

October 2019

Important School-Wide Upcoming Dates

October 16	School Council Meeting 6:30 - 7:30
October 21	PA Day (no school)
October 15	Milk Program Begins
October 23	Photo Day - Individual and Class Photos

Principal's Message

Thank you to all families who were able to make it out to our first 'Open House ~ Meet-the-Rouge-Park-Team Evening'. We were very pleased by the great turnout and appreciated all the feedback and family input. As a school, our collective goal is to engage our families in co-creating a positive, inclusive and engaging learning environment for all our students. We look forward to working with you to achieve this goal throughout the year.

I'd like to thank all parents and staff members for supporting a positive transition during the re-organization that took place at the end of September. I truly appreciated the individual conversations I had with all families involved to discuss the rationale for the reorganization and the supports needed to ensure a positive transition for our students. The staff here have been wonderful at working together to build a cohesive, respectful and inclusive community of learners in their classes, and the impact is visible.

Thank you to all community members who attended our first School Council meeting in September and to all parents who participated in electing the Council. *School councils play a vital role in the education system in Ontario. They provide a forum through which parents and other members of school communities can contribute to improving student achievement and school performance* (MOE - School Councils - Making a Difference). I'm pleased to share that our School Council Co-Chairs for 2019-2020 are Sarah Lane-Buck and Murtaza Ramparwala. I'm looking forward to engaging with the Council as we design our School Improvement Plan throughout the year. If you have a passion or expertise that you feel would be of benefit to the Council or to our students (e.g., sewing, visual arts, music, digital literacy, fundraising, etc.), please come out to our next [School Council Meeting \(TONIGHT! Wednesday, October 16 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm\)](#) or send me an email if you prefer.

Some of our extra-curricular opportunities have started this month or are on their way. Girls' basketball tryouts, Choir and band, and various student leadership teams are amongst some of the opportunities that the staff are championing. Thank you in advance for understanding that our focus has been on settling everyone into the new school, setting up our learning environments and taking a look at where we can support some of the extracurricular areas of interest.

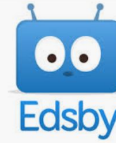
Your partner in education,

Ms. F. Durrani

Rouge Park Review



As a Reminder, please phone Ms. Khan or Ms. Draper
in the office at 905-350-0005 or use EDSBY
to report your child's absence daily.



Rouge Park Public School
568 Riverlands Avenue

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to DO something
AMAZING.”**
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- George Lucas

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Day	October 14
Milk Program Begins	October 15
School Council Meeting	October 16 (6:30 to 7:30 pm)
PA Day- No School	October 21
Picture Day - School Photos	October 23
Peace Tree Student Conference (YRDSB)	October 23
Diwali	October 27
Student Well Being Conference (YRDSB)	October 28
Gatherings at the Park (School Assemblies for Students -Parents are Welcome)	October 30
Remembrance Day Assembly	November 11
All Grade 7 students - HPV & HepB Vaccinations through Public Health	November 14
School Council Meeting	November 20
Rouge Park's Family Movie Night	November 28



Extra-Curricular Music Opportunities - Coordinated by Mr. Gunn

- Mondays 12:20-1pm (Lunch Recess) Junior/Intermediate Choir Gr. 4-8
- Tuesdays 12:20-1pm (Lunch recess) Primary Choir grade 1-3
- Thursdays 12:20-1pm (Lunch Recess) Strings Club - (guitar/Ukulele and Violin) grade 1-8
- Grade 7-8 Intermediate Band (Wednesdays at Lunch Recess 12:20-1:00 pm) in the next few weeks
- Rouge Park P.S. Music Program 2019-2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I'd like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to students and parents at Rouge Park Public School. I am truly excited to start off the year teaching instrumental and vocal music to our students at Rouge Park from Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Our 2019-2020 music program will cover multidisciplinary themes linking music to a range of disciplines including History, Mathematics, Science, Language, Dance and Business. We will develop standard musical warm-up procedures and work through standard Recorder (Gr.1 – Gr. 4) and Essential Elements method books (Gr.5 – Gr.8). We will also be working through the G.P.S. program (Grade Performance Steps - GPS).

Your child's assessment will be based on in-class performances from their respective musical method books and the GPS program, which includes individual and group playing tests and other performance tasks. In addition, for our students Grade 4-8, each unit will contain a "Special Theme" which will include such topics as the global history of music, film scoring, music technology, music and mathematical formulas for learning, and world music with a focus on Indian, Arabic, Chinese, Thai, European and African music systems. Our special theme assignments will include writing and presentation components in various degrees of depth depending on grade level.

Beyond our classes, there will be a number of musical opportunities for our students, including musical groups that will rehearse weekly and in some cases bi-weekly during lunch hour. Your child will have the opportunity to join the following groups to name a few: Gr.1-4 Recorder Group, Gr.1-3 Primary Choir, Gr 4-8 Junior/Intermediate Choir, Gr. 7-8 Instrumental Band, and Guitar/Ukulele/Violin Club.

Having performed music globally, taught at elementary, secondary and university environments in Asia, Africa, Europe, South America and North America, and remaining active as a musical performer, writer and educator, my goal as a teacher will be to provide our students with a global learning perspective. My goal for our students is to become global citizens and develop an appreciation for the beauty and wealth of music in our world both past and present. Our special themes will provide students with the opportunity to take lessons learned through musical performance and apply them to other disciplines and all aspects of their lives.

If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school or email me at: jeffrey.gunn@yrdsb.ca

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeffrey Gunn

Music Teacher

Rouge Park Public School

For our Grade 8 Families:

Bill Crothers New Students Information Evening.

Thursday October 17

6:15 – for School Tours

7:00 – Information Presentation

More information has been posted to www.billcrothers.com

International Baccalaureate (IB) Program

Save the Date

Are you interested in the
International Baccalaureate Programme?

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme is student-centred with a focus on developing intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills for students who live, learn and work in a rapidly changing world. The Programme emphasizes critical, compassionate thinking, community involvement and intercultural understanding. It is founded on international standards and assessment. Students who complete the Programme earn **both** an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and an IB Diploma.

We invite students who will be starting **Grade 8** in September to find their area IB School or Candidate School on the YRDSB School Locator (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/pages/school-locator.aspx>) and join us for an information evening to discover what we can offer.



IB Information Evening

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Students and their families interested in York Region District School Board's IB Programme are invited to attend an information session at their area school to learn more about the Programme and application process.

Alexander Mackenzie H.S. @ 7:00 p.m. Bayview S.S. @ 7:00 p.m.
Milliken Mills H.S. @ 7:00 p.m. Maple H.S. @ 7:00 p.m.
Dr. G.W. Williams S.S. @ 7:00 p.m.



Assessment Days

Thursday, November 21, or
Saturday, November 23, 2019

Admission to the York Region District School Board IB Programmes includes an assessment at your area IB School or Candidate School. At the time of application, students will select to write in either the evening on Thursday, November 21 or in the morning on Saturday, November 23.

There is a \$35 non-refundable administration fee to apply.



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For more information, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/IB





The Trustees' Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP). Over the next four years, the Board will focus on the priorities of well-being and mental health, equity and inclusivity, collaborative relationships and ethical leadership.

The Board is committed to continuous improvement and feedback from all members of the community. The MYSP is a living document reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees. We encourage you to review the priorities of the plan and provide your feedback by contacting your local [Trustee](#).

Foster Well-Being and Mental Health

We create safe, healthy and inclusive learning and working environments.

Champion Equity and Inclusivity

We develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to remove barriers in support of all learners.

Build Collaborative Relationships

We built trusting relationships based on respectful and responsive communication.

Empower Ethical Leadership

We lead ethically by focusing on students and upholding our values.