



REVIEW



May 12, 2023

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

The warm weather is now here! Please make sure your children have water bottles each day as well as indoor/outdoor shoes, hats and sunscreen. With our field open, we are now on one lunch schedule with everyone eating from 12:00-12:20 and then everyone outside from 12:20-1:00. The students have done a really great job of adapting to this new environment. We have a primary zone cordoned off for all of our grade 1-3 students to ensure they have a safe space in which to play. They are welcome to go beyond these boundaries, but we also want them to know that if they want a space free of "the older kids", there is one available to them.

This week our junior Robotics team came in third in the regional competition. This means they placed third out of 171 elementary schools. As a brand new team, with a brand new program, we couldn't be more impressed with their amazing results. Our Battle of the Books team came second in the area competition. Again, as a brand new team, it is absolutely incredible that they placed so well in this competition. We can't wait to see what is in store for them next year!

Next week, our grade 8 students will be going to Camp Pinecrest for the three day grad trip. We are all excited about this outdoor leadership experience. I will be on the trip but available via email should you need me and Ms. Leung will be managing everything on-site at the school!

There are some important flyers at the end of this newsletter including an invite to the 10th anniversary party at Black Walnut P.S. and yearbook information. Please be sure to scroll down.

As always, please reach out if we can answer any questions or support you in any way. Happy Mother's Day to everyone who is celebrating this weekend.

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
May 15	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May is Asian and South Asian Heritage Month • Grade 8's at Camp Pinecrest

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior/Intermediate Choir Grades 4-8 @ 12:20 • Open Volleyball Grades 4-6 @ 2:45
May 16	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8's at Camp Pinecrest • Dental Screening • Primary choir/recorder group @ 12:20 • Grade 3/4 Cooking Club 2:45-3:45
May 17	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8's at Camp Pinecrest • Snack Shack • Beading Club @ morning recess • Intermediate band @ 12:20
May 18	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lockdown drill at 1:1 • Grade 2,3,4 Craft Club @ a.m. recess • Junior Band Rehearsal @ 12:00 • TED Ed Club @ 12:15 • Intermediate Basketball drop in @ 2:45
May 19	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSA Meeting @ 9:50 • Primary Waste Inspectors @ 12:00 • Pop Band Rehearsal/ Percussion Group (Gr 5-8) @ 12:20
<p>Upcoming:</p> <p>May 22 - Victoria Day (School Closed)</p> <p>May 26 - Dental Screening (Grades JK, SK, 2 & 8)</p> <p>May 30 - Dental Screening (Grades JK, SK, 2 & 8)</p> <p>May 30 - Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm</p> <p>May 30 - June 1 - Grade 6 EQAO</p> <p>June 2 - PA Day</p> <p>June 6-8 - Grade 3 EQAO</p> <p>June 7 - Spring Concert</p> <p>June 12 - Area Track and Field Meet</p> <p>June 16 - Regional Track and Field Meet</p> <p>June 16 - Fire Dept. Visit all students</p> <p>June 27 - Grade 8 Grad</p>		

Donations to Rouge Park

This year many of our students have benefited from the generous donations of others in our community. We have had families donate to pizza day, the snack program, school clothing, our grad trip and more. Oftentimes these donations are life-changing for our students as they allow them to fully participate in everything we have to offer. Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to our school. If you are able, we are currently asking for donations to support all of the above initiatives along with the purchase of picnic tables to be installed on our back tarmac. These picnic tables will be used for outdoor learning while also providing a space for students to sit and

chat, play cards, or read during recess times. Donations can be made by clicking on the Donate button on School Cash Online or by sending a cheque made out to Rouge Park Public School.

Yearbooks now on Sale!

Yearbooks are now on sale to all students for \$28.00 on School Cash online! Do not miss your chance to get one!

Asian Heritage Month

May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada, a time to reflect on and recognize the many contributions that people of Asian origin have made and continue to make to Canada. Asian Heritage Month has been celebrated since the 1990s.



Support and Awareness

Celebrate Dress Loud Day ANY day in May! We want to know what loud looks like to you! Be sure to snap a picture wearing your most colourful and LOUD outfits and tag us on social media at @voice4deafkids -everyone who participates and tags us in a photo will be eligible to enter a draw for fun and exciting prizes. We need your help in showing the world how wonderfully loud life can be...even for kids who are deaf and hard of hearing!

Parent/Caregiver virtual workshop supporting students of the Tamil Diaspora - June 1, 2023 6:00 - 7:30

Parents and caregivers are invited to join this workshop to learn about supporting their children's academic, emotional and social well-being. The session will provide practical tips to create space for open conversations about mental health and well-being, ways to provide support and resources available through YRDSB and the York region community.

Register here on our [Google Form](#). Link to join will be provided via email following registration.

Lockdown Drill on May 18th

On the afternoon of May 18th, we will be having a lockdown drill. The drill announcement will play both inside and outside. This will likely be heard in the neighbourhood so if you live close by to the school, please know that it is a practice drill.

Skipping Ropes

With the warmer weather students have started skipping at recess. We would like to ask that students not bring ropes from home as many are hard plastic and we have had a few injuries. We have many skipping ropes at school and are happy to lend them out each recess.

Class Placement for the 2023-2024 School Year

Thank you to everyone who provided input into class placement decisions for next year. We will consider your input and do our very best to set your children up for success!

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. Kindergarten parents should also be dropping their children at the gate, not the classroom door. 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.

EQAO Dates for Grade 3 and 6 Students

We have now set our Grade 3 and 6 EQAO dates for this year. Grade 6 students will write this standardized test on May 30, June 1 and June 2. Grade 3 students will write on June 6,7, and 8th. Please speak with your child's teacher if you have questions about EQAO or visit the EQAO website at www.eqao.com

2023-24 School Year Calendar

The proposed YRDSB 2023-2024 school year calendars have been sent to the Ministry for review and approval. These calendars may be accessed on the YRDSB website at:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar> Please note: Calendars are not official until they receive formal Ministry approval which is expected in late May 2023.

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 May 30 from 6:30-7:30 pm. All are welcome to join us for this face to face meeting at Rouge Park.

Summer Institute, Elementary Summer School (gr. 6,7,8) and Grade 8 Reach Ahead

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum. The program runs for five weeks during July and August. It is offered at 10 school sites around York Region. For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Programs](#) webpage on www.yrdsb.ca. Registration is now open.

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 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 > 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

 [Asian Heritage Month Event.pdf](#)

 [Supporting Children Flyer English.pdf](#)

 [Supporting Children Flyer Tamil.pdf](#)

 [Mental Health Newsletter June 2023.pdf](#)

 [NURTURING YOUR TEEN'S EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING](#)

Battle of the Books!

Rouge Park's First Appearance in the Battle of the Books!

A big congratulations to Rouge Park's Battle of the Books team, who came in 2nd place at the competition on Wednesday, May 10 at Franklin Street Public School. Devisha, Ivan, Jahnvi, Mathilda, Vihana and Vishaka played a great game, scoring in the top three teams throughout the competition. In the last round, it came down to a nail biting tiebreaker question. The team also got to meet author Marina Cohen who signed copies of her books for our library.

Students are required to read 30 specific book titles and are asked questions about them; preparation takes hours of reading, studying and note-making. Typically teams are comprised of students in grades 4, 5 and 6 however, this year, our team was exclusively made up of grade 4 students! As a prize, our school was awarded a \$200 gift card for Chapters Indigo. The Battle of the Books is a partnership between the Markham Public Library and the Canadian Federation of University Women, Markham Unionville Chapter.

Thank you to our supportive families who came to watch the action, and to Ms. Russell and Ms. Tan for working with the team to organize and prepare for the competition.





Please join us in celebrating



BLACK WALNUT P.S.

10th Anniversary!

Thursday, May 25th, 2023

5:00 - 6:30 pm

food trucks

guest speakers

musical performances

artwork

DJ performance

**All past & present staff,
students, and families
are welcome!**



*Please bring a picnic blanket or
lawn chair to enjoy the food and
performances on the lawn.*

ROUGE PARK PS

2022-2023

YEARBOOK

\$25
per book

On sale now!
Last day to purchase is
May 18th, 2023

**PLEASE PURCHASE VIA
SCHOOL CASH ONLINE.**

