



REVIEW



January 26, 2024

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

We hope you've had a wonderful week. There is a lot going on here at Rouge Park and your children continue to amaze us with their incredible leadership each and every day. We have so many clubs that are being run by students now; a staff member oversees the club, but our students run them. Please encourage your child to get involved. Today, our Community Council ran an arcade that students in grades 1-4 could visit during lunch. They planned this event to raise money for Markham Stouffville Hospital. Please see the photos below.

Sunday is the final day to place an order for our second session of Boston Pizza Pasta. Students have enjoyed their pasta Mondays. The first session ends on Monday and the second session will run from February 5th to March 25th.

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?
Jan. 29	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Boys Volleyball Area Tournament @ Bill Hogarth • Dance Club @ 9:50 am • Pasta lunch for those who ordered - last day of session 1 • Intermediate boys' basketball @ 12:20 pm • Intermediate girls' basketball @ 2:45 pm
Jan. 30	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation Photos • Skills Ontario Presentation - Grade 5

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior boys' volleyball @ 7:15 am • Breakfast Club 7:30-7:50 am • Junior Girls Volleyball Area Tournament @ Markham District • Intermediate boys' basketball @ 9:50 am • Kid's Kitchen for those who ordered • Karate for those who has signed up 12:00-12:30 pm • Primary choir and primary recorder club @ 12:20 pm • J/I Robotics Team @ 12:20 pm • Intermediate girls' basketball @ 12:20 pm • Int Boys BBall Game vs Franklin and Black Walnut @ 3pm • Grade 8 trip information night @ 6:30 in the library
Jan. 31	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack Shack @ morning recess (Tarmac recess schedule) • Beading Club @9:50 am • Health & Safety Inspection @ 11:00am • Lunch Lady for those who ordered • Primary Games Club @ 12:00 pm • Junior boys' volleyball @ 12:20 pm • Junior/Intermediate choir and intermediate band @ 12:20 pm • Intermediate girls' basketball @ 2:45 pm • After school Math and Language sessions @ RPPS • Int. Girls' Basketball Tournament After school @ RPPS
Feb. 1	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast club 7:30-7:50 am • Pizza lunch for those who ordered • Robotics Areas at Oscar Peterson • Intermediate boys' basketball @ 9:50 am • Pop band (Gr 5-8) and strings club - alternating weeks @ 12:20 pm • Junior boys' volleyball @ 2:45 pm
Feb. 2	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA Day - No school for students
<p>Upcoming:</p> <p>February 5 - First day of session 2 Boston Pizza</p> <p>February 6 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30</p> <p>February 21 -Term 1 Report cards sent home</p> <p>February 26 - Intermediate Girls' basketball areas</p> <p>June 26 - Grade 8 Graduation</p>		

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.

School Council:

Our next School Council meeting has been set for Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30 pm in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

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. **If you are able to help support this program, please send a donation with your child or contact us at the school.**

Winter Clothing:

We have had winter clothing donated by many families and staff. If your child would benefit from a winter coat, hats, mitts etc., please reach out to us at the school and we can help you out!

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.

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. FI Information Night will take place on January 18, 2024 at 7 p.m. Please visit the [FSL Link](#) for more information about the information night and FI registration.

February 2nd PA Day

Length: Half Day - AM

Topic: Violence Prevention Training on Student Safety and Violent Incident Prevention

Entity Hosting: All Elementary Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Online module developed by Board staff, facilitated by Administration.

Description: Staff will be engaging in learning related to:

- developing relationships and identity-affirming working and learning environments;
- identifying warning signs that a person's behaviour may be escalating;
- responding to escalations using specific strategies;
- exploring case studies;
- following reporting procedures; and
- accessing support and resources.

Length: Half Day - PM

Topic: Literacy/Mathematics Instructional Strategies


Entity Hosting: All Elementary Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Teacher/DECE


Description:

Staff will engage in self-directed learning to support instructional strategies including areas of literacy and mathematics.

Attachments for this week:

 Tamil Heritage Month Elementary Student Conference 2024 Registration Flyer.pdf

[Centre for Black Excellence Newsletter](#)

 Kindergarten Registration 2024 Poster

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

<p>February 29, 2024</p> <p>5:00pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight - Open to All: Student & Families</p> <p>Light refreshments will be served.</p> <p>Register In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration.</p> <p>Register Here</p>	<p>Dr Bette Rm 113</p>
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15% OFF WITH CODE YRDSB
Code must be entered in all capital letters

Lunar NIGHTS
Year of the Dragon Festival

FEB 8 - 25, 2024
Indoor & Outdoor 25-acre Festival

Lantern Light Festival | Interactive Activities
STANDING IN THE DOORWAY EXHIBITION
Food Vendors | Cultural Exhibitors | Baby Dragon Encounter
Games | Performances | Ice Skating | Snowshoeing

Markham Museum - 9350 Markham Rd.
Tickets at lunarnights.ca

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Markham Museum - Lunar Nights Year of the Dragon Festival

Markham Museum is holding a Lunar Nights Year of the Dragon Festival From Feb 8-25 which includes a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. A 15% discount is being offered for YRDSB students, staff and families.

Free Family Activities at Varley Art Gallery

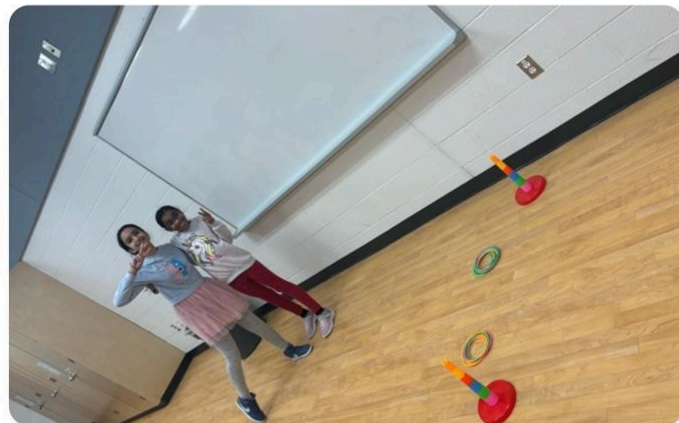
Lunarfest at the Varley - Saturdays & Sundays, February 10-11, and 17-18 | 10 AM to 5 PM | Free

Celebrate the Lunar New Year at Varley Art Gallery! Drop-in on February 10 and 11 for free family activities, and continue the celebration on February 17 and 18 with LunarFest, a community festival in partnership with the ACSEA. Don't miss Lunar Lanterns in the courtyard from January to March, created in partnership with Indigenous artists. Experience a 2024 Lunar New Year celebration only at Varley!



<https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home/arts/varley-art-gallery/public-programs>

Community Council Arcade Fundraiser



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Rouge Park PS accepts online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online is our preferred method of payment and provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option can be made **anywhere, anytime!**
- No need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes **less than 5 minutes** to register
- You can choose the **language** of your choice by clicking **Google Translate!**

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees and can make secure online payments by credit card and receive a receipt.

Follow the easy steps on the next page to Register and get started!



Step 1: Register

a) Please go to the School Cash Online parent site:

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

b) Select the **“Register”** button

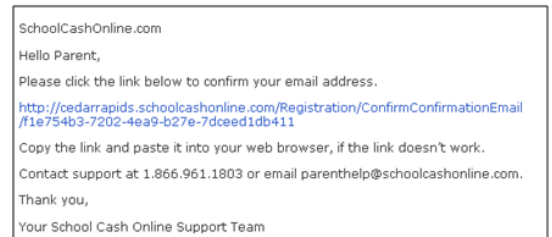


c) Enter your parent information to create an account.

*For Security Reasons your password, requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase** letter, **one lowercase** letter and a **number**.

Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find/Add Student

NOTE: Enter Student Number (not OEN)

This step will connect your children to your account.

- Select the School Name from the list
- Enter student information: Student Number and Last Name
- Select **Confirm**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

Add Student

* Indicates a required field

1. Type in the School Board name and select one from the list

York Region District School Board

Type in the School Board name and select one from the list

2. Select School Name from the list

Select school...

3. Enter student information

Student Number

Last Name

Confirm

[I don't want to add a student](#)

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

- If you have more children, select **“Add Another Student”** option in My Account/My Students and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.
- If you do not wish to add additional children, select **“View Items For Students”** option.
- A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com.



THE ALLIANCE OF EDUCATORS
FOR MUSLIM STUDENTS

AEMS STORYTIME

Communities Coming Together

VIRTUAL SESSION

WEDNESDAY

31 JANUARY, 2024

5:30 – 6:30 PM

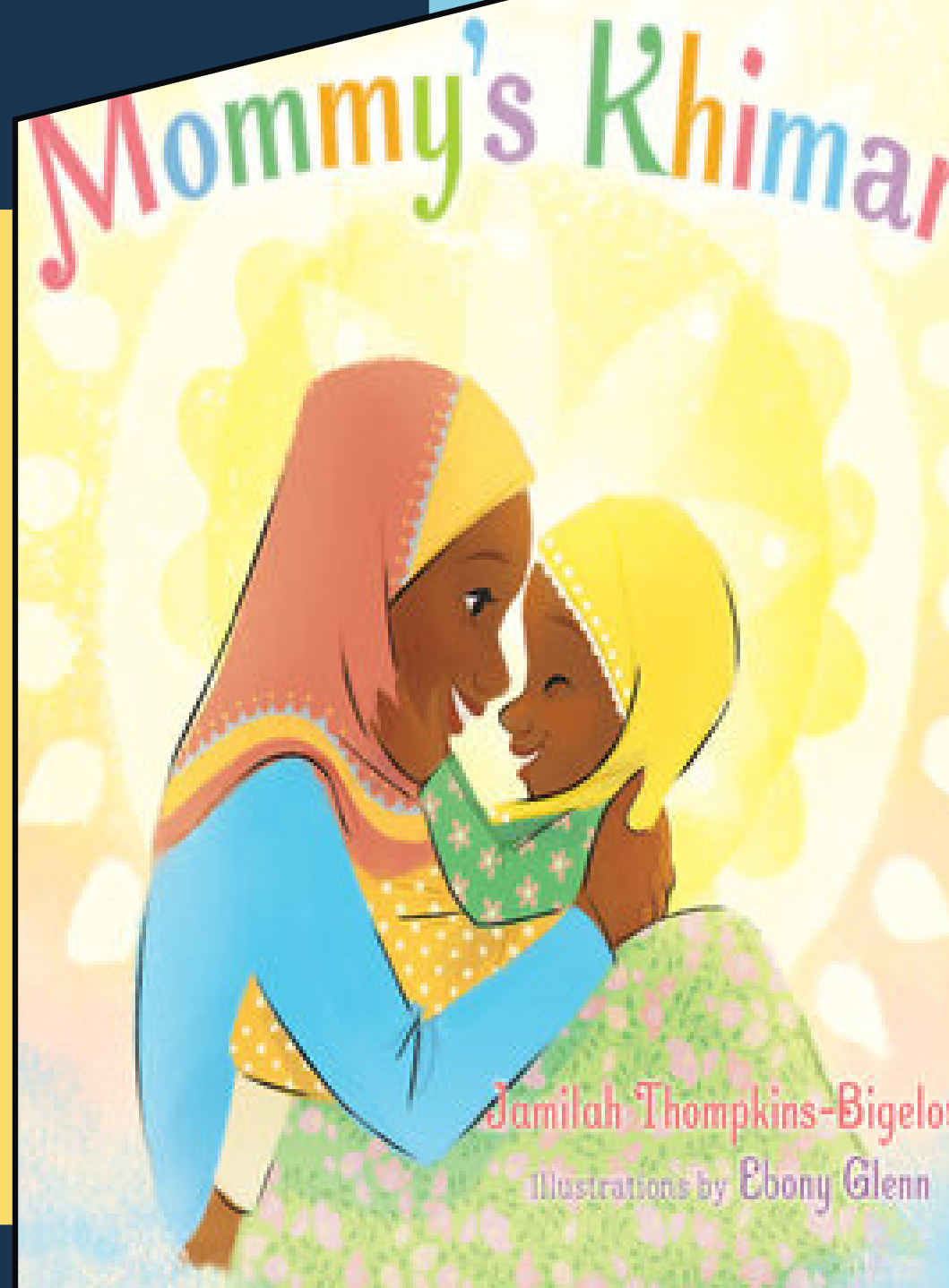
AEMS invites students, families, and educators to join us in listening to and exploring affirming texts from a diversity of authors!

Following the read-aloud, students and families will have the opportunity to engage in related activities, while educators participate in a panel discussion and explore K-8 lesson plans and other resources for integrating identity-affirming texts into daily teaching practice.

Students, families and educators of all identities are welcome!

Student/Family Registration: <https://forms.gle/ix282GZkRGxm3j5QA>

Educator Registration: <https://forms.gle/UYqY4dkZtchHfBhJ9>



***Registration
closes January
29, 2024**

Message from Our Trustee

February 2024

As we start the second semester and second half of the school year, I want to take this opportunity to share some updates about upcoming dates, events and initiatives taking place across our system with you. I also want to thank everyone who contributes to building a strong educational community in York Region District School Board - the students, families, staff members and community partners who come together in support of student learning, achievement and well-being.

This year, the [Lunar New Year](#) celebration is on February 10, 2024. It is a significant and meaningful cultural celebration for many YRDSB families of East and Southeast Asian heritage including Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese, Vietnamese and Indonesian communities, to name a few. I would like to wish all students, staff and community celebrating Lunar New Year a very happy and joyful celebration.

February is **Black History Month**. In addition to a number of [events taking place](#) within the school board and local community, the school board is once again Celebrating Black Excellence through its Black Voices campaign. [Black Voices](#) aims to centre and celebrate the Black members of our YRDSB community and share their voices. For families looking to learn more about school board and community events and programs for Black students and families, you can [subscribe to the Centre for Black Student Excellence mailing list](#) to receive regular updates.

While we have seen milder **winter weather** this year, I also want to remind families that we have protocols in place for [severe weather](#) and school transportation cancellation in the case of inclement weather, and want to ensure families are aware. You can find more information on the Board website. We also continue to encourage families to use active school travel all year round, including during the winter months. Early in February, we will be celebrating [Winter Walk Day](#), and be sharing tips as well as the benefits and joys of winter walking.

This month, students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity to vote in the [Student Trustee Elections](#). I want to congratulate and thank all of the students in Grade 10 and 11 who applied for this position. Student Trustees play an important role representing student voice at the Board meetings, and we greatly value their voice and contributions. Students who are eligible to vote will receive information in their GAPPs accounts about how to vote. This is a great opportunity to participate in the democratic process and to have their say about who will represent their voice in the next school year.

[Kindergarten](#) and [French Immersion registration](#) opened in January for fall 2024. For students looking at **course selection** in secondary school, there are lots of great resources available at www.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb that let students learn more about courses, programs and opportunities that relate to their interests.

You can also stay up-to-date with what's happening around the Board by visiting our [newsroom](#) - some of the latest stories feature schools in our area, or by listening to the Board's award-winning [podcast Tune In YRDSB](#), including recent and upcoming episodes on what to expect in Kindergarten, how Student Trustees represent student voice, Tamil Heritage Month, Hindu Heritage Month and more.

As the governing body of the York Region District School Board, trustees are required to establish an annual **Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)** to guide system direction for a four-year period. The MYSP is a

reflection of emergent priorities identified by our educational communities. Over the coming months, we will be conducting extensive consultations with YRDSB students, staff, families and community members to collect input and feedback to develop our revised MYSP. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for all that you do to partner with us in building a strong publicly funded education system that delivers a high-quality education for your children. You can learn more about my role as a school trustee and [how you can reach me](#) on the Board website www.yrdsb.ca.

Michael Chen, Markham Wards 5 and 7