



# REVIEW



**June 9, 2023**

## Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

We had an amazing time at the Rouge Park Spring Concert on Wednesday! It was fabulous seeing so many families in attendance! Thank you for your support. We want to thank all the staff who made this evening of music and the arts possible. We couldn't be more proud of our students for showcasing their incredible talents. Thank you as well to our fabulous School Council for selling drinks and snacks.

Monday was our school track and field day. Students in grades 4-8 enjoyed a day outside competing in many different events both at Cornell Park and in our own yard. Thank you to the organizing committee of staff who put together a full day of fun and competition. Due to the poor air quality students spent the majority of the week indoors and we were unable to finish our school track and field events or participate in the area soccer tournament. This has been disappointing but understandable in terms of protecting the health of our students and staff.

We hope all of your families enjoy a great June weekend.

If you have questions, comments or concerns, please reach out by email or by phone.

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### Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
June 12	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hand and Tools and Building Club @ 2:45</li> <li>• Open Volleyball Gr 4-6 @ 2:45</li> </ul>
June 13	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary choir/recorder group @ 12:20</li> </ul>
June 14	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snack Shack - pavement only schedule at first recess</li> <li>• Beading Club @ morning recess</li> <li>• Intermediate Band Gr 7-8 Rehearsal @ 12:20</li> <li>• Junior Robotics Club @ 12:20</li> <li>• Cooking Club Grades 4-5 @ 2:45</li> </ul>

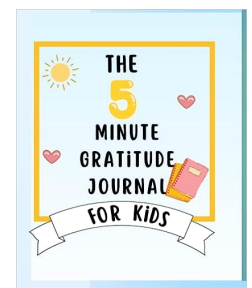
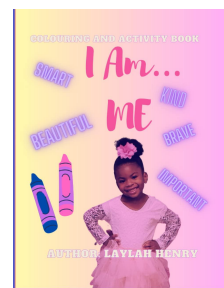
June 15	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area Track and Field @ Bill Crothers SS</li> <li>• Grade 2,3,4 Craft Club @ a.m. recess</li> <li>• Junior Band Rehearsal @ 12:00</li> <li>• Intermediate Basketball @ 2:45</li> </ul>
June 16	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Track and Field Meet for those who qualified</li> <li>• Fire department visit K-Gr. 1 @ 1:00 Gr. 2-4 @ 1:30 - bring a bathing suit and towel!</li> <li>• GSA Meeting @ 9:50</li> <li>• Pop Band Rehearsal/ Percussion Group (Gr 5-8) @ 12:20</li> </ul>
<p>Upcoming:</p> <p>June 22 - Staff Appreciation</p> <p>June 22 - Kindergarten DJ Dance</p> <p>June 26 (week of) - T2 Reports sent home</p> <p>June 26 - Fire Drill 8:15 am</p> <p>June 27 - Grade 8 Grad</p> <p>June 30 - Early Release Day (11:10)</p>		

## DISCORD- Parents Be Aware of the Platforms that your Children are using

Discord is a social media platform used for instant messaging and digital distribution. We are asking parents to monitor and review their child's use of Discord and other social media platforms. Children often need reminders to only post positive messages to others and to be careful not to get involved in conversations and chats that are not appropriate. As we become more dependent on technology, it is so important for all of us to work together and assist our children in learning how to use social media safely and productively. Parents, please let us know if you become aware of any on-line behaviour/chats that are not appropriate. We remind students that we must act on all incidents of bullying or inappropriate/mean behaviour whether they occur on-line or in person.

### Celebrating Student Success

Congratulations to Laylah Henry, a grade 7 student at RPPS who has now published two books that are for sale on Amazon. I Am... Me is a self-affirmation colouring /activity book that helps children encourage themselves while having some quiet fun. The 5 Minute Gratitude Journal was written to help kids express gratitude for the things they have and things they are surrounded by in their life. Congratulations, Laylah! We are so proud of you. A few copies have been purchased for our school library.



## 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. If you have moved out of the area and hope to stay here, a transfer application must be completed.



## 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 2023 (as of June 2023)

Kindergarten - 5 classes

Community Classes - 2

Grade 1 - 3 classes

Grade 2 - 3 classes

Grade  $\frac{2}{3}$  - 1 class

Grade 3 - 1 class

Grade  $\frac{3}{4}$  - 2 classes

Grade 4 - 2 classes

Grade 5 - 2 classes

Grade 6 - 2 classes

Grade 6/7 - 1 class

Grade 7 - 2 classes

Grade 8 - 2 classes

## Library Books

In preparation for the summer break, it is time for students to return their library books. Beginning this week, we are unable to check out any new library or daily reading materials so that we can begin to clear student accounts for the summer.

The library continues to be open for book returns and classroom use, with a goal to have all books returned by Friday, June 16. At that time we will print overdue notices to share with families. Please note that there are no fines for overdue books, our goal at this time is to have them all returned to the library for the summer so that everything will be ready to go again, early in September.

Library bags do not need to be returned, just the books.

## Every Student Counts Survey

The Every Student Counts Survey was scheduled to close on Friday, May 19, 2023. In order to ensure families have enough time to complete the survey, we are extending the deadline for the Kindergarten - Grade 3 survey until June 23, 2023.

During the week of June 5, families of students in Kindergarten - Grade 3 receive another invitation letter to complete the survey. If you have already completed the survey, or do not wish to complete the survey, please disregard the invitation letter.

### **Early Release Day - June 30th**

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On Friday, June 30, 2023, an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Friday, June 30, 2023 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:10 a.m.** Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

### **York Region District School Board Seeks Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) Members**

Parents/guardians interested in serving as a member of PEAC are asked to submit an application by **June 14, 2023**. PEAC supports, encourages and enhances parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. It represents the collective voice of parents who have children attending public schools in York Region. Members are expected to attend a minimum of five meetings each year. The first meeting date for the new membership is November 9, 2023, which is a joint meeting with our Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee (EIAC). **Interested parents/guardians are invited to submit an application using the [online application form](#)**. For a copy of the application, please contact Leadership Development and Engagement via email at [leadership.development.engagement@yrdsb.ca](mailto:leadership.development.engagement@yrdsb.ca) or by phone at 905-727-0022 ext. 3650. Interested applicants are invited to attend a virtual information session to learn more about this parent and community member engagement opportunity.

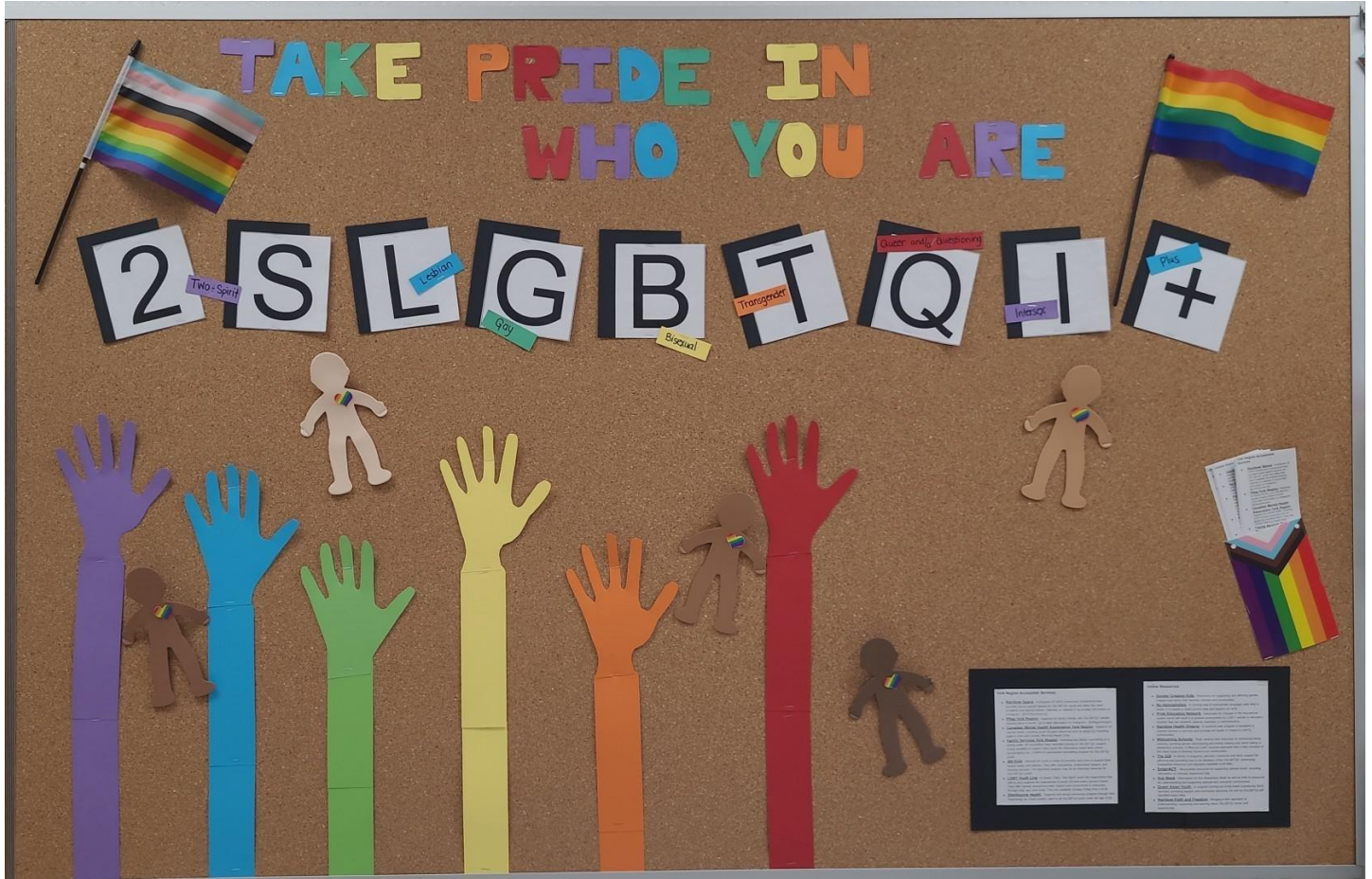
Date and Time: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Meeting Information: [Online virtual ITS Webinar Event meeting link](#)

### **2023-24 School Year Calendar has been Officially Approved**

Please visit this [LINK](#) to view the calendar.

## Our New Pride Month Display



### 2023 Summer Learning Programs Available

During the month of July, YRDSB continues to offer credit and non-credit summer school program opportunities for elementary, secondary and adult students. **Registration is now open for the following programs:**

#### Elementary Credit and Non-Credit Programs:

Camp Black Brilliance (for Black Families entering JK or SK)

- Summer Institute (K-8)
- Elementary Summer School (Grades 6-8 non-credit reinforcement)
- Grade 8 Reach Ahead (credit)

#### Secondary Credit Programs:

- In-Person Learning
- Online Learning

#### Adult Learning Programs:

- Adult Literacy and Basic Skills
- English as a Second Language
- Citizenship Classes
- Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada

For more information about summer learning programs and registration please visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) and follow us on Twitter @YRDSB.



## The Come Up summer program 2023 – School Newsletter

The York Region District School Board is pleased to announce The Come Up summer program 2023. This program offers self-identifying Black students who are entering high school in September 2023 with an opportunity to earn their first credit. Black students entering grade 9 will earn the grade 10 Civics/Career compulsory credit. It also includes guest speakers, field trips, lunch (Mondays & Wednesdays) and swag. The program takes place Wednesday, July 5, 2023 - Friday, July 28, 2023 from 8:45am - 3:35pm. Attendance is mandatory for the full duration of the program. Each activity/workshop will use an identity affirming approach with emphasis on student engagement to build positive self-esteem for Black students embarking on a new journey. Students will earn/receive the following:

- Swag bags including t-shirts and resources;
- Free lunch (Mondays & Wednesdays); and
- First high school credit;

For more information and to register please see the [flyer](#).

### Kindergarten Registration:

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. We encourage you to register early so that you reserve a spot at RPPS. Families can register using the following options:

- Online - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at [www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten](http://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](#) at [www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten](http://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.

### Flyers for This Week

 [Dr. Stevenson Flyer - Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools](#)

 [Parenting Strategies for a Successful Summer Break.pdf](#)

 [The Centre for Black Excellence Newsletter-June 2023.pdf](#)