

June 18, 2021



### Principal's Message:

Good afternoon Rouge Park Families,

We are enjoying a busy June with plans for Grade 8 Graduation and Welcome to Kindergarten in full swing. This week, staff from our Kindergarten team hosted virtual "Discover Kindergarten" sessions to introduce our future RPPS students to Rouge Park. Our Grade 8 Graduation planning team has been working countless hours to ensure our grade 8's are sent off in the finest fashion possible given Covid restrictions. We will be having a drive-through celebration on Thursday, June 24th during which our graduates and their families can drive through the bus loop to the cheers of staff, take a moment to have pictures taken and receive a gift bag of memorabilia. Later that evening, our virtual celebration will be aired for families to view from home. We are very proud of our graduates and know that they will do great things as they move on to the next chapters of their lives. Thank you to all staff, students, and families who have dedicated time to help ensure a great celebration!

There are important letters below regarding the return of board technology and the retrieval of belongings from school. These letters were emailed earlier in the week but are added here for your convenience. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call us at school next week.

I'm always available via email if you have questions or need to talk.

Enjoy your weekend!

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### School Council Meeting

Our final School Council Meeting was last night. Once again, thank you to everyone who has supported the council this year and a special shout out to our two chairs, Sarah Buck and Murtuza Rampurawala.

## School Logo Concept Vote

Our vote for a school logo closed last night. At first glance, the results are very close! We will announce plans for the new logo and spirit wear in the coming weeks.

### Fun Fridays

Last week our students collaborated to create their names in digital art. We have combined the names of everyone who participated in the collage below. Isn'tit spectacular! This week, classes hosted a Tic Tac Toe challenge and determined a class winner. Each class winner will face off in a school-wide competition next Friday which will be aired virtually for all to see! Just like our Rock Paper Scissors final back in March, this is one of those games that anyone can win!



## Are You Moving?

We are in the process of setting up for the September 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.

Please scroll down for additional YRDSB communications.

#### 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 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>self-screening</u> 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 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday, June 28 and Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Insert to include in Final School Newsletters

# Indigenous Languages and International Languages Elementary and Credit Registration for Fall 2021 now open!

#### **Elementary School Programs (SK to Grade 8)**

Students in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 can learn to read, write and speak a new language or maintain their heritage language. More than 21 different language courses are available. Registration for the 2021-2021 school year is now available online through <a href="Edsby">Edsby</a>. For locations, times and dates, please see the list of <a href="Elementary Courses">Elementary Courses</a>,

Please check our <u>website</u> for the most up to date information on registration and program delivery. **Due to space limitations, registration will take place on a first come first served basis.** 

#### \*NEW elementary language added for the 2021-2022

#### Yoruba

Site	Location	Address	Program Start Date	Class Time
Middlefield C.I.	Markham	525 Highglen Ave.	Thursday	6:00 to 8:30 PM

#### Secondary School Credit Programs (Grade 9 to 12)

The Credit International and Indigenous Languages program, offering 15 different languages, is available to students from Grades 9 to 12. Registration is now open for the upcoming 2021-2020 year, please see course offerings secondary course offerings. Online registration closes on September 13, 2021. Please visit our website for more information about our courses, program delivery and registration information.

#### Did you know there are many benefits to taking <u>credit</u> language courses?

Students can take one International Languages Course as a Group 1- Compulsory or as an Elective Credit towards their Ontario Secondary Diploma. Students can also earn up to three credits towards graduation. If students successfully complete the Level D - University course, it can be used as one of their top six (6) marks for post-secondary entry.

For more Information please do not hesitate to e-mail us if you have any questions at international.languages@yrdsb.ca

Thank you for your interest in our programs.



## Parents and Families of our school community

## **Summer Support**

The Community Partnership Developer (CPD) will be available throughout the summer to provide direct support for students and families through partnerships with community organizations and social service agencies.

### We support students and families with:

- community outreach and engagement
- nutrition and food supports
- parenting supports and education
- student and parent engagement

- early years and transition to high school
- locating services and/or community resources
- mental health
- basic needs (food, clothing, shelter:)

If at any time, you are facing difficulties, challenges or require information please directly contact:

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