

October 2020

## Principal's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our school reorganization process which required several shifts in staff assignments and class placements. This fall, our reorganization was based on the decision of our community members to move from face-to-face learning to remote learning in the Elementary Virtual School. I have been very proud of the professionalism, commitment and excellence all staff members of Rouge Park have demonstrated throughout this reopening and reorganization process. They are simply the best, and we all appreciate your gratitude and support. I'd also like to express my appreciation to our students and all families of Rouge Park for working with us to support a positive and healthy return to school this year.

Thank you to all community members who attended our first **Virtual School Council meeting** last week and to all parents who participated in electing the **2020-2021 Council Executives**. *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 **Sarah Lane-Buck and Murtaza Ramparwala** will be continuing in their roles as our School Council Co-Chairs for the 2020-2021 school year, and Vincy Vuong will be the Treasurer. All parents are invited to join us virtually for our next **School Council Meeting on Thursday, November 19 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** You will receive a meeting registration form closer to the November date.

Every day, parents/guardians are responsible for reviewing and adhering to [the checklist from York Region Public Health](#). This checklist has been recently updated to reflect the [Ontario government's revised COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in Schools and Child Care](#).

Please note that the new screening guide applies to children only and the adult screening has not changed. Thank you for working with us to protect the health and safety of students, staff and families and to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Your partner in education,

*Ms. F. Durrani*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Virtual Open House-Curriculum Night	October 21 (5:30 - 7:00 pm)
Virtual School Council Meeting	November 19 (6:30 to 7:30 pm)

Dear Rouge Park families,

On **October 21** you are invited to join us for **Virtual Curriculum/Meet-the-Teacher Night**. Due to Health and Safety priorities, this year's event is being held virtually (online). Each family will be invited (via email) by their child's teacher(s) to a Google Meet where they will have an opportunity to meet the teacher, hear about the upcoming year, take a peek into the school/ classroom, and have an introduction to the new Ministry Math Curriculum.

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

- Meet & Greet with Ms. Durrani** - 5:30 - 5:55 pm - **General School Information & Updates**
- Teacher Session 1** - 6:00 - 6:30 pm
- Teacher Session 2** - 6:30 - 7:00 pm (repeated session)

You will receive an email from your child's teacher with information about how to join the virtual event. A stable internet connection is needed to join.

Once you join the meeting, please follow the meeting guidelines below:

- Please keep your audio on mute so all participants can hear
- Please turn your camera off

Please be aware that during the Virtual Curriculum/Meet-the-Teacher Night you must refrain from:

- recording any aspect of a Google Meet (including pictures, voices or video) using internal or external recording devices;
- taking photos or screenshots of anything other than when given explicit permission or direction by the teacher to do so (e.g. a visual used for instructional purposes that won't be reposted later).
- distributing/posting any recorded, copied or distributed materials in any way, including to all social media platforms; and
- editing or manipulating materials in any way.

Here are step-by-step instructions for logging into the [Google Meet](#) from a computer or chromebook. If you are using a mobile device, use the [Google Meet guide for mobile devices](#). **You will be using your child's YRDSB Gapps login.**

## OCTOBER 21!

Please save the date and check your mailbox for an email from your child's teacher. We hope that you will be able to join us!

## Homeroom Classes at Rouge Park

KINDERGARTEN A	Ms. Clifford/Ms. Wong	GRADE 3A	Ms. Trim
KINDERGARTEN B	Ms. Liu / Ms. Arunasalam	GRADE 4A	Mr. Irvine
Student Support Centre - SSCA	Ms. Szatmari	COMPLEX NEEDS Community Class	Mr. Watts
GRADE 1A	Ms. Fragale	GRADE 5/6A	Ms. Ferrari
GRADE 1B	Ms. Purtle	GRADE 6A	Ms. Russell
GRADE 2A	Ms. Seepaul	GRADE 7A	Ms. Laazarevski
GRADE 2/3A	Ms. Chan	GRADE 8A	Ms. Selvarajan



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In 2007, the Government of Canada declared the month of October as **Canadian Islamic History Month**. The province of Ontario passed the Islamic Heritage Month Act (2016) to recognize and affirm the important contributions that

**Muslims make in Ontario** as part of the vibrant social, economic, political and cultural fabric of our province. This month affords an opportunity to reflect, celebrate and learn about the rich and longstanding contributions of Muslim Canadians to this nation. Affirming Muslim identity for our students is critical in supporting inclusive schools - necessary for student well-being and achievement.

The Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students (AEMS) Presents

Our panel will discuss the living legacy of Muslim athletes and activists, as well as best practices for supporting Muslim students in Health and Physical Education. We are so excited to talk with Shireen Ahmed (TSN sports journalist; sports activist), Asma Khalil (co-founder of Hijabi Ballers; executive

member of Black Muslim Initiative, and George Thomas (Toronto Raptors Youth Coach; YRDSB educator).

Participants will have ample time to engage in Q&A with the panelists. This event is open to all, YRDSB and beyond. Community members are also welcome. [Register here.](#)

We are also looking forward to Storytime with Rukhsana Khan on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Rukhsana will share some of her stories, lead participants through activities, and answer questions from participants. This is a wonderful opportunity for students, families, and staff to interact with Rukhsana. [Register here.](#)

## ROUGE PARK P.S.'s 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!

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Visit [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) to support our organization.

\*Oops!\*  
Should have put a label on it.

## LOST & FOUND

Go to [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://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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Go to [campaigns.mabelslabels.com](https://campaigns.mabelslabels.com) and choose our organization from the list! Then shop and your masks will ship directly to you with FREE shipping!

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to support the school



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.

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. \(click the link to the tool\)](#)



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## OCTOBER 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 ☾ Storing Food Moon (local Oneida) ☾ Giving Thanks Moon (local Oneida) ● Pavarana Day ○ Full Moon	2 ☾ Eve of Sukkot ✨ Mehragan ● Kathina begins 🙌 Atmasiddhi Rachna Divas	3 ☾ First Day of Sukkot
4 ☾ Second Day of Sukkot ✨ World Communion Sunday	5 ● Bodhidharma Memorial	6	7	8	9 ☾ Last Day of Sukkot ☾ Eve of Shmini Atzeret	10 ☾ Shmini Atzeret ☾ Eve of Simhat Torah
11 ☾ Simhat Torah	12 🙌 Thanksgiving Day (Canada) ✨ Ghambar Ayathrem begins	13 ● Nichiren Shonin Memorial	14	15 ● 'Ilm	16 ✨ Ghambar Ayathrem ends ● New Moon	17 🙌 Navaratri begins
18 ● Birth of The Báb	19 ● Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	20 🙌 Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji	21	22	23 🙌 Aymbil Ori (Second Half) begins	24 🙌 Navaratri ends
25 🙌 Dassehra ⌚ European Summer Time ends	26	27	28 🌙 Mawlid al-Nabiy (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day)	29 ● Kathina ends	30	31 ● Samhain ○ Full Moon



**Our Shared Vision:**  
**Rouge Park is a Learning Environment  
Where Everyone Matters  
and Everyone Belongs**

**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.