



REVIEW



March 24, 2023

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

We have enjoyed a great first week back to school after the March Break. Some new extracurricular opportunities have started including junior boys and girls basketball and a new intermediate building club. We are grateful for everything our staff is offering to enhance the school day.

As mentioned in the last Review, Global News visited us on March 9th to do a good news story on our lead caretaker, Jessica Dusome. They wanted to highlight someone in the board who makes a difference in the lives of students and Jessica was nominated for the role! Some of our students were interviewed along with Jessica. You can see the news clip at [Global News Video](#).

Today was another spirit day with many of our staff and students dressing like their favourite character. It is always fun to see the creative outfits that come to school.

We hope to (virtually) see many parents at our Virtual Presentation with Dr. ABC on Wednesday. Please sign up today, if you plan on attending. (See link below)

Ramadan Mubarak to those families celebrating!

Please reach out if you need us for anything. We are here to help.

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Mar. 27	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Boys Basketball @ 9:50 Junior/Intermediate Choir @ 12:20 Grade 4-6 Open Volleyball @ 2:45
Mar. 28	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Boys Basketball @ 9:50 Grade 7&8 Chess Club @ 12:00 Primary choir/recorder group @ 12:20 Junior Girls Basketball @ 2:45

Mar. 29	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls volleyball club @ 7:10 • Snack Shack • Grade 3&4 Chess Club @ 12:00 • Intermediate band @ 12:20 • Dr. ABC Virtual Presentation @ 6:30 pm
Mar. 30	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza Day • COED Badminton Club @ 7:10 • Junior Boys Basketball @ 9:50 • Karate @ 12:00 in the gym • Junior Band Rehearsal @ 12:20 • Wali Shah workshop for intermediates @ 1:00 • Grade 4-5 After School Tutoring with Mr. Gourley
Mar. 31	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach Day Spirit Day • GSA meeting @ 9:50 • Grade 5&6 Chess Club @ 12:00 • Coding and Robotics Club @ 12:00 • Forest of Reading Club (gr. 3-8) @ 12:15 • Pop Band Rehearsal/ Percussion Group @ 12:20 • Junior Basketball @ 2:45
<p>Upcoming:</p> <p>March 29 - Parent Virtual Presentation of Dr. ABC - Please register by Monday, March 27th</p> <p>April 4 - School Council Meeting 6:30-7:30 @ Rouge Park</p> <p>April 5 - Earth Rangers visit</p> <p>April 7 - Good Friday (school closed)</p> <p>April 10 - Easter Monday (school closed)</p> <p>May 4 - Grade 7/8 Immunizations @ RPPS</p> <p>May 10- June 14- EQAO Test Dates</p> <p>May 15-17 - Grade 8 Trip</p> <p>June 27- Grade 8 Graduation</p>		

Ramadan

Ramadan Mubarak to those who celebrate. Ramadan began March 22nd. Room 214 is available during recess and lunch as a space for Muslim students who would like a place to gather and celebrate, away from food sources.



FlipGive - We are fundraising with FlipGive and would love your support!

It's simple:

1. Download the FlipGive app from the Play Store or App Store
2. Create an account
3. Join the Rouge Park Raptors using this team code: 9P7Q9Z
4. Purchase gift cards to everyday vendors like Tim Hortons, Wal-Mart, GAP, Swiss Chalet, etc and earn up to 10% cash back for the school!

Gift cards can be stored in the app, emailed to yourself or a friend, or transferred to your Apple

Wallet.

Parent Engagement Evening

Together with our School Council and our neighbouring schools, we have booked Dr. ABC for a virtual parent presentation on March 29th. You can register for the event [here](#) or by clicking on the register button on the flier shared below. Dr. ABC is incredibly engaging and we encourage everyone who can to attend.

The School Councils at Rouge Park, Cornell Village, Sam Chapman,
Black Walnut and Greensborough Public Schools

invite you to a

Family Engagement Evening
with
Dr. Andrew Campbell

Equity Begins at Home

NEW DATE:
March 29th

at 6:30 pm

**REGISTER
HERE**

Battery Blitz Contest:

Please send in your used batteries beginning on April 4th to help our environment and to help our school win big prizes!

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.

School Council

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 4 from 6:30-7:30 pm. All are welcome to join us for this face to face meeting at Rouge Park.

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 > 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 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.

Registration Verification Process

Following submission of a registration package, schools will contact families to schedule an appointment for Document Verification.

Flyers for This Week

[Mental Health April Newsletter](#)




Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter
April 2023

YRDSB Mental Health services are provided by YRDSB psychology and social work personnel

Celebrating Neurodiversity

Dear Families,

In this edition we will focus on celebrating neurodiversity within our student population. We recognize [Autism Acceptance Day](#) through highlighting strengths, characteristics, resources, and celebrating the spectrum; we want to acknowledge that families are the core support. There are many ways of thinking, learning or acting and we know that the uniqueness between us as people is to be celebrated and acknowledged. This year, we are moving to increasing acceptance.



For families who are looking to increase their understanding in supporting autistic people, [Kerry's place](#) offers a great [Resource Portal](#), where there are [videos](#) and [podcasts](#) with helpful information to expand understanding of Autism. [Kerry's Autism Services](#) has created a [parent guide](#) for services available from April to June 2023 for families connected to the [Ontario Autism Program](#) for free. They also have free [Parent & Caregiver Education](#), that is available to all families.

[Autism Central](#) provides informational resources about the intersection between Mental health and Autism. They share how autistic youth who also experience [anxiety](#) may find sensory support or art therapy helpful. [Sensory calming](#)

[Black Excellence April Newsletter](#)

THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

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Centre for Black Student Excellence

We invite you to explore our new online presence at 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 videos, feature stories, portraits and more
- Find out about programs available to Black students and families
- Check out our new community newsletter
- And much more

YRDSB Upcoming Events

Celebrating Black Excellence Campaign: YRDSB will be celebrating Black History Month with Celebrating Black Excellence - Black Voices. Staff, students and community members who identify as Black are invited to make submissions. [Submit Here!](#)

Exploring Internet Usage and its Impact on Mental Health for Black Youth
March 29th, 2023, 6:30 PM
Join us for an evening of community, conversation and knowledge exchange. The York Region District School Board, in collaboration with The Alliance of Educators for Black Students is hosting **Moving Forward Hand in Hand**, parents/register workshops supporting students of African Caribbean/Caribbean Heritage.

Please [register](#) by March 28th, 2023!

YRDSB Programs

Black Excellence Program

The vision of the Black Excellence Program (BEP), is to advance the achievement, wellbeing and sense of belonging of Black students in YRDSB schools through responsive programming that affirms their identity, builds on their strengths, and enhances their access to academic opportunities after high school. Students will have opportunities to learn from each other, experts from diverse fields, and mentors who will uplift, inspire and encourage them.