



February 23, 2024

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

We had a fun week at Rouge Park with our French Club running Carnival activities each day. The week ended with a Carnival Cafe which was so well-received by our students. A special thanks to the French Club for organizing the events.

Our breakfast club continues to be well-received every Tuesday and Thursday morning. A gentle reminder that students can not arrive for breakfast before 7:30 a.m. Ms. Ajani needs the time to cook and set up as she regularly feeds over 50 students. Thank you to Ms. Liu who regularly helps Ms. Ajani serve. We are so grateful for Ms. Ajani and her supporting crew!

Last week our Intermediate Girls' basketball team won a tournament at Black Walnut. They defeated every team to bring home a beautiful new pennant. We are now the proud recipients of 5 pennants for cross country, basketball, and robotics!

Next Wednesday is Pink Shirt Day. Please encourage your child to wear pink in support of creating a kind and inclusive school for everyone to thrive in.

As always, please reach out if we can help with anything at all!

Sincerely

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Feb. 26	3	 Intermediate Girls Basketball Area Tournament @ RPPS Intermediate Boys Bball @ 12:10 pm

Feb. 27	4	 Breakfast Club 7:30-7:50 am Intermediate boys' Bball @ 9:50 am Kid's Kitchen for those who ordered Waste Inspectors @ 12:00 pm Karate for those who have signed up 12:00-12:30 pm Ted Ed Club @ 12:15 pm Primary choir and primary recorder club @ 12:20 pm J/I Robotics Team @ 12:20 pm Int. Girls' Basketball @ 12:20 pm
Feb. 28	5	 Pink Shirt Day (Anti-bullying) Intermediate Boys Basketball Area Tournament @ RPPS Snack Shack @ morning recess (Tarmac recess schedule) Beading Club @ 9:50 am Lunch Lady for those who ordered Junior/Intermediate choir and intermediate band @ 12:20 pm After school Math and Language sessions @ RPPS Intermediate girls' Bball @ 2:45 pm
Feb. 29	1	 Breakfast club 7:30-7:50 am Lockdown Drill (before 9am) Pizza lunch for those who ordered Intermediate boys' Bball @ 9:50 am Pop band (Gr 5-8) and strings club - alternating weeks @ 12:20 pm
Mar. 1	2	 Primary games club @ 12:00 J/I Robotics Team @ 12:20 pm Int. Girls' Basketball @ 12:20 pm Junior Open Volleyball @ 2:45 pm

Upcoming:

March 11-15 - March Break

March 20 - Iftar Event and Dinner at RPPS

March 29-April 1 - Easter Long Weekend

April 8 - Early dismissal at 11:40 a.m.

April 11- Professor Picklethorn Presentation (Primary) 1-3pm

April 22-26 - Pause to Play

May 8-10 - Grade 8 trip to Camp Pinecrest

May 13-15 - Sewing Studio

May 22 - Community Drumming Event

June 12 - Temporary Date for Arts Night

June 26 - Grade 8 Graduation

Save the Date! March 20th - Second Annual Iftar Event

Our MSA is pleased to announce that they will be hosting a second annual Iftar Event on Wednesday, March 20th. Tickets will be sold for \$3 each on School Cash Online and this includes a meal. If you are able to donate more, please click on the Donate Button on School Cash and reference Iftar in the notes section. Donations made this way are eligible for a tax receipt.

Prayer/Fasting Room for Ramadan

As we approach Ramadan, please know that room 209 is available for students who are fasting, would like a prayer space and/or would like to celebrate this special time of year with others. Please let your child's teacher know if they need support in accessing this space.

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.

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.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 <u>www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten</u> > 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 <u>Elementary School Registration Form</u> at <u>www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten</u> 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.

Grade 1 French Immersion (FI) Information Sessions and Registrations

French Immersion (FI) registration will begin January 19, 2024, and as such, we wanted to take this opportunity to share updated information. Please visit the <u>FSL Link</u> for more information about the information night and FI registration.

Attachments for this week:

- Kindergarten Registration 2024 Poster
- Ubuntu-Healing-Wellness-Circle.pdf

Celebrating Black History Month / BHM365 Events 2024

* Dates and Events subject to change

Student Events and Family Engagement

Date and Time	Event Information/Details	Location
February 8, 2024	A Discussion for Families of Black Children on Pathway Opportunities for Students and Families. Register Here	Dr.Bette Stephenson Cafeteria
February 27, 2024 7:00-8:00pm.	Anti-Blackness in Schools - Virtual Affinity Session for Black Students, Families and Black Staff with Presenters Dr.Joi Spencer and Dr.Kerri Ullucci Register Here	Online Register to Receive Link

February 29, 2024	Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight - Open to All: Student & Families	Dr Bette Rm 113
5:00pm - 6:30pm	Light refreshments will be served.	
	Register In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration. Register Here	

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