



REVIEW



March 22, 2024

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

This week our Muslim Student and Staff Association hosted the second annual Iftar event at Rouge Park. It was truly incredible to see so many families from all different faiths and backgrounds come together to celebrate the month of Ramadan. We would like to thank our M.S.A. and a team of incredible staff members who dedicated hours of time to planning for the event. The turn-out was amazing with over 150 people attending. The evening included the sharing of information about Ramadan and related celebrations along with a community breaking of the fast. The dinner was donated by The Muslim Centre of Markham, Naan Kabab Restaurant and some generous donations from families and staff. It was absolutely incredible! Please enjoy some photos below.

On Wednesday, we had a staff versus student basketball game in the gym at lunch. Both our intermediate girls and boys teams joined together to play against the staff. It was a close game, but the staff ended up winning the game! Most students in grades 6-8 came to watch and cheer for their classmates (or teachers 😊). The vibe in the gym was a happy one! Enjoy the pictures below!

As always, please reach out if you have any questions, comments or concerns. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Mar. 25	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boston Pizza Pasta Lunch - last day of this session • Junior boys' basketball @ 12:20 • Junior Girls' Bball @ 2:45 pm

Mar. 26	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club 7:30-7:50 am • Junior boys' basketball @ 9:50 am • Kid's Kitchen for those who ordered • Waste Inspectors @ 12:00 pm • Ted Ed Club @ 12:15 pm • Primary choir and primary recorder club @ 12:20 pm • Jr. Girls' Basketball Game @ Rouge Park vs UMPS & Suzuki
Mar. 27	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Junior Girls' Bball @ 2:45 pm
Mar. 28	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast club 7:30-7:50 am • Junior boys' basketball @ 9:50 am • Junior girls' Bball @ 12:20 pm • Pizza lunch for those who ordered • Pop band (Gr 5-8) and strings club - alternating weeks @ 12:20 pm
Mar. 29	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Friday - no school

Upcoming:

April 1 - Easter Monday - no school

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

May 24 - Public Health Immunization

June 4-6 - EQAO for Grades 3 and 6

June 12 - Temporary Date for Arts Night

June 26 - Grade 8 Graduation

Boston Pizza Pasta Day - New Session Starting

Next Monday, March 25th will be the final day for pasta lunch in this session. Please sign up for our next session on School Cash Online. This new session will run from April 15th to June 24th (April 1st is a holiday and the 8th is early dismissal). If you need financial assistance to access our lunch days, please reach out to us in the office.

School Council Big Box of Cards Fundraiser

Today we sent home a letter along with a sample birthday/occasion card with the youngest/only child in each family. If you are able, please help support our school by purchasing a box of cards that you can keep on hand for birthday parties or other special events. A box of 35 cards is \$35 and

they are excellent quality. The card we have sent home is yours to keep regardless of participation. All of the details for the fundraiser are in the letter that was sent by email earlier this week and also accompanies the sample card sent home today.

Class Placement for the 2024-2025 School Year

As we organize for next year, our staff will make every effort to place students in the best learning environment for each child to be successful. We take into account Ministry and Board guidelines, individual needs, academic achievement, emotional and social development, behaviours, gender balance, English Language Learners and Special Education needs, and work habits. We appreciate that parents/guardians have valuable information to share with us in this regard. If you have information or suggestions, which will assist us in making appropriate placements, please write a brief note to Lindsey Maclean by Friday, May 10th, 2024: lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca . Rather than suggesting a teacher, please indicate the learning style or classroom structure which you feel would be the most appropriate for your child's success. When teachers along with school administration get together to create new class lists, we will use this information to help make our final decisions.

Walking and Wheeling to School

We strongly encourage all of our students who are not on the bus to walk or wheel to school. Walking or wheeling to school allows you to get exercise and fresh air before starting the school day. We even have bike racks for your use!



Important Reminders Re: Drop off and Pick up:

Please remember to drive slowly in and around the school area when dropping off and picking up your children. Our kiss'n ride is a slow zone and cars should be travelling in a single line without passing or overtaking others. We are reminding all kindergarten families to either use the kiss'n ride or park on the street and walk your child to their gate. The loop at the front of the school is for our school buses and vans only. Thank you for working with us to ensure a safe school environment and one in which we build independence in our students.

We are also reminding all families that the parking lot at the back side of the school is reserved for daycare only. Please do not pull into this parking lot to drop your child off.

Summer Institute 2024 Registration Opens on March 27, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

York Region District School Board's Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8. Please visit the [Summer Institute registration page](#) on or after March 27, 2024 for the online registration link.

EQAO Dates for Grade 3 and 6 Students

We have now set our Grade 3 and 6 EQAO dates for this year. Grade 3 and 6 students will write this standardized test on **June 4, 5, and 6th**. Please speak with your child's teacher if you have questions about EQAO or visit the EQAO website at www.eqao.com

Supports for Students with Autism and their Families On Wednesday, May 1st from 6:30-8:30 pm

This session will support parents, guardians and families with:

- Understanding Autism
- Process for diagnosis
- YRDSB referral process
- School supports
- Community resources

Location: **Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5** Please [register](#) by Apr. 28, 2024.

Prayer/Fasting Room for Ramadan

Ramadan Mubarak to all those who celebrate. 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.

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.

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.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. 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 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.

Attachments for this week:

 ARTS CAMP 2024 Campers.pdf

 Free Recreation and Sport Programs.pdf

 Free Summer Camp.pdf

 Free Youth Overnight Camp.pdf

Iftar Dinner



Staff/Student Basketball Game

