

Good afternoon Rouge Park Families,

Thank you to all who attended our School Council Meeting last week. Our next **School Council Meeting** will be on **January 19, 2021 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm**. A link to the meeting and an agenda will be shared with you the day before the meeting. Please consider joining us.

Although we know this is a very different kind of school year with half of our students learning online and half the students here with us at Rouge Park, we are considering ways that we can continue to serve our entire school community and bring the community together, virtually. As such, we are requesting that you please take a couple of minutes to complete two Google forms for parents using the links below. Getting input from our school community will help us to tailor future virtual workshops and webinars for families, based on your interests and availability. Thank you!!!!

<https://forms.gle/1joQi4HWmzGnhNcV7>



Virtual Webinars Ideas for Parents

In partnership with the School Council, we are looking into the possibility of planning 2 or 3 Virtual Parent Workshops for families. Please take a moment to indicate which topics you would be most interested in participating in this school year.

Also, please indicate which time of day/day of the week work best for you to participate.
Thank you.

Grade 3 Gifted Screening for EVS families

As per the information that was shared previously with our EVS families, Gifted Screening (Stage 1) for Grade 3 students who are currently registered in the remote learning model will be taking place on Thursday, December 3 (AM). Please refer to the email that was shared and contact us at the school if you have any questions. 905-350-0005

Our Grade 3 Face-to-Face students completed this assessment this week.

We are also seeking your input regarding the planning of a **Virtual Family Wellness Night**. Please see the Google form link below:

<https://forms.gle/UQgaFFQs2FHqoTsP9>



Rouge Park's Virtual Family Wellness Night



We are planning to have a Virtual Family Wellness Night for the Rouge Park school community in February 2021. We would like to know what types of family activities or workshops you would be interested in. Please help us with our planning to ensure we are providing opportunities that meet your interests and needs by filling in the form below for the school planning team.
Thank you.

REMINDER: Grade 8 Families: Virtual Open Houses for Secondary Schools

Please see the chart below for the dates of the grade 8 open houses hosted by the Secondary schools. These dates, along with a link to each school's web-page of Open House information will be posted on the YRDSB website for parents to access.

High School	Virtual Open house date
Bill Crothers Secondary School	Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Bill Hogarth Secondary School	Wednesday, December 9, 2020
Bur Oak Secondary School	Thursday, December 10, 2020
Markham District High School	Thursday, December 3, 2020
Markville Secondary School	Friday, November 27, 2020
Middlefield Collegiate Institute	Wednesday, November 25, 2020
Milliken Mills High School	Wednesday, December 9, 2020
Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School	Thursday, December 10, 2020
Unionville High School	Thursday, December 12, 2020

Bill Hogarth SS - December 9, 2020 - Mark your calendars and check the YRDSB website



Rouge Park P.S.'s Food Drive

- From December 7-11

We will be hosting a **FOOD DRIVE** at the school in support of a local food bank. Students will be able to bring a non-perishable food item to the school and these will be **collected safely, class by class in front of the school office**. Items will only be accepted during the week of the 7th and will be picked up by a local food bank at the end of the week.

Make a difference in your community by donating to a local Food Bank!

"Hunger is a persistent problem. The people that turn to food banks include families with children, new Canadians, employed people whose wages are insufficient to cover basic living essentials, individuals on social assistance, and Canadians living on a fixed income, including seniors and people with exceptionalities." Markham Food Bank (<http://markhamfoodbank.ca/donate>)

Some examples of non-perishable food donations include:

- Packages of cookies
- Hot cereal
- Jam
- Canned Salmon/Tuna
- Instant oatmeal
- Evaporated Milk
- Baby formula
- Vegetarian soup
- Canned kidney beans
- Pasta or rice
- Canned mixed vegetables

ROUGE PARK P.S.'s YEAR-LONG FUNDRAISER

Labels for the stuff kids lose!



Be sure to label all your gear and supplies to help keep them out of the Lost & Found. Shop for durable, personalized labels and support our fundraiser!

mabel's labels
FUNDRAISING

Visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com to support our organization.

Oops!
Should have put a label on it.

LOST & FOUND

Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com to buy labels and support our fundraiser.

Support Rouge Park P.S. and help us make sure all personal belongings get returned to the

correct students.

Reusable & Washable Face Masks



Kid and adult sizes available!

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FUNDRAISING

Go to campaigns.mabelslabels.com and choose our organization from the list! Then shop and your masks will ship directly to you with FREE shipping!

Visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com

to support the school

Thank you to our Rouge Park families for your continued partnership in keeping our school healthy and safe for our students and staff. We continue to implement all Public Health guidelines to keep our school as clean and as healthy as possible.

**COVID-19 school
screening tool**

**Check your child for
symptoms daily**

When to stay home

- Anyone feeling unwell or showing **symptoms** of COVID-19 must stay home / not enter school
- Any students and their families must stay home / not enter school if they:
 - Have had close contact with a confirmed case
 - Have had close contact with someone who is showing symptoms of COVID-19 who travelled outside of Canada 14 days prior to symptom onset
 - Have had close contact with someone who lived in or worked in a facility known to be experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19 (long-term care home, prison)
 - Have recently travelled outside Canada; regardless if they have symptoms or a negative test result, they are still required to quarantine for 14 days and cannot enter school during that time

[Ontario government's revised COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in Schools and Child Care.](#) ([click the link to the tool](#))

As a reminder, please enter your child's absence daily in Edsby or phone the school office to report the absence at 905-350-0005.



Message from Our School Trustee, Allan Tam

Dear families,

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and well. 2020 has been a challenging year in so many ways, and the global pandemic has affected individuals and families in different ways.

I want to reassure you that we continue to work closely with York Region Public Health and to prioritize the health and well-being of our students, staff members and families. It continues to be important that we adhere to the health and safety measures in place to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. You can learn more about what schools are doing at www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening.

While we have seen cases in some of our schools, we continue to work with public health to respond quickly, identify cohorts that need to self-isolate as a precautionary measure and take all appropriate measures. I want to thank all of our students, families and staff members for their diligence in adhering to the public health recommendations and health and safety measures in place in our schools.

One of our priorities in our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) is to foster well-being and mental health. As a result of the pandemic, many of us are facing changes and new challenges that can take a toll on our mental health. It is more important than ever that we check in on one another and practice self-care. There are [mental health resources for students and families](#) on our Board website that address the unique nature of our current situation. You can also find information about our [Mental Health and Addiction Strategy](#) and the [work we are doing in schools](#) to promote positive mental health and provide support for students.

While there are challenges, we also continue to have so many reasons to feel positive. Our students continue to impress us with their kindness, creativity, innovation, resilience, courage and perseverance. Visit us on [YouTube at YRDSBMedia](#) to see just some of these stories.

In the coming weeks and months, many of our students and families will be celebrating days of significance and holidays, and I wish you all the very best for the season. While we may be celebrating a little differently this year, I hope everyone has a safe and happy winter break and we look forward to welcoming students back into our in-person and virtual schools in January.