



REVIEW



January 7, 2022

Message From Administration:

Hello Rouge Park Families!

We hope that you were able to enjoy the winter break with friends and family. We have heard many stories of altered plans due to Covid-19 and we understand that for many the holidays were a little different than in years past. We sincerely hope that this newsletter finds you healthy and happy to be back into some semblance of routine - even though it is not the routine many were hoping for.

Thank you for helping your child(ren) adapt once again to an online learning environment. As we visited classes this week we were continually amazed at the technology skills even our youngest learners are acquiring so quickly. It was fun to see siblings learning together, pets visiting classes, home snacks being enjoyed during learning time and lots of cozy pajamas! Sometimes we have to search for the little benefits change can bring.

We know that virtual learning has added stress to families once again. If we can support you in any way, please reach out to us via email or by phone. There are also some flyers for various Covid-related supports at the end of this newsletter.

Wishing all of our families a wonderful weekend!

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Upcoming Dates:

January		February	
14	P.A. Day Kindergarten Registration Begins	3	Grad and re-take photos School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
17	Scheduled return to F2F learning	4	PA Day
		21	Family Day

School Council:

Our next School Council meeting will be on Thursday, February 3rd beginning online at 6:30 pm. A link will be sent out closer to the date. All are welcome to attend. We have an incredible group of School Council members and we hope you will consider joining!

Spirit Wear:

Upon our return to in-person learning, we will distribute the back-ordered clothing orders. In February, we will re-open school-cash online for additional orders. Thank you to everyone who supported the initiative either by donating or purchasing clothing. If your child was unable to purchase due to financial constraints, please send an email to lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca and I will confidentially ensure they get an article of their choice through the generous donations we received.

Traffic Safety - Previous Newsletter Item:

We wanted to update you on some safety concerns we have noticed as students travel to and from school each day. The 4 way stop at Riverlands Ave. and Cornell Rouge Park is becoming increasingly busy. If you walk or drive this route to school, we are asking that you be extra vigilant of pedestrians and cars. We have contacted the City of Markham about our concerns and they are currently conducting a crossing guard survey to see if we are eligible.

Secondly, we have noticed that students are j-walking at the corner of Riverlands and Crossbrook (right at the driveway entrance to Rouge Park). There is not a stop sign here and therefore students should NOT be crossing the road at this intersection. Please remind your child(ren) to walk to the nearest stop sign before crossing the road. The City of Markham is also aware of this concern and will be looking into whether a stop sign is needed at this location.

Update: The City of Markham conducted the study and determined that we do not qualify for a crossing guard at Riverlands and Cornell Rouge Park. They have yet to determine if a stop sign will be put at the intersection at the entrance to our school.

Clothing/Sock Drive

Thank you to our grade 5 class for their initiative and hard work in collecting winter clothing and warm socks prior to the winter break. Our community truly came together to support those in need. Thank you for your warm generosity.



New Screening Tool

Upon our return to f2f learning, all families will be required to use the following screening tool and confirm submission. [Staying Safe at School | York Region](#)

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.



INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS WITH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB) Extended to May 7, 2022

The CRCB is extending until **May 7, 2022**. The maximum number of weeks you can apply for also increases to **44 weeks**. You can apply retroactively until February 16, 2022 if you are eligible.

The Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB) gives income support to employed and self-employed individuals who are unable to work because they must care for their child under 12 years old or a family member who needs supervised care. This applies if their school, regular program or facility is closed or unavailable to them due to COVID-19, or because they are sick, self-isolating, or at risk of serious health complications due to COVID-19. The CRCB is administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

If you are eligible for the CRCB, your household can receive \$500 (\$450 after taxes withheld) for each 1-week period.

If your situation continues, you will need to apply again. Each household may apply for up to a total of 44 weeks between September 27, 2020 and May 7, 2022.

For more information and to apply please take this link:

[Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit](#)

If you have any questions please contact:

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Red Cross Babysitting Course

(with first aid & CPR)

Offered by Stayin Alive with First Aid, CPR & AED

COURSE NOW OFFERED ONLINE

(2 hour and 20 min sessions over 3 days) plus some homework

OR on a PA day (8:30am to 3:30pm)

Caregiver and first aid skills for youth in grades 5 to 8.

Participants learn how to manage difficult behaviour, recognize and prevent unsafe situations, how to care for babies and children, and leadership skills. Babysitting promises to deepen and enhance the responsibility that older youth feel when caring for younger children. The curriculum includes new science for giving appropriate care in an emergency.

Due to the new lockdown and the pressure on parents to figure out online school once again. We have decided to leave the pricing at the discount for another month

Location: Online using Google Meet (link provided 20 mins prior to class)

Instructor: Stayin Alive Certified Red Cross Instructor

Cost: \$65 per participant (Grades 5 to 8) + HST = **\$73.45**

Course content:

- Check, Call, Care (including phoning 911)
- Conscious choking (adult/child/baby/alone)
- Introduction to CPR (baby/child)
- Asthma (includes use of inhaler and spacer)
- Anaphylaxis (includes use of EpiPen), poisoning and insect stings
- Wound care (minor cuts and scrapes, splinters, nosebleeds, bumps and bruises, life-threatening bleeding, and burns)
- Broken bones, head, neck and back injuries, seizures

Course materials delivered (address required during registration):

Red Cross Babysitter's Manual and Materials

Red Cross Babysitter Certificate



Register today!
Space is limited to 12 per course

www.StayinAliveWithFirstAid.ca

Questions? info@StayinAliveWithFirstAid.ca



Red Cross Stay Safe Course

Offered by Stayin Alive with First Aid, CPR & AED

COURSE NOW OFFERED ONLINE

(2 hour and 20 min online sessions plus homework over 2 days)

For youth in grades 3, 4 and 5.

Participants learn the skills needed to stay safe on their own at home, how to respond to unexpected situations (such as strangers or visitors knocking on the door), how to give first aid treatment, and when and how to call 911. Whether in the community or alone, this course is a must-take if you want your children to have better tools for staying safe.

Due to the new lockdown and the pressure on parents to figure out online school once again. We have decided to leave the pricing at the discount for another month

Location: Online using Google Meet (link provided 15 mins prior to class)

Instructor: Stayin Alive Certified Red Cross Instructor

Cost: \$65 per participant (Grades 3, 4 and 5) + HST = **\$73.45**

Course content:

- Understanding the responsibility of being accountable for yourself
- How to stay safe at home and within the community
- Check, Call, Care (including phoning 911)
- Conscious choking (adult/child/alone)
- Asthma (includes use of inhaler and spacer)
- Anaphylaxis (includes use of EpiPen), poisoning and insect stings
- Wound care (minor cuts and scrapes, splinters, nosebleeds, bumps and bruises, life-threatening bleeding, and burns)

Course materials delivered (address required during registration):

Red Cross Stay Safe Manual

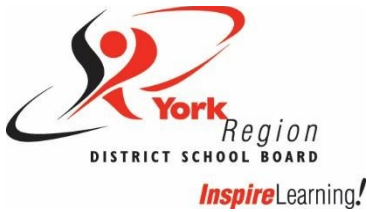
Red Cross Stay Safe Certificate



Register today!
Space is limited to 10 per course

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Triple P Parenting Seminar

Parenting Traps and Strategies

Kids don't come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to-understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

This session explains:

- how parents may get “trapped” in escalations and power struggles;
- why parents experience “defiance and non-compliance” when they ask or request their children to do something; and
- understanding various traps ways to avoid these traps and develop age appropriate and do-able strategies.

[Registration](#)

Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers!

Join us to share, learn and build a school culture where mental health and well-being is valued and promoted.

Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Zoom Link will be provided

Facilitator: Uma Bhatt, R.S.W.
York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families

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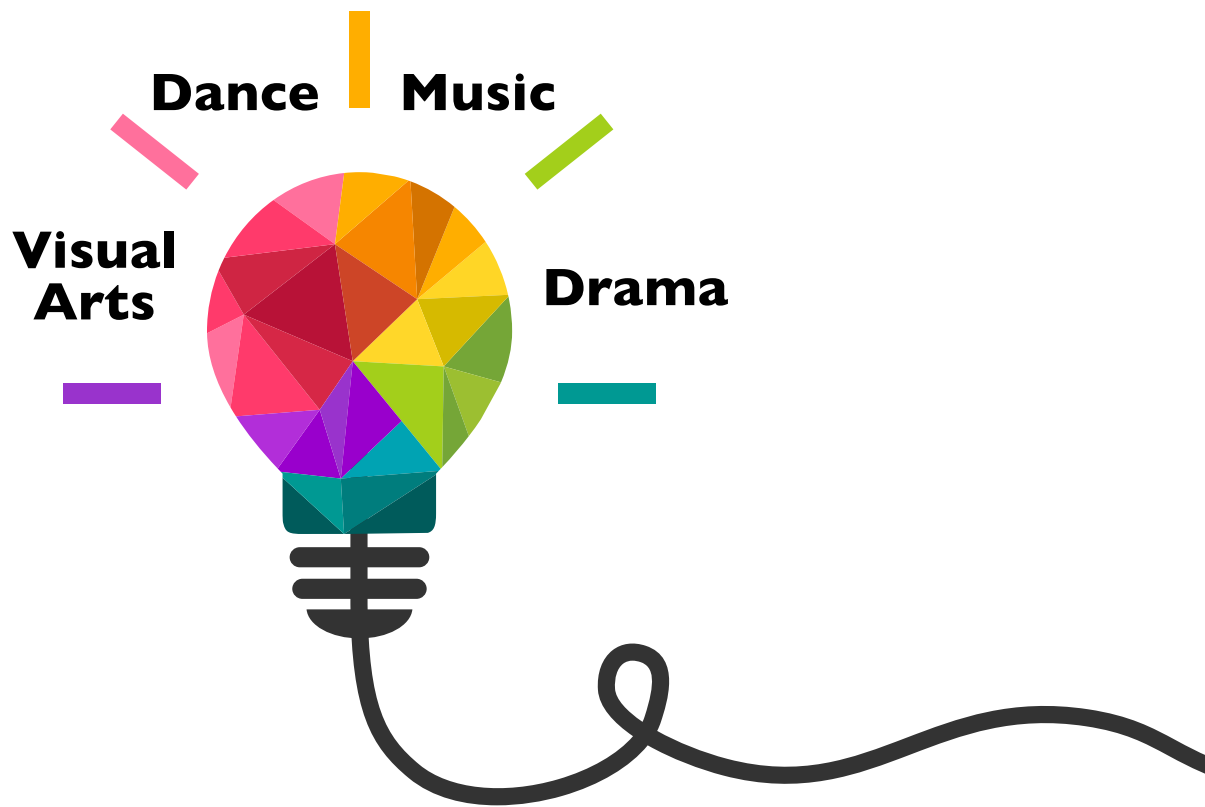
This free Parent Presentation is brought to you in partnership with York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families and York Region District School Board





Apply for the Integrated Elementary arts@Baythorn!

YRDSB offers an Elementary Integrated Arts Program at Baythorn Public School. **GRADE 4 OR 5** students can apply for the full time arts@Baythorn program.



The arts@Baythorn allows you to explore **Dance**, **Drama**, **Visual Arts**, and **Music** integrated into your learning each and every day in a collaborative and cooperative learning environment.

Learn more about our program and how to apply by visiting our website <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/baythorn.ps/arts/Pages/default.aspx>

REMINDER Application and Information video will be available beginning January 17th on the website. Application opens: January 17, 2022 and closes January 30, 2022



Tamil Heritage Month Katka Kasad Education Expo

In collaboration with
Tamil Canadian Centre for Civic Action
Settlement and Education Partnership in York Region
Educators for Tamil Student Success
Ontario Tamil Educators Network

Workshops for Families

Date: Saturday January 29, 2022

Agenda

11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. - Break out session for families
Primary, Junior, intermediate and Senior

1:00p.m. - 2:00p.m. - Keynote speaker

2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m. Breakout rooms: Special education, Tamil studies, cyber safety, pathways, mental health and wellness for youth and families.

4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. - Round table discussion on System Changes and Advocacy

Registration

tamileducationexpo.eventbrite.ca

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Settlement and Education Partnership in York Region Educators for Tamil Student Success



Presents

Tamil Heritage Month Student Workshops Grades 5 to 8



Goals: Identity, Initiative, Inclusion

- Support a dialogue on social identities of Tamil heritage students
- Promote student voice and leadership
- Work towards an inclusive and equitable school community

Workshops:

- 1) Develop a deeper understanding of Tamil Practices and Heritage - January 24, 2022
- 2) Understanding our Identity through spoken word - January 26, 2022

Time: 5:00 pm to 6:00 PM
Grades: 5 to 8

[Registration](#)

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