



REVIEW



March 12, 2021

Principal's Message:

Good afternoon Rouge Park Community,

It's hard to believe that just over one year ago schools were closing for what we thought was only going to be three short weeks. All schools in YRDSB, including Rouge Park, flew flags at half mast last Thursday in honour and remembrance of the thousands who have lost their lives or loved ones in this past year. We are hopeful that restrictions will come to an end, and we will be back learning, working, and playing together again soon.

Looking ahead to next week, we are very excited to have daily challenges and spirit days to lift everyone's mood and have some fun ... March Madness is almost here! Please see the graphic below and remind your child(ren) to participate in the various activities.

Our next School Council meeting is Thursday, March 25th. We would love to grow the council and encourage new families to join and share their perspectives and voice. Everyone is always welcome.

I hope you enjoy the updates below. We will be sure to capture all of the fun next week and include some pictures in our next RP Review. 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,






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MARCH MADNESS

Rouge Park's fake March Break Fun

March 22 - 26

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Beach Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dress appropriately, but like you're in a tropical paradise - Ice Cream (pre-ordered) 	<p>Tinker Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - STEM building day! - Rock, Paper, Scissor Competition 	<p>Wacky Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Backwards Day - When Kris Kross "Jump, Jump" plays, you get up and jump 	<p>Movie Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watch a movie with your class - Popcorn (pre-ordered) 	<p>Fun Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rock, Paper, Scissors Finale - Carnaval de 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).

World Down Syndrome Day (WDS)

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 WDS 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 encouraged all students & staff to wear mismatched socks on Friday to support a world-wide theme for loving differences #wdsd2021, #LotsOfSocks.



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

Earlier today, York Region Public Health released its [new screening guide](#). All students are required to complete the screening guide daily before coming to school.

Affirming #BlackJoy Student Campaign 2021

In February 2021, AEBS started the Affirming #BlackJoy student campaign to highlight and honour the achievements of Black students in the YRDSB. By affirming Black students through such initiatives, we are contributing to building a positive anti-racist learning environment in the YRDSB. Thank you, Ms. Selvarajan, for affirming and recognizing Black excellence in Petagay Pinnock!

PETAGAY SAMANTHA PINNOCK
Elementary Virtual School
Nominating Educator: Archana Selvarajan

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Petagay Samantha Pinnock for consideration of the Affirming #BlackJoy Student Campaign. Petagay demonstrates strong leadership, academic and learning skills. It is evident through her actions and beliefs that she values Rouge Park's school vision that "Everyone Matters and Everyone Belongs." Petagay strongly believes in the importance of inclusion and equality. In the classroom, Petagay proudly shares many of her joys, one of which is her Jamaican culture.

Throughout the year, she has shared with her peers and teachers her experiences growing up in Jamaica. We've learned about the strong sense of community, and special cultural traditions she values. Petagay is considerate, respectful and willing to take on any challenge that comes her way. In class discussions, she has openly advocated for the importance of honouring and appreciating Black culture. In her words, "I want to do more to help my Black community, but to do that I also need to learn to love and develop myself as well. That way I can help everyone else." Petagay is very passionate about dance and music. She started dancing at a young age and has proudly shared her talent and knowledge with her peers. In a safe and socially-distanced manner, Petagay took the lead on choreographing a ribbon dance with her group. I can see her happiness as she coaches and supports her peers through the artistic process. She often shares her experiences of performing in various competitions and concerts in Jamaica.

When I see Petagay, I see a happy, passionate, and proud young girl.



Reflecting on Racism & Discrimination

a lecture series



Session 2

An Overview of
Canadian Slavery

Thursday, March 25

7:00pm

Presented by
Dr. Charmaine A. Nelson

Tier 1 Canada Research
Chair in Transatlantic
Black Diasporic Art &
Community Engagement

 Register on Eventbrite



ADDRESSING ANTI-EAST ASIAN RACISM THROUGH CONVERSATIONS & LEARNING

A THREE-PART Virtual Learning Series

Hosted by **NEKS** (Network of Educators for Korean Students) and **SEAS** (Supporting East Asian Students)
In collaboration with the **York Region District School Board**

**Session 1: Exploring East Asian
Canadian Identities & Experiences**
Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 (4:30 - 6:00pm)
Optional Dialogue: 6:00 - 6:30pm

Keynote Speaker: Gen Ling Chang
Former Associate Director of TDSB
and Deputy Executive Director of ALPHA Education

**Session 2: Disrupting Anti-East Asian
Racism in Education**
SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, May 26th, 2021
(4:30 - 6:00pm)

Keynote Speakers: Writers of
[Addressing Anti-Asian Racism: A Resource for Educators](#)

**Session 3: Addressing Anti-East Asian
Racism – Reflections & Practical Strategies
in Schools**
TBA: June 2021 (4:30 - 6:00pm)
Facilitators: Members of NEKS & SEAS

[YRDSB Registration](#) | [Public Registration](#)
Deadline to register is April 5, 2021

For more information, please contact SEAS
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