



# REVIEW



April 26, 2024

## Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

We had a busy and inspiring week at Rouge Park. Our students learned about Earth Day and how important it is to be kind to our environment. Both of our junior basketball teams competed in the Area Tournaments at Bill Crothers. Our badminton team travelled to Black Walnut to compete in their first inter-school games. We celebrated Administrative Professionals Day - our students showered Ms. Draper and Ms. Yim with well-deserved gratitude! Our grade 4 and 5 classes walked to Cornell Village P.S. to see their production of Willy Wonka. Our SPACE team (students who advocate for youth mental health in our school) went on a field trip to meet with other SPACE teams from across York Region. And ... our Blue Jays Care program is up and running on Wednesdays after school. There are so many incredible opportunities to get involved at Rouge Park. We are so thankful for our staff who run these extra-curricular activities. Please enjoy some photos below.

Last week we had three new picnic tables installed on our back tarmac. Students have been using these to read, colour, make bead creations etc. during recess time. The picnic tables were paid for by money raised through snack shack, School Council fundraising initiatives and parent donations. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to these initiatives. The tables will be enjoyed for years to come!

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?
April 29	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Last day to sign up for the next and final pizza day session - School Cash Online will close at 12:00 pm.</li></ul>

April 30	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast Club 7:30-7:50 am</li> <li>• Kid's Kitchen for those who ordered</li> <li>• Games Club @ 12:00 pm</li> <li>• Ted Ed Club @ 12:15 pm</li> <li>• Primary choir and primary recorder club @ 12:20 pm</li> <li>• Saving Mother Earth Club @ 12:30 pm</li> <li>• Badminton vs. Fred Varley @ 2:45 pm</li> </ul>
May 1	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May is Jewish Heritage Month and Asian &amp; South Asian Heritage Month</li> <li>• Fire Drill (Rain date May 2)</li> <li>• J/I Badminton Team @ 7:00 am</li> <li>• Snack Shack @ morning recess (Tarmac recess schedule)</li> <li>• Beading Club @ 9:50 am</li> <li>• Lunch Lady for those who ordered</li> <li>• J/I Choir and Intermediate Band @ 12:15 pm</li> <li>• Blue Jays Care @ 2:45 pm</li> </ul>
May 2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast club 7:30-7:50 am</li> <li>• Health &amp; Safety Inspection @ 8:30 am</li> <li>• Space Team meeting @ 9:50 am</li> <li>• Pizza lunch for those who ordered - <b>first day of a new session</b></li> <li>• Waste Inspectors @ 12:00 pm</li> <li>• Pop band (Gr 5-8) and strings club - alternating weeks @ 12:20 pm</li> </ul>
May 3	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diamond Day (Holy Friday (E))</li> <li>• J/I Badminton Team @ 7:00 am</li> <li>• BSA meeting @ 12:30 pm</li> <li>• MSA meeting @ 12:30 pm</li> <li>• Jr open volleyball @ 2:45 pm</li> </ul>

Upcoming:

May 6&7 - Dental Screening (all JK, SK, Grade 2&7 students and for students whose parents request)

May 6-10 - Discover Kindergarten Event for new kindergarten students

May 8-10 - Grade 8 trip to Camp Pinecrest

May 10 - Last day for parents to make a class placement request for 2024/25 school year

May 13-15 - Sewing Studio

May 15 - School Council Meeting @ 1:00 pm

May 19 - Track & Field Day for grades 4-8 (May 21 Rain Date)

May 20 - Victoria Day (no school)

May 22 - Community Drumming Event

May 24 - Public Health Immunization

May 28 - Kindergartens at the Zoo

June 4-6 - EQAO for Grades 3 and 6

June 7 - PA Day

June 12 - Spring Concert

June 18 - Community Tea hosted by RPPS

June 20 - Staff Appreciation hosted by School Council

June 26 - Grade 8 Graduation

### **School Council:**

Our next School Council meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th from 1:00-2:00 pm. If you are planning to join the meeting, please email [lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca](mailto:lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca).

### **Big Box of Cards Fundraiser**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Big Box of Cards Fundraiser during the month of April. Our School Council raised just over \$1800 which will be used to support many of our initiatives at Rouge Park (the purchase of new technology, our picnic tables at the back of the school, the new games painted on the tarmac etc.). Congratulations to our top sellers: Amiyah, Myah, Grace and Emily, each of whom will receive a \$25 gift card. Amiyah sold the most in the school which means Ms. Park's class will have a pizza party!

### **New Pizza Session**

Next Thursday is the start of a new pizza day session. If you would like your child to participate in pizza day until the end of the year, please sign up on School Cash Online by noon on **Monday, April 29th**. Unfortunately, no late orders will be accepted.

### **Yearbook for 2023/24!**

Our yearbook team has been busy all year compiling photos of the incredible events of this school year. Yearbooks will be available to purchase on School Cash Online for \$25 and must be ordered in advance. Please don't miss out if you would like to purchase a yearbook for your child(ren).

### **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.

### **Drums Alive on May 22nd**

On the evening of Wednesday, May 22, Rouge Park will be hosting a family engagement event. The "DRUMS ALIVE" program is a team bonding workshop designed to promote unity and integration and build team spirit and self-confidence using African drumming as a vehicle.

Registration is limited as there will be two sessions (5:30-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 pm) with 60 participants per session. If you would like to attend with your family, please sign up for one session on School Cash Online. Each person who would like to use a drum will need a ticket. Non-participating parents and students are welcome to come and watch the session and will not require a ticket. Weather permitting, we will be on the back tarmac which will make for an incredible community gathering. School Cash is now open for registration so please get your free tickets quickly if you would like to attend. Students must be accompanied by adult-aged family member.

### **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](mailto: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 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. **This is a program that all students will participate in** - if you need financial assistance, please let us know ( [lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca](mailto:lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca) )

## 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](http://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 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](http://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](#) at [www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten](http://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



# Blue Jays Care Program





# Admin. Assistant's Day, Picnic Tables, and Willy Wonka!



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# Earth Day Displays





# 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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