



REVIEW



April 5, 2024

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

This week was short but felt a bit longer with the cold, wet, snowy weather and multiple indoor recess. We hosted a wonderful girls junior basketball tournament on Wednesday and our team won the tournament in incredible fashion! Melanie scored an essential point in overtime to win the pennant! Congratulations to our Junior Girls volleyball team.



On Monday, April 8, 2024, a full solar eclipse will occur, which will block the sun's light in some areas. In York Region, we will experience effects of the eclipse between roughly 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., which coincides with the scheduled dismissal times for our schools. We have heard concerns regarding the potential for students being outside and inadvertently looking at the sun, which may cause serious health problems, such as loss of eyesight. We have also heard concerns of traffic and students walking home during peak darkness. Out of concern for student safety, on April 8, 2024, all students in elementary and secondary schools will be dismissed early. Student after school activities will also be cancelled for that afternoon. **Students at Rouge Park P.S. will be dismissed at 11:40 am.** The [Government of Canada website](#) has additional information related to solar eclipses that you may review.

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.

For all of our families observing Eid next week, we wish you a wonderful celebration!

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 8	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gr. 3 Firefighter Safety Visit - MPR @ 8:30 am ● Early Dismissal at 11:40 for the Solar Eclipse
April 9	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fire Drill (Rain date April 11) ● Breakfast Club 7:30-7:50 am ● Junior 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 ● Jr. Girls' basketball @ 12:20 pm ● Saving Mother Earth Club @ 12:30 pm ● Boys Basketball Game @ RPPS vs. Black Walnut @ 2:45 pm
April 10	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Happy Eid to all those who celebrate ● International Day of Pink (celebrate diversity and raise awareness about the need to stop homophobia, transphobia, discrimination and all forms of bullying) ● Snack Shack @ morning recess ● Lunch Lady for those who ordered
April 11	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast club 7:30-7:50 am ● Junior boys' basketball @ 9:50 am ● Pizza lunch for those who ordered ● Junior girls' Bball @ 12:20 pm ● Pop band (Gr 5-8) and strings club - alternating weeks @ 12:20 pm
April 12	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Junior/Intermediate Badminton Team @ 7:00 am ● J/I Robotics Team @ 12:20 pm ● Jr. Girls' basketball @ 12:20 pm ● BSA meeting @ 12:30 pm ● MSA meeting @ 12:30 pm ● Junior open volleyball @ 2:45 pm ● Last day to support the Big Box of Cards Fundraiser ● Cotton candy at end of day for those who ordered
<p>Upcoming:</p> <p>April 16 - School Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm</p> <p>April 22-26 - Pause to Play</p> <p>May 8-10 - Grade 8 trip to Camp Pinecrest</p> <p>May 13-15 - Sewing Studio</p>		

May 22 - Community Drumming Event
May 24 - Public Health Immunization
June 4-6 - EQAO for Grades 3 and 6
June 12 - Temporary Date for Arts Night
June 26 - Grade 8 Graduation

Boston Pizza Pasta Day - New Session Starting

If you would like to try or continue with Monday pasta lunches, please sign up for our next session on School Cash Online. This new session will run from April 15th to June 24th (April 8th is early dismissal). If you need financial assistance to access our lunch days, please reach out to us in the office.

School Council Big Box of Cards Fundraiser

The Big Box of Cards fundraiser will continue until Friday, April 12th. If you are able, please help support our school by purchasing a box of cards that you can keep on hand for birthday parties or other special events. A box of 35 cards is \$35 and they are excellent quality. All of the details for the fundraiser are in the letter that was sent by email earlier this week and also accompanies the sample card sent home last week.

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.

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.

Sikh Trails In Canadian Landscapes

Please join us to commemorate our Sikh Heritage Month Celebration with the Sikh Educators Voice Alliance and Sikh Student Association. Our focus is on Sikh Trails in Canadian Landscapes. At this event, the Sikh Educators Voice Alliance (SEVA) and Sikh Student Association (SSA) will provide time and space to highlight and promote Sikh histories, language and identity and to build unity through community. **All are welcome to come learn, celebrate, and grow with us.**

Exhibits:

- Keynote Speaker: Kulvir Singh Gill
- Artifacts
- Artwork / Spoken Word by YRDSB Students
- Gatka Performance
- Bhangra Performance
- Community Partners and Vendors

When: Saturday, April 27, 2024, 1- 4 p.m.

Where: Middlefield Collegiate Institute, 525 Highglen Ave, Markham, ON L3S 3L5

This event is an opportunity for parents, families and YRDSB staff members to network, share, and learn about ways to affirm and create positive spaces for students of Sikh identity.

Light refreshments will be served. Please fill out the [Registration Form](#) by April 22, 2024

Summer Institute 2024 Registration Opens on March 27, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Early Dismissal on April 8th

Earlier this week, York Region District School Board announced that to ensure student safety due to the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, all schools will be dismissing students early. As such, Rouge Park will dismiss at 11:40 a.m. on April 8, 2024. The morning bell, drop off and transportation will remain unchanged. For those eligible for school transportation, such as busing and taxis, service will be adjusted for the early afternoon departure. The safe arrival program will remain in place, if your child is not attending school on April 8, please record their absence. Student after school activities, including extra-curricular activities will be cancelled on April 8.

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 tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th from 6:30-7:30 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.schoolcashionline.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](#) 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:

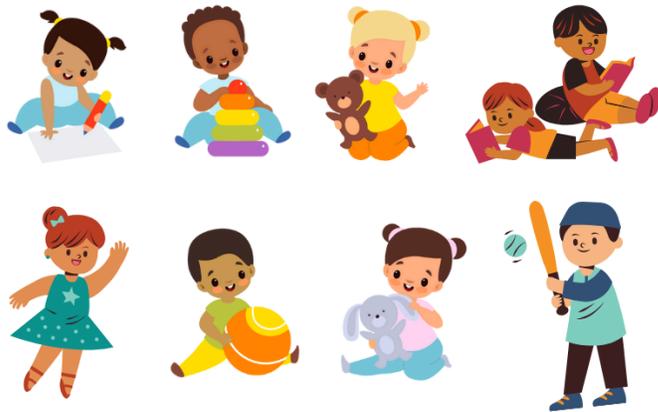
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Neurodiversity Resource Fair

Sat. April 6 | 1 - 4 PM
Angus Glen Library

Join us for our Neurodiversity Resource Fair at the Angus Glen Library on Saturday April 6th from 1-4pm!

This event is free to all and will provide you the opportunity to **connect with organizations** who **specialize in supporting children with autism, ADHD, dyslexia, speech/language and more.**



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