



# REVIEW



June 17, 2022

Dear RPPS Families,

With just under 2 weeks to go, it is hard to believe our school year is ending. Thank you to all of the amazing students, supportive families and our fantastic, committed staff who have made this year at Rouge Park Public School a great one. A special thank you to all our families who were vigilant in checking for symptoms, staying home when students were sick and following our public health guidelines. Thanks for all your ongoing communication, flexibility, support and expressions of gratitude. We feel so fortunate to have you as part of our RPPS family.

Highlights of the year for us have included outdoor concerts in the fall and spring, sporting events both home and away, student-led spirit weeks, and engaging with our amazing School Council. Wednesday night's first indoor concert was just an incredible way to end the year. During the summer months we will miss our frequent visits to the classrooms and talking to students at lunch and recess. We will miss seeing and chatting with so many parents before and after school. We feel so blessed to work with so many amazing staff members and students and are proud to serve in such a wonderful community.

As this might be the final newsletter of the year, we want to wish everyone a safe, happy, restful summer. Enjoy

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## What's Happening Next Week:

Date	What's Happening
Monday, June 20 Day 4	Open gym for intermediate girls 2:40-3:30
Tuesday, June 21 Day 5	Open gym for junior and intermediate students 7:55-8:10 a.m. Open gym for intermediates - 2:40-3:30

Wednesday, June 22 Day 1	Open gym for junior and intermediate students 7:55-8:10 a.m. <b>Final</b> Snack Shack at first recess
Thursday, June 23 Day 2	Eco club meeting for class reps - lunch
Friday, June 24 Day 3	Open gym for junior and intermediate students 7:55-8:10 a.m. <b>Final</b> Pizza Day Open gym for intermediates - 2:40-3:30

### **Upcoming Dates**

June 27 Grade 8 Grad Trip to Tree Top Trekking

June 27 Report Cards Home - the same process as term 1, report cards will be shared electronically

June 28 Grade 8 Graduation

June 30 Last Day of School 11:10 a.m.

### **Early Dismissal Reminder:**

Thursday, June 30th will be the last day of school. It is a shortened school day, 8:10 am to 11:10 am. At 10:30 a.m., all our students will get a chance to participate in a final "Clap Out" to send off our grade 8 graduates and departing staff for one final time.

### **New Beginnings:**

This year we have had an outstanding team of Long Term Occasional Teachers, Occasional Teachers and Support Staff to support our school when other staff were on a leave of absence or had been promoted to other positions in the board. Thank you to the following staff who have smoothly transitioned into their roles and created wonderful learning experiences for our students this year: Ms. Ibrahim, Ms. Cochrane, Ms. Herman, Mr. Sellar, Ms. Baynes, Mr. Snowden, Ms. Tan, Ms. Ritchie and Ms. Post. We will miss you all! Thank you as well to our amazing support staff who filled in this year: Ms Yeung and Ms. Erbity. Thank you to our Tutors who worked for the past few months in our school: Wes Cleaver and Iman Ajani. Especially this year, we have appreciated all your hard work, dedication and flexibility. Well done team!

Thank you as well to all of our amazing school assistants! You were a vital part of keeping the school running smoothly. We hope you will return in September!

### **New and Exciting for the 2022-23 School Year:**

Welcome back to Ms. Chan and Ms. Winter who will be returning to us next September. A big welcome to the many new staff who will be joining us from other schools. We look forward to all of these amazing staff joining our team for the 2022-23 school year.

### **Class Placements and Our Tentative Organization**

Over the summer and beginning in September, we will have a clearer picture of our registrations and transfers. As a result, students will find out their classroom teacher and room location at that time.

## Tentative Organization September 2022 (as of June 2022)

Kindergarten - 5 classes

Grade 1 - 3 classes

Grade 2 - 2 classes

Grade 2½ - 1 class

Grade 3 - 3 classes

Grade 4 - 2 classes

Grade 5 - 2 classes

Grade 6 - 2 classes

Grade 7 - 2 classes

Grade 8 - 2 classes

## GSA at Rouge Park

### Sharing Our **Pride!**

Rouge Park Public School has come out with a GSA club, also known as the Gender and Sexual Identities Alliance. These student-led clubs help spread awareness about the LGBTQ+ community. Our GSA provides a safe space for students who are a part of the LGBTQ+ community, those who are learning about themselves and others, and those who are allies for the community and allows them to connect with others who share an interest in these issues. Homophobia and transphobia harassment are common in schools and among teenagers. GSA helps build a safe space for those who are a part of the community, or for those who'd like to learn more about the LGBTQ+ community. This club has students create hands-on activities to spread awareness and make Rouge Park PS a more welcoming and inclusive place.



## Loonies and Gift Cards for the Ukraine - Update

As you know, Nicholas has been fundraising to support the Ukraine through the Red Cross. His goal was to raise \$500 and he has far surpassed that with a total of \$661.80 collected so far. Thank you for all of your generous contributions and thank you to Nicholas for raising awareness and making a difference!

## **Loaner Technology**

If you have a Rouge Park chromebook at home, it must be returned to our school prior to the end of June. Even if your child will be learning in the Virtual School in September, you must return the technology to Rouge Park in June.

## **Are You Moving?**

We are in the process of setting up for the September start of the 2022-2023 school year. If you know your child/children will be attending another school in September please email or call the school office to let us know.

## **Kindergarten Registration:**

Kindergarten Registration for the 2022/23 school year is now on. If you have a child who will turn 4 years old before the end of 2022, they are eligible to begin school in September. There are several ways you can register for kindergarten on or after January 14, 2022:

- Online - Families can access the [Online Kindergarten Registration Information](#) . 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](#) and email the completed form to their school email address.
- By phone - Families can request support from the school Principal/Vice-Principal to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone.
- By mail or appointment. You can mail completed applications to the school, or request an appointment (once schools have reopened) to drop-off your completed paper application form.
- If you have already registered, you will be hearing from us shortly about bringing in your documents to complete the process.

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## Concert Part 2!

On Wednesday evening we had the second half of our outdoor (moved indoors) concert. Our primary students were a wonderful audience for the dress rehearsal during the day. It was amazing to have families in the gym for our evening concert. A special thanks to the staff who supervised, our School Council for selling snacks and, of course, Dr. Gunn for all of his incredible work with our students.



## Free Summer Tutoring Program by Project Abraham's Homework Club

June 20, 2022 - August 31, 2022

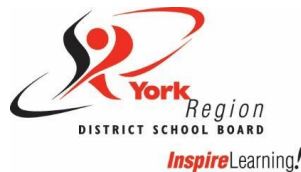
Project Abraham's Homework Club is here to help  
by providing:

- Free qualified tutors from SK to Gr. 12
- Online and/or in person
- Focus on English literature and Math
- Tutoring based on individual needs
- Weekly one-on-one sessions
- Up to 2 hours per week

[Register](#) by June 15<sup>th</sup> will guarantee a spot

For more information contact:

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## تدریس خصوصی رایگان تابستانه برای دانش آموزان

موسسه "پروژه آبراهام"

20 جون, 2022 تا 31 آگوست, 2022

با همکاری آموزش و پرورش یورک ریجن و موسسه "پروژه  
آبراهام" باشگاه کمک درسی ارائه می شود .

- معلم خصوصی رایگان از مهد کودک تا کلاس 12
- بصورت آنلاین یا حضوری
- با تمرکز بر انگلیس و ریاضی
- یا بر اساس نیازهای درسی دانش آموزان
- تا دو ساعت در هفته

لطفا تا 15 جون, 2022 ثبت نام کنید. پس از آن با توجه به  
ظرفیت موجود ثبت نام انجام می شود.

[ثبت نام](#)



# THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

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## Centre for Black Student Excellence

YRDSB is pleased to have launched the **Centre for Black Student Excellence** in May 2022, a space committed to the promotion of Dismantling Anti-Black racism and amplifying voices that have been historically marginalized.

We invite you to explore our new online presence at [www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence](http://www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence) to:

- Access videos, resources and information about community partners.
- Learn more about our work to dismantle anti-Black racism, guided by our strategy.
- Celebrate Black excellence through video, feature stories, podcasts and more.
- Find out about programs available to Black students and families.
- Check out our new community newsletter.
- And much more.

## Partners

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**The Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS)** is committed to promoting well-being and excellence in achievement for students of African/ Caribbean heritage. You can follow them on Twitter [@AEBSyrdsb](https://twitter.com/AEBSyrdsb)

**Learn more about Black community agencies that provide supports in your area:**

[Aurora Black Community \(ABC\)](#)

[ANCHOR \(Formerly Vaughan African Canadian Association \(VACA\)\)](#)

[Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association \(MACCA\)](#)

[Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association \(NACCA\)](#)

[Parents of Black Children](#)

[The Black Foundation of Community Networks \(BFCN\)](#)

[York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities \(YRAACC\)](#)

# THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

## Upcoming Events at YRDSB

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### **Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS) Annual Student Achievement Awards 2022 | “Celebrating Black Excellence”**

School staff may nominate a student in Grades 4-12 for demonstrating success in one of the following areas: the arts, academics, athletics, and citizenship. Please speak to your school administrator for further information.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 8, 2022

**Time:** 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm (EST)

**Location:** Virtual

## Scholarships

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**[BFCN Scholarship](#)** BFCN believes that access to education of all forms is important for the continued success and development of youth in our community. Their Scholarship Program is designed to address a few of the gaps and barriers in order to increase access to post-secondary education and support Black students and their families.

**Deadline: July 31, 2022**

The **[Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association](#)** (MACCA) will be awarding Scholarships of \$1,000 to each selected recipient. Selection is based on students' involvement and dedication to their community and academic achievements. One outstanding student that excels in these areas and demonstrates that they have gone above and beyond will receive the President's award.

**Deadline: June 30, 2022**

## Upcoming Community Events

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### **York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities (YRAACC) and Sankofa Mentoring Program | Summer Outdoor Program**

The Sankofa Program is offering a solution to online fatigue. The entire family is invited to reconnect and have fun. Join on most Saturdays for family fun, / food /games, prizes, African drumming, and workshops to bring the community together. For more information visit

[YRAACC](#).



# THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

**Date:** Most Saturdays May 25 to September 17, 2022

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** In person sunshine or rain at the Safety Village in Markham 3291 Stouffville Rd, Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON L4A 7X5

**Register** now as space is limited.

## **Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA) | YRDSB Pandemic Recovery: Summer Reading Camp**

MACCA Markham is hosting a summer reading and robotics camp.

**Date:** July 11-August 19, 2022

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Unionville Meadows P.S., 365 South Unionville Avenue, Markham

**Registration Fee:** \$100

**Register by phone:** 905-946-9998

## SHINE Podcast

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### **Listen to the [SHINE Podcast](#)**

SHINE is a YRDSB podcast that features voices from the Black community. It introduces conversations that inspire and challenge. Guests share their lived experiences, advice, industry expertise and more.

### **Recent Episodes include:**

- Dr. Olubimpe Ayeni
- Jayden Hamilton (Lil' J Hollywood)
- Jillian Danford (Auntie Jillian)
- Saeed Renaud