



REVIEW



April 19, 2024

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

Next week, from **April 22-26**, is the York Region Public Health's "**Pause to Play**" challenge. The annual Spring Pause to Play Challenge is a program to promote more physical activity and less screen time. It encourages students to put their TVs, gaming devices, smartphones, tablets and computers on "**pause**" for one full week and be more physically active by playing outside. At school, students will be given activity logs that they can fill in during the week. All students who return their completed activity log at the end of the week will be added to a draw and the winning student will receive an extra gym period for their class. Please encourage your child(ren) to participate in this important initiative that is designed to promote more physical activity and less screen time!

Please remember to pay for the Sewing Studio on School Cash online. All students will be participating in this learn to sew program during the regular school day. If you need financial support for this program, please reach out to me at the school.

We are already starting to plan for next school year. If you have children or you know neighbours who have children, born in 2020, it is time to register for kindergarten. Please contact the office for more information. If you are planning on moving, please let us know as soon as possible.

Wednesday, April 24th is Administrative Professionals' Day. As a school will be taking a moment to thank Ms Draper and Ms. Yim for everything they do each and every day to help our school run smoothly. We are so grateful to have a welcoming, compassionate front office staff to help us care for all of our students.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions, comments or concerns. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
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April 22	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pause to Play all week ● Jr Girl's area basketball tournament @ Bill Crothers S.S. ● Earth Day ● Jr Boys' basketball @ 12:20 pm
April 23	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diamond Day: First Day of Pesah (Passover) ● Breakfast Club 7:30-7:50 am ● Jr boys' basketball @ 9:50 am ● Kid's Kitchen for those who ordered ● Games Club @ 12:00 pm ● Ted Ed Club @ 12:15 pm ● Primary choir and primary recorder club @ 12:20 pm ● Saving Mother Earth Club @ 12:30 pm
April 24	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Administrative Professionals' Day - Thank you Ms. Draper & Ms. Yim! ● J/I Badminton Team @ 7:00 am ● Snack Shack @ morning recess (Tarmac recess schedule) ● Beading Club @ 9:50 am ● Gr. 3/4-gr.6 students walking to Cornell for Willy Wonka Production ● Lunch Lady for those who ordered ● J/I Choir and Intermediate Band @ 12:15 pm ● Blue Jays Care @ 2:45 pm
April 25	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast club 7:30-7:50 am ● Jr boys' basketball @ 9:50 am ● Pizza lunch for those who ordered ● Waste Inspectors @ 12:00 pm ● Pop band (Gr 5-8) and strings club - alternating weeks @ 12:20 pm
April 26	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jr. Boys' Basketball Areas @Bill Crothers ● J/I Badminton Team @ 7:00 am ● J/I Robotics Team @ 12:20 pm ● BSA meeting @ 12:30 pm ● MSA meeting @ 12:30 pm ● Jr open volleyball @ 2:45 pm
<p>Upcoming:</p> <p>May 6-10 - Discover Kindergarten Event for new kindergarten students</p> <p>May 8-10 - Grade 8 trip to Camp Pinecrest</p> <p>May 10 - Last day for parents to make a class placement request for 2024/25 school year</p> <p>May 13-15 - Sewing Studio</p> <p>May 22 - Community Drumming Event</p> <p>May 24 - Public Health Immunization</p> <p>June 4-6 - EQAO for Grades 3 and 6</p> <p>June 12 - Spring Concert</p> <p>June 26 - Grade 8 Graduation</p>		

Planning for Next Year:

Planning for the 2024-2025 school year is underway. If you are moving, please let our office know as soon as possible. As well, if you or your neighbours have children born in 2020, please be sure to register for kindergarten so that we can ensure we have space for them. If you would like to provide input for class placements, please see the instructions below.

Class Placement for the 2024-2025 School Year

As we organize for next year, our staff will make every effort to place students in the best learning environment for each child to be successful. We take into account Ministry and Board guidelines, individual needs, academic achievement, emotional and social development, behaviours, gender balance, English Language Learners and Special Education needs, and work habits. We appreciate that parents/guardians have valuable information to share with us in this regard. If you have information or suggestions, which will assist us in making appropriate placements, please write a brief note to Lindsey Maclean by Friday, May 10th, 2024: lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca . Rather than suggesting a teacher, please indicate the learning style or classroom structure which you feel would be the most appropriate for your child's success. When teachers along with school administration get together to create new class lists, we will use this information to help make our final decisions.

Sewing Studio

We are excited that Roland Acheampong and Denise Wild's Sewing Studio program will be coming to inspire students at Rouge Park Public School between May 13-15. Students will have the chance to learn how to sew, while working on a small project (all sewing classes will take place during the regular school day). The Sewing Studio teachers will donate one sewing machine to our school Maker Space, for students to continue to use their sewing skills afterwards. The program costs \$20. Please go to School Cash Online to pay before May 3/24.

Pause to Play

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The annual Spring Pause to Play Challenge encourages students to put their TVs, gaming devices, smartphones, tablets and computers on "pause" for one full week and be more physically active through playing outside. Parents can also join in with their kids at home!

This year, we are having a "Pause to Play" contest at Rouge Park! Students can fill in their activity logs for the week and bring them back to school to be entered in a draw to win an extra gym period for their class!

For more information and ideas, you can visit...

<https://www.york.ca/health/healthy-schools/physical-activity-schools>

Walking and Wheeling to School

We strongly encourage all of our students who are not on the bus to walk or wheel to school. Walking or wheeling to school allows you to get exercise and fresh air before starting the school day. We even have bike racks for your use!



Important Reminders Re: Drop off and Pick up:

Please remember to drive slowly in and around the school area when dropping off and picking up your children. Our kiss'n ride is a slow zone and cars should be travelling in a single line without passing or overtaking others. We are reminding all kindergarten families to either use the kiss'n ride or park on the street and walk your child to their gate. The loop at the front of the school is for our school buses and vans only. Thank you for working with us to ensure a safe school environment and one in which we build independence in our students.

We are also reminding all families that the parking lot at the back side of the school is reserved for daycare only. Please do not pull into this parking lot to drop your child off.

Summer Institute 2024 Registration

York Region District School Board's Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8. Please visit the [Summer Institute registration page](#) on or after March 27, 2024 for the online registration link.

EQAO Dates for Grade 3 and 6 Students

We have now set our Grade 3 and 6 EQAO dates for this year. Grade 3 and 6 students will write this standardized test on **June 4, 5, and 6th**. Please speak with your child's teacher if you have questions about EQAO or visit the EQAO website at www.eqao.com

Supports for Students with Autism and their Families On Wednesday, May 1st from 6:30-8:30 pm

This session will support parents, guardians and families with:

- Understanding Autism
- Process for diagnosis
- YRDSB referral process
- School supports
- Community resources

Location: **Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5** Please [register](#) by Apr. 28, 2024

Are You Moving?



If you are planning on moving or have moved, please be sure to contact the office so we have your updated information. If you are no longer in our area, you will need to register in the school closest to your home. If you have moved out of the area and hope to stay here, a transfer application must be completed.

Kiss n Ride Safety

Please remember that we are a walking school and whenever possible, we would love our students to walk. If you need to use the kiss n ride, please do so safely! We are asking parents to drive slowly and be patient, especially when entering and leaving the parking lot as many students cross at the entrance-way.

School Council:

Our next School Council meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th from 1:00-2:00 pm.

School Cash Online:

We have many new families who have joined our school. If you are new to YRDSB, please follow the instructions on the flyer below or found here: <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> to set up an account on School Cash Online. We use this site for most things that involve payments (e.g. school clothing, pizza and pasta days, trips etc.). You will need your child's student number to register. This number can be found on the report card or you can contact your child's teacher or the office..

Breakfast Club:

We continue to offer a breakfast club every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 7:30-7:55 in the multi-purpose room. Ms. Ajani comes in early to prepare both hot and cold options for students to enjoy and consistently serves over 50 students a day. Thank you to Ms. Liu for helping to serve each day. **If you are able to help support this program, please send a donation with your child or contact us at the school.**

Kindergarten Registration Options for Families

Families can register using the following options:

- Online - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten > Registration. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.
- By email - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](http://www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten) at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address.
- By phone - Families can request support to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed.
- In-person at the school - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form.

Registration Verification Process

Following submission of a registration package, the school will contact families to schedule an appointment for Document Verification.

Attachments for this week:

FSYR Spring 2024 Group Calendar.pdf

Apr. 25 2024 Families Engagement Evening Understanding the Ontario Education Systems Part 2

Denise Wild's Sewing Studio

A sewing program that focuses on mentorship, confidence, inclusion, and equity!

Denise Wild's Sewing Studio is coming to our school with a specialty program like you've never seen before – a dynamic, engaging sewing workshop that breaks the creative mold! The Sewing Studio's team of stereotype-busting mentors will guide each student through success, teaching everyone how to sew using a sewing machine. Boys and girls, that means you! Each child will gain confidence, develop their growth mindset, and complete their very own customized project from start to finish, all while being motivated and inspired.



PROGRAM DETAILS

- We come to your school with 15 to 30 sewing machines and our all-star team, and we set up a creative maker space in your library, gym, or available classroom.
- We teach every child (as young as 4 years old!) how to properly, safely, and successfully use a sewing machine.
- Highly skilled sewers and mentors coach kids, working on a 1-to-5 ratio, providing an incredible, hands-on experience.
- Confidence-building exercises give a 360° learning experience.

Our all-star sewing mentors are also:

- Fashion designers
- Entrepreneurs
- Athletes
- TV personalities
- Coaches
- Musicians
- Interior designers
- Personal trainers
- Medical professionals
- Motivational speakers



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Sikh Heritage Month



A HERITAGE TO CELEBRATE



A FUTURE TO BUILD