創辦人
- Supervisor, WeSupport 加華心理健康互助平台培訓師
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<u>AJ Luo</u>

羅智源

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- Supervisor, WeSupport 加華心理健康互助平台培訓師
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Performance Plus 學校 - Milliken Mills, Highgate, 和Wilclay公立學校

YRDSB 約克區教育局共融校園和社區資源服務部

FSYR - Family Services York Region 約克區家庭服務中心

WeSupport 加華心理健康互助平台

日期:2021年5月17日

時間:晚上7:00-9:00

<u>點這裡報名</u> | bit.ly/33yh7QD

報名截止日期5月16日 2021



VIRTUAL SCIENCE FAIR

May 31st - June 30th

Join in on the challenge to engage in a scientific research project. Submit your project to be reviewed by a panel of judges for a chance to win awesome prizes. The prizes will be revealed on May 31st.

Participate solo or in groups of up to 4. This event is open to participants in grades 3 to 12 and judging will be based on three age categories:

> Junior (grades 3-5)
> Intermediate (grades 6-8)
> Senior (grades 9-12)

For more information visit: www.vaughanpl.info/sciencefair



2021 Summer Learning Programs Available

During the month of July, YRDSB continues to offer credit and non-credit summer school program opportunities for elementary, secondary and adult students.

Traditional in-class face-to-face summer programs will move to a remote learning delivery model.

Registration is now open for the following programs:

Elementary Credit and Non-Credit Programs:

- Elementary Summer School (Grades 6 8 non credit reinforcement)
- Grade 8 Reach Ahead

Secondary Credit Programs:

- Online-Learning
- Remote Learning

Adult Learning Programs:

- Adult Literacy and Basic Skills
- English as a Second Language
- Citizenship Classes

For more information about summer learning programs and registration please visit <u>www.yrdsb.ca</u> and follow us on Twitter @YRDSB.