



March 3, 2023

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

It is hard to believe we are heading into our last week before the March Break. We are working hard to keep students engaged and on-task right up until March 10th. Student leaders are also making sure we include some fun activities that they believe will keep spirits high. Today was pajama day and every Friday in March will be a different theme day.

Yesterday we met with our student SPACE team (student leadership for mental health and well-being team) to set some goals as part of our School Improvement Plan. The students wrote goals and then came up with specific actions to support each goal. It is amazing to hear how articulate grade 6-8 students can be and how insightful they are about what works and doesn't work in their learning environments. Students will share their ideas with staff at our staff meeting next Tuesday.

Today RPPS hosted the Area Girls Basketball Tournament. It was awesome to have other schools and families visit our school to cheer on their athletes.

We are really looking forward to the Scholastic Book Fair next week. It will be open from Monday to Friday and also has the option to order online. All sales will benefit our school as we receive a percentage back. As always, if your child would like to purchase a book and there is a financial constraint, please email me (lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca) and we would be happy to help.

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. 6	2	 Book Fair Intermediate boys basketball @ 9:50 Primary games club @ 12:00 Junior/Intermediate Choir @ 12:20 Open Volleyball @ 2:45

Mar. 7	3	 Book Fair RPPS hosting Intermediate Boys Basketball Area Tournament Markham Fire Department Fire Safety Visit with Grade 2s Grade 7&8 Chess Club @ 12:00 Primary choir/recorder group @ 12:20
Mar. 8	4	 Book Fair Girls volleyball club @ 7:10 Snack Shack Grade 3&4 Chess Club @ 12:00 Primary Waste Inspector Club @ 12:00 Intermediate band @ 12:20 Jr. Girls Basketball @ 2:45 After school math tutoring with Ms. Russell
Mar. 9	5	 Pizza Day For those who ordered Book Fair COED Badminton Club @ 7:10 Karate @ 12:20 in the gym - trial class Grade 6-8 TED Ed Club @ 12:00 Primary games club @ 12:00 Junior Band Rehearsal @ 12:20 Junior Girls Basketball @ 2:45 Grade 4-5 After School Tutoring with Mr. Gourley
Mar. 10	1	 Book Fair Flashback Friday Spirit Day – Dress up like you are stuck in another decade GSA meeting @ 9:50 Primary 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

Upcoming:

March 13-17 - March Break

March 29 - Parent Virtual Presentation of Dr. ABC - Please note new date

April 4 - School Council Meeting

April 5 - Earth Rangers visit

April 7 - Good Friday (school closed)

April 10 - Easter Monday (school closed)

May 4 - Immunizations @ RPPS

May 10- June 14- EQAO Test Dates

May 15-17 - Grade 8 Trip

June 27- Grade 8 Graduation

Bookmark Fundraising

Our Grade % Community Council will be selling bookmarks as a charity initiative to raise funds for Markham Stouffville Hospital. We will be selling these creative bookmarks for \$1 during the book fair. Please feel free to bring a loonie to donate!



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.

Join the Rouge Park Raptors now and earn a bonus \$5 for the school the first time you shop!



Northern Karate

We are pleased to welcome back Northern Karate who will be offering classes on Thursdays at lunch beginning after March Break. Please see the flyer below.

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.

Battery Blitz Contest:

This April, in honour of Earth Day, Earth Rangers and Call2Recycle are partnering on a program where elementary schools in Ontario will compete for who can collect the most used batteries and for the chance to win 1 of 7 amazing cash prizes. Their School Mission is to collect as many used batteries by encouraging students, parents, staff, and community members to bring them to school and dispose of them in the Call2Recycle collection boxes. The challenge will kick off the week of April 3 when we will start collecting used batteries. There are seven amazing Cash Grand Prizes available for the 7 schools that bring in the most batteries!

The top 7 schools will win cash prizes (\$5000 for first, \$2500 for second, and 5 cash prizes of \$500 for third place winners). Every school that collects 750 kg worth of batteries will receive a \$250.00 Visa gift card. Please send in your used batteries beginning on April 4th!

Are you Moving?

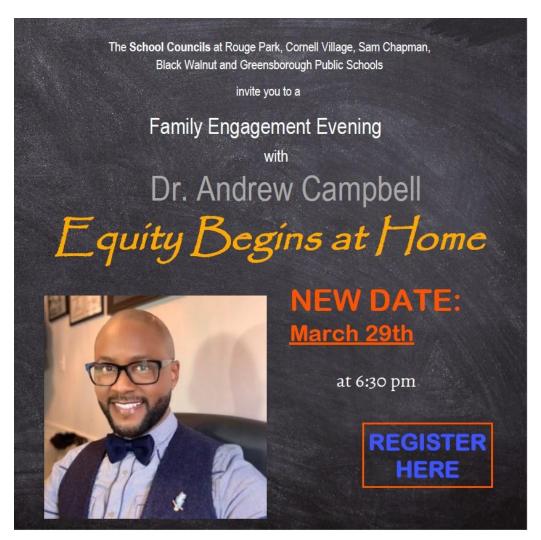
If you are planning on moving or have moved, please be sure to contact the office so we have your updated information. If you are no longer in our area, you will need to register in the school closest to your home.

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.

Save the Date For Dr. ABC! Please register using this link! For RPPS parents, your name will be entered in a draw for prizes for any parents who attend the Virtual engagement evening!

Equity Begins at Home (Presentation for Parents/Community) March 29, 2023 evening (NEW DATE)



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

<u>www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten</u> > 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 <u>Elementary School Registration Form</u> at <u>www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten</u> 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.



We are trying something new this week to reduce the number of pages in our Weekly Newsletter. Below is the information to be shared this week with a snapshot of the document. Please click on any of the names of items that are of interest to you and the link will open the document in a new tab.

Centre for Black Excellence Newsletter - March 2023

Fostering Your Child's Emotional Resilience (Cantonese or Mandarin Session)

Managing Negative Self Talk

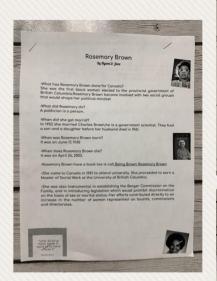
March Triple P Parenting Sessions

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

York Region Police Chief for a Day

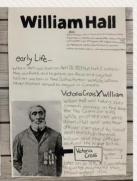
Parenting Program for Farsi/Dari Speaking Families: Fostering positive relationships with children with looking at self-esteem enhancement strategies (English & Farsi Flyer)

Celebrating Black Excellence in 6A









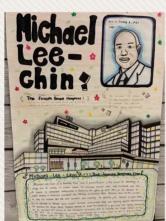














Pink Shirt Day - February, 2023



Northern TE Rouge Park P.S.



We're Coming To Your School!

Thursdays @ 12:20pm

- Mar 23
- Mar 30
- Apr 6
- Apr 13Apr 20
- Apr 27

Graduation Ceremony: Saturday, April 29th @ 3pm

At Northern Karate Markham

Make-up classes are available at our Northern Karate Markham dojo.

Cost:

\$59^{+tax}

ALL profits get donated back to your school!

OPEN TO GRADES 1-6

Register Online Today!

www.nksmarkham.com/lunch

Northern Karate Markham

1405 Denison Street in Markham

905-475-0044



Dear Parents and Families:

Get Ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns Rewards for our school.

Here's what you need to know about the Fair, which will take place from March 3-9 in our Multipurpose Room:

If you can't make it to the Fair, then **shop at our school's Virtual Book Fair**. All orders ship directly to our school and we will arrange for a pickup time when they arrive. Your online orders will also benefit our school.

Visit our Virtual Book Fair homepage to watch some trailers and look through our digital flyer: https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5195880

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on! Catch you at the Fair!

Happy reading,

Lindsey Maclean Principal Rouge Park Public School



