



REVIEW



May 17, 2024

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

Last week our grade 8 students went on their grad trip to Camp Pinecrest. The camp is located north of Gravenhurst, Ontario, which meant a 2.5 hour trip on a Coach Bus to the great outdoors. Staff and students stayed in cabins and participated in many outdoor activities including high ropes, archery, cooperative games, arts and crafts and fire building. It was so much fun to be away with such a special group of kids.

Watching how they interacted with each other, with the counsellors and with our staff was truly heartwarming. They represented Rouge Park incredibly well and we are so proud of them. Many have cited the trip as the highlight of their elementary years. A huge thanks to all of the staff who attended (Mr. Irvine, Mr. Chin, Ms. Zweig, Ms. Rajkumar and Ms. Lazarevski). They made the trip so special for our graduates. There are many photos of the trip at the bottom of this newsletter.



This week we welcomed The Sewing Studio to Rouge Park. Not only did students learn how to use a sewing machine to create something new, they also learned about stereotypes, growth mindsets, and how to feel confident about themselves and their abilities. The mentors who ran the program included former NFL football players, a fashion designer, a medical professional and a motivational speaker. The students were so enthusiastic and engaged in the program. Even our grade 8 boys were wearing the bags they sewed with pride! The program has donated two new sewing machines for our school to use. Thank you to our School Council for supporting this program. Please enjoy some pictures of the sewing program below.



When we surveyed our students about what they wanted to see more of at school, outside programs and assemblies were things they asked for. Unfortunately, outside trips are often not feasible due to the price of busing combined with tight timelines in which buses can be booked (they can't leave the school until 9:15 and must be back at school by 2:00 pm). This means we are trying to bring more programs into school rather than travelling to get to the program.

On Thursday we had our annual track and field day for students in grades 4-8. The weather cooperated and everyone enjoyed a great day of fun competition capped off with a freezie at the end. It was great to see students engaging in sport with their classmates.

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?
May 20	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Day - No School
May 21	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Club 7:30-7:50 am • Kid's Kitchen for those who ordered • Games Club @ 12:00 pm • Ted Ed Club @ 12:15 pm • Primary choir and primary recorder club @ 12:20 pm • Saving Mother Earth Club @ 12:30 pm • Int. Basketball drop in @ 2:45 pm
May 22	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack Shack @ morning recess • Beading Club @ 9:50 am • Lunch Lady for those who ordered • J/I Choir and Intermediate Band @ 12:15 pm • Blue Jays Care @ 2:45 pm • Community Drumming Event: Drums Alive @ 5:30 and 6:30 pm
May 23	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast club 7:30-7:50 am • Space Team meeting @ 9:50 am • Pizza lunch for those who ordered • Waste Inspectors @ 12:00 pm • Pop band (Gr 5-8) and strings club - alternating weeks @ 12:20 pm
May 24	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Immunization for gr. 7 and 8
<p>Upcoming:</p> <p>May 28 - Kindergartens at the Zoo</p> <p>June 4-6 - EQAO for Grades 3 and 6</p> <p>June 7 - PA Day</p> <p>June 12 - Spring Concert</p>		

June 13 - Duane Gibson Assemblies
June 18 - Community Tea hosted by RPPS
June 20 - Staff Appreciation hosted by School Council
June 26 - Grade 8 Graduation

PA Day on June 7th

As per PPM 151, Administrators are required to electronically share their P.A. Day plans with parents/guardians and School Council Chair(s) prior to the P.A. Day. P.A. Day plans will also be posted on the Board's public website. The P.A. Day plan overview for June 7th is shared below:

Length: Full Day

Topic: Report Card Preparation, Reporting to Parents, Ongoing Communication

Entity Hosting: All Elementary Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Teacher/DECE

Description: Full day of professional activities focused on reporting to parents and ongoing communication regarding student achievement and well-being.

ESL Classes for families of students:

Adult Non-Credit English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are available on an ongoing basis including the summer semester from June 17 to July 26, 2024. Online and in-person classes throughout York Region are available from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. & 6 to 9 p.m.

Please contact 905-731-9557 or uplands@yrdsb.ca for more info.

Early Release Day On June 27th

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Thursday, June 27, 2024**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary 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 Thursday, June 27, 2024 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. Families whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

Parent/caregiver series supporting learning about mental health.

The YRDSB Central Mental Health Team is proud to be offering the **Learning about Mental Health Presentation Series (LAMPS)**. The objective of the series is to promote and enhance mental health literacy. The second session is "Technology Use and Mental Health, a Presentation for Parents and Caregivers" and will occur virtually on May 29th from 6 - 7 p.m. The presentation will focus on the characteristics of anxiety, and some general strategies that may be beneficial in supporting your children and their anxiety. These sessions are offered to any parent/guardian. Translation will be provided in a limited number of languages. If your preferred language is not offered, we recommend watching with a friend or family member who is able to translate. To register please visit

[this link](#). Please Register by May 28th, 2024

Drums Alive on May 22nd

On the evening of Wednesday, May 22, Rouge Park will be hosting a family engagement event. The "DRUMS ALIVE" program is a team bonding workshop designed to promote unity and integration and build team spirit and self-confidence using African drumming as a vehicle.

If you would like to attend with your family, please sign up for one session on School Cash Online. Both sessions are now **completely sold out**. Parents and students who did not book a ticket on School Cash Online, are welcome to come and watch the session and will not require a ticket. Weather permitting, we will be on the back tarmac which will make for an incredible community gathering. Students must be accompanied by adult-aged family member.

Summer Institute 2024 Registration

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

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.

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.schoolcashonline.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

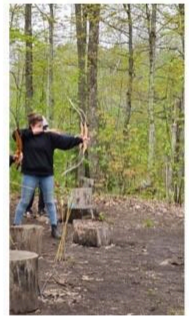
Following submission of a registration package, the school will contact families to schedule an appointment for Document Verification.

Attachments for this week:

 Approved Elementary 2024-2025 updated Feb 2024.pdf

 Camp Black Brilliance 2024 - Flyer - JK/SK Entering School September 2024

Grad Trip 2024



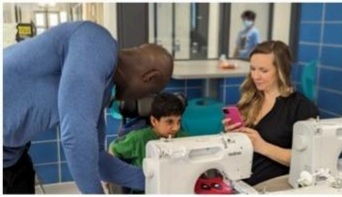
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