



REVIEW



February 17, 2023

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

We have had a really great week at Rouge Park. Many of our classes and students planned random acts of kindness in honour of Valentine's Day. Students delivered uplifting messages to their peers and all of the different employee groups in our building (caretaking, DECE's, teachers, front office staff etc.). We saw uplifting acts all week! Next Wednesday is Pink Shirt Day. Let's continue to show kindness while working hard to uplift others in our school and community.

Student voice is also becoming prominent at RPPS which is one of our goals. We have a new grade 6-8 mental health and wellness team called SPACE (Students Promoting Awareness, Connection and Empowerment), a new grade 4-5 leadership club called Community Council (started by a grade 4 student) and our TedEd group preparing Ted talks! We also celebrated our Anything But a Backpack Day on Friday which was initiated by students too. We are so proud of our students and the way they offer their leadership skills in so many different ways.

As always, reach out if you need us for anything. We are here to help.

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Feb. 20	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Happy Family Day - No School
Feb. 21	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intermediate boys basketball @ 9:50 Primary games club @ 12:00 Primary choir/recorder group @ 12:20 Intermediate Girls Basketball @ 2:45
Feb. 22	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pink Shirt Day Snack Shack Intermediate band @ 12:20

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate Girls Basketball tournament @ DSPS • After school math tutoring with Ms. Russell • Term 1 Report Cards sent home hard copy
Feb. 23	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Day For those who ordered - first day of new session • Grade 6-8 TED Ed Club @ 12:00 • Primary Coding Robotics Club @ 12:00 • Junior Band Rehearsal @ 12:20 • Grade 4-5 After School Tutoring with Mr. Gourley • Intermediate Boys Basketball at JRPS
Feb. 24	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSA meeting @ 9:50 • Primary Coding and Robotics Club @ 12:00 • Forest of Reading Club (gr. 3-8) @ 12:15 • Pop Band Rehearsal/ Percussion Group @ 12:20
<p>Upcoming:</p> <p>March 6-9 - Book Fair at RPPS</p> <p>March 13-17 - March Break</p> <p>March 30 - Parent Virtual Presentation of Dr. ABC</p> <p>April 4 - School Council Meeting</p> <p>April 5 - Earth Rangers visit</p> <p>April 7 - Good Friday (school closed)</p> <p>April 10 - Easter Monday (school closed)</p> <p>May 10- June 14- EQAO Test Dates</p> <p>May 15-17 - Grade 8 Trip</p> <p>June 27- Grade 8 Graduation</p>		

New Pizza Session

A reminder that our new pizza session starts next Thursday, February 23rd. If you want your child to receive pizza each Thursday, please ensure you sign up on School Cash Online by Monday, February 20th.

Pink Shirt Day is a globally recognized day in support of anti-bullying, upstanding behaviour and simple acts of kindness. On **February 22, 2023**, we are encouraged to practice kindness and wear pink to show that we do not tolerate any form of bullying and uphold these values throughout the year! We will all wear **pink** that day to show our commitment to being upstanders.

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - February 2023

Please see the link below:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/node/3528>



FlipGive

We are fundraising with FlipGive and would love your support!

It's simple:

1. Download the FlipGive app from the Play Store or App Store
2. Create an account
3. Join the Rouge Park Raptors using this team code: 9P7Q9Z
4. Purchase gift cards to everyday vendors like Tim Hortons, Wal-Mart, GAP, Swiss Chalet, etc and earn up to 10% cash back for the school!

Gift cards can be stored in the app, emailed to yourself or a friend, or transferred to your Apple Wallet.

Join the Rouge Park Raptors now and earn a bonus \$5 for the school the first time you shop!



Northern Karate

We are pleased to welcome back Northern Karate who will be offering classes on Thursdays at lunch beginning in March. Please see the flyer below.

Parent Engagement Evening

Together with our School Council and our neighbouring schools, we have booked Dr. ABC for a virtual parent presentation on March 30th. You can register for the event [here](#) or by clicking on the register button on the flier shared below. Dr. ABC is incredibly engaging and we encourage everyone who can to attend.

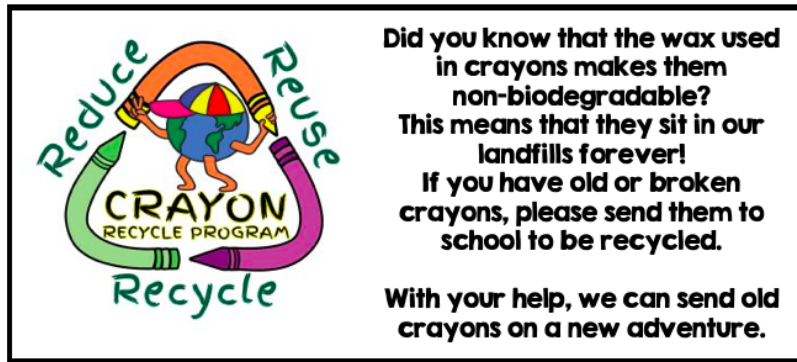
Anything But A Backpack Day

We continue to promote student voice at RPPS. We want our students to know that they have a say in what happens at school. One of our grade 3 students wrote a letter to administration requesting an "Anything But A Backpack Day" and our students rose to the challenge! Please see the photos below.

Battery Blitz Contest:

This April, in honour of Earth Day, Earth Rangers and Call2Recycle are partnering on a program where elementary schools in Ontario will compete for who can collect the most used batteries and for the chance to win 1 of 7 amazing cash prizes. Their School Mission is to collect as many used batteries by encouraging students, parents, staff, and community members to bring them to school and dispose of them in the Call2Recycle collection boxes. The challenge will kick off the week of April 3 when we will start collecting used batteries. There are seven amazing Cash Grand Prizes available for the 7 schools that bring in the most batteries!

The top 7 schools will win cash prizes (\$5000 for first, \$2500 for second, and 5 cash prizes of \$500 for third place winners). Every school that collects 750 kg worth of batteries will receive a \$250.00 Visa gift card. **Please send in your used batteries beginning on April 4th!**



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.

Kindergarten Registration:

Kindergarten Registration for September 2022 will begin on Friday, January 20th. If you have a child who will turn 4 years old before the end of 2023, they are eligible to begin school in September. There are several ways you can register for kindergarten on or after January 20, 2022:

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, during this phone conversation.
- 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, schools will contact families to schedule an appointment for Document Verification.

School Council

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 4 from 6:30-7:30 pm. All are welcome to join us for this face to face meeting at Rouge Park.



GRADE 8

Announcement

Course Selection Submissions

Feb 16 - 24, 2023

Course Selections Due

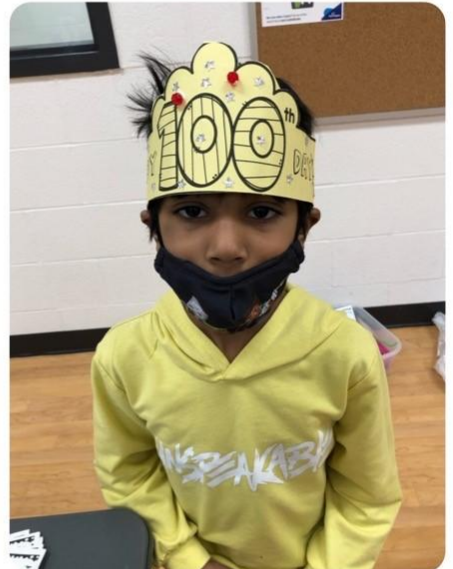
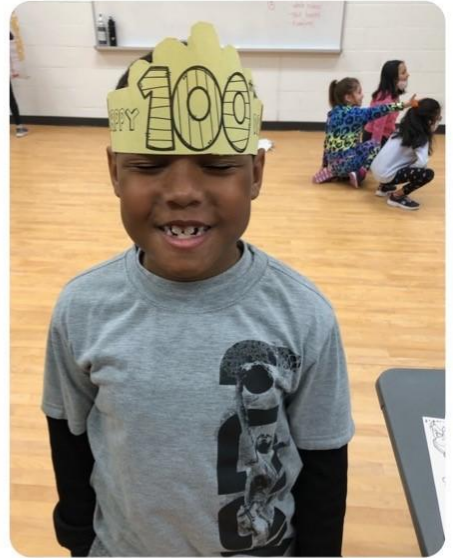
Feb 24 by 4:00 pm

If you have any questions
please reach out to your
child's teacher

Anything But a Backpack Day



Celebrating 100 Days of School!



Save the Date! Please register using [this link!](#) For RPPS parents, your name will be entered in a draw for prizes for any parents who attend the Virtual engagement evening!

Equity Begins at Home (*Presentation for Parents/Community*) March 30, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

**School Council's
Family Engagement Evening**


Rouge Park P.S

Cornell Village P.S **Black Walnut P.S**

Sam Chapman P.S **Greensborough P.S**

Join us Virtually on March 30th, 2023
at 6:30 pm
with
Dr. Andrew Campbell
(DR. ABC)

Equity Begins at Home

 **REGISTER
HERE**

We have booked Dr. ABC (Dr. Andrew Campbell) who is an educator, workshop facilitator, motivational speaker, storyteller and author. You can read Dr. ABC's biography and learn more about him at <https://drabc.ca> . Here is an overview of the presentation:

Equity issues in schools are at the top of the conversations today. There are many intentional workshops and other forms of engagements that target those within schools - school leaders, classroom teachers, and other stakeholders. These conversations about students and community are often well done, however, what is often lacking, inadequate, or non-existent are the actual conversations with students and community?

This presentation is created for students and the community – this is one of those needed conversations we should be having directly with our students and community. They must also be aware of their own journey into equity, the accountability needed to erase racism and hate in schools, their role as ally and friend, their influence and impact as parents/caregivers within the home, and their responsibility to create and sustain an inclusive school environment.

Celebrating Black History Month Events

* Dates and Events subject to change



Student Events and Family Engagement (please share with your school community)

Date and Time	Event Information
February 24, 2023	<p>Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight - Open to All: Student & Families</p> <p>Register Here Virtual or In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration</p>
February 2, 2023	<p>Virtual Storytime For the Family By Sandra Whiting- Open to All Students and Families in K-6</p> <p>Register Here Virtual or In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration</p>
February 17, 2023	<p>Black Excellence Program Master Class 2 Secondary Self-Identifying Black Students in YRDSB Schools</p> <p>Register Here</p>
February 23, 2023 9:00-2:00p.m.	<p>In Conversation with MARKTD, Dion Walcott and Dr.D'Wayne Edwards at York University for Self-Identifying Black Students Gr. 7 -12 York University Trip- Specific Schools</p> <p>Register Here</p>
February 28, 2023	<p>Black Excellence Program, Elementary- Specific Schools</p> <p>Register Here</p>
Staff Workshops	
February 7, 2023 4:30 - 6:30 pm	<p>AEBS Workshop for All Staff featuring "Black Sun Comics"</p> <p>Register Here</p>
February 7, 2023 6:00 pm	<p>The OSSTF D16 T/OT Black Caucus will be hosting an Evening with Dr. A. Campbell (Dr. ABC); "A little more oil in my lamp": #SELCARE and Anti-Black Racism Work - The workshop session will be open to Black identifying employees of the board—secondary and elementary panels</p> <p>Register Here</p>
February 8, 2023 4:30-6:00pm	<p>Building an Understanding of Anti-Black Islamophobia - All Staff A virtual workshop presented by the National Council of Canadian Muslims which will explore the interlocking impact of Anti-Blackness and Islamophobia on Black Muslim communities and Black Muslim students.</p> <p>Register Here</p>

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Northern
KARATE
Rouge Park P.S.



We're Coming To Your School!

Thursdays @ 12:20pm

- Mar 23
- Mar 30
- Apr 6
- Apr 13
- Apr 20
- Apr 27

Graduation Ceremony:
Saturday, April 29th @ 3pm
At Northern Karate Markham

Make-up classes are
available at our Northern
Karate Markham dojo.



Cost:

\$59^{+tax}

ALL profits get
donated back to your
school!

OPEN TO GRADES 1-6

Register Online Today!

www.nksmarkham.com/lunch

Northern Karate Markham

1405 Denison Street in Markham

905-475-0044



Dear Parents and Families:

Get Ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns Rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from March 3-9 in our Multipurpose Room:

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Virtual Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to our school and we will arrange for a pickup time when they arrive. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Virtual Book Fair homepage to watch some trailers and look through our digital flyer: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5195880>

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

Lindsey Maclean
Principal
Rouge Park Public School

