

March 26, 2021





Good afternoon Rouge Park Families,

March Madness has been a big success this week. Studentshaveenjoyed a number of different activities including Beach Day, Wacky Wednesday, Stem ChallengeDayand capped off with Carnival and a school-wide Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament on Friday. Congratulation Daniyal for winning the first ever R.P.P.S. trophy! It was a fierce competition, live-streamed all classes with competitors from Kindergarten right up to grade 8. Although the tournament seems like it's only purpose would be to have fun, we now notice students solving problems or determining a course of action by playing rock, paper, scissors. We have included a collage of pictures from each day of fun below.

A reminder that we have two short weeks coming up with Good Friday and Easter Monday next weekend. 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 lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca

School Council Meeting:

Thank you to everyone who attended our School Council Meeting last night. We truly appreciate your partnership and input as we make decisions in the best interest of student achievement and well-being. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 20 @ 6:30 pm.

New COVID Screening Tool for Parents

Please ensure you are using YRDSB's <u>new screening guide</u>. All students are required to complete the screening guide daily before coming to school. Pleasealsosee the screening reminders below. Celebrating Black Excellence



Our front display cases highlight incredible student work celebrating Black Excellence and the learning that continues to take place "Beyond Black History Month". We wish we could invite you in to see the display in person, but for now a virtual visit will have to suffice.

Pavement Only Recess

The City of Markham has asked that we stay off of the field for the foreseeable future to protect the grass during the spring thaw. This has prompted us to re-do our recess and lunch schedule to ensure that all students get outside two times a day. We are now using the kiss n ride and bus areas at morning recess for our older cohorts. At lunch we have divided the time outside in half with our primary division eating from 12-12:30 and going outside from 12:30 to 1:00. Our junior and intermediate classes go outside for the first half of the lunch hour and then come inside to eat for the second half. This new schedule allows us to stay in cohorts but also get outside.



March Madness! Please enjoy the pictures below that highlight some of the special events that took place this week.

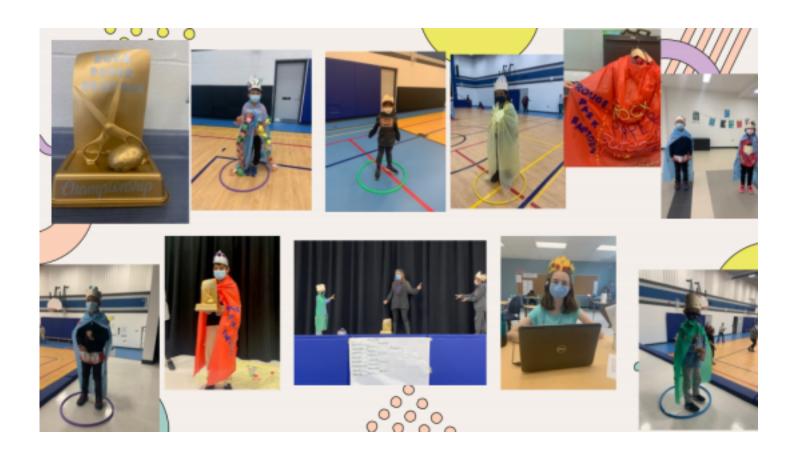


Tuesday Part 1: 🖊





The Friday Finale or Rock Paper Scissors was livsetreameinto the classrooms!



DAILY COVID-19 SCHOOL

AND CHILD CARE SCREENING REMINDERS

Dear York Region parents and guardians:

Thank you for continuing to screen your children before sending them to school and childcare every day. As expected, by moving to a one symptom screen we are noticing more schools having cohorts dismissed, helping to keep COVID out of the schools and the school community safe. We want to thank you all for your commitment to these public health measures designed to keep our loved ones safe.

We still need your help though by following these important reminders which are in place to ensure children aren't bringing COVID into the school or childcare setting:

- If a student/child/staff/essential visitor is symptomatic, or has a household member who is symptomatic, they are required to stay home without exemption, even for essential reasons (except for medical care), until the symptomatic individual tests negative. This means they should NOT be attending school or childcare.
- If a student/child/staff/essential visitor is in a dismissed cohort or has been identified as a high risk close contact, they are required to stay home without exemption, even for essential reasons (except for medical care), for the duration of the self-isolation period outlined in the dismissal letter, or as advised by York Region Public Health. This means they should NOT be attending school or childcare.
 - ☐ If a student/child/staff/essential visitor lives in a household with someone who is part a dismissed cohort or has been identified as a high risk close contact, they are required to stay home from school and child care for the duration of the self-isolation period of the affected household member. This means they should NOT be attending school or childcare.
- If a student/child/staff/essential visitor has travelled internationally, or lives in a household with someone who has travelled internationally within the last 14 days, they must stay home, without exemption, from school and child care for the entire isolation period of the traveller. This means they should NOT be attending school or childcare.

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