



# REVIEW



**May 24, 2024**

## Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

This week we had a family engagement session called Drums Alive. This was funded by a grant from the Ministry called, "Parents Reaching Out" Grant. Our School Council and staff helped to organize the event. It was wonderful to see so many families drumming together in our gym. Please enjoy the pictures below.

Next week is Bike to School Week. We will be giving out ballots to those who bike, scooter and walk to school and these ballots will be drawn for prizes at the end of the week. With the good weather, we want to encourage all of our students to use a form of active travel to get to school.

**Bike to  
School  
Week**

May 27 - May 31

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 27	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bike to School Week</li><li>• Fire Drill (May 28th Rain Date)</li><li>• Soccer tryouts @ 2:45 pm</li></ul>
May 28	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kindergartens at the Zoo</li><li>• Breakfast Club 7:30-7:50 am</li><li>• Kid's Kitchen for those who ordered</li><li>• Games Club @ 12:00 pm</li><li>• Ted Ed Club @ 12:15 pm</li><li>• Primary choir and primary recorder club @ 12:20 pm</li><li>• Saving Mother Earth Club @ 12:30 pm</li><li>• Int. Basketball drop in @ 2:45 pm</li></ul>

May 29	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snack Shack @ morning recess (Tarmac recess schedule)</li> <li>• Beading Club @ 9:50 am</li> <li>• Lunch Lady for those who ordered</li> <li>• J/I Choir and Intermediate Band @ 12:15 pm</li> <li>• Blue Jays Care @ 2:45 pm</li> </ul>
May 30	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast club 7:30-7:50 am</li> <li>• Space Team meeting @ 9:50 am</li> <li>• Pizza lunch for those who ordered</li> <li>• Waste Inspectors @ 12:00 pm</li> <li>• Pop band (Gr 5-8) and strings club - alternating weeks @ 12:20 pm</li> <li>• Soccer practice @ 2:45 pm</li> </ul>
May 31	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BSA meeting @ 12:30 pm</li> <li>• MSA meeting @ 12:30 pm</li> <li>• Jr open volleyball @ 2:45 pm</li> </ul>
<p>Upcoming:</p> <p>June 3 - Area Track and Field</p> <p>June 4-6 - EQAO for Grades 3 and 6</p> <p>June 7 - PA Day</p> <p>June 11 - Dress rehearsal for Arts Night</p> <p>June 12 - Arts Night</p> <p>June 13 - Duane Gibson Assemblies - Stay Driven</p> <p>June 18 - Community Tea hosted by RPPS (during morning drop off)</p> <p>June 20 - Staff Appreciation hosted by School Council</p> <p>June 26 - Grade 8 Graduation</p> <p>June 27 - Early Release (11:10 a.m.)</p> <p>June 28 - PA Day</p>		

## Congratulations!

We are really excited to share that Rebecca Draper was nominated for and won an Excellence Award for our board. Ms. Draper will be honoured at a Staff Awards Ceremony on June 5<sup>th</sup>. I know you will agree that Ms. Draper keeps the front office running smoothly at Rouge Park and her unwavering support, patience, knowledge and kindness can't be matched! Thank you for everything you do for us, Ms. Draper. We are truly grateful!

## Elementary Indigenous Languages and International Languages – Program Registration

Elementary Classes (SK to Grade 8)

Registration opens Thursday, May 30, 2024, and will close on Monday, September 9, 2024. Classes will be held in-person at various YRDSB school locations and online. A [flyer](#) with additional information is available. If you have any questions, please email [ILIL@yrdsb.ca](mailto:ILIL@yrdsb.ca).

## 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.

## Bike to School Week

Let's get wheeling! The annual Bike to School Week rolls in from May 27 to 31, 2024.

Bike to School Week provides an opportunity for students to try riding a bike to school for the first time, learn new skills, connect with others, or have fun exploring the neighbourhood and nature.

When cycling, remember to:

- Wear a properly fitting helmet. Every cyclist under 18 must wear a bike helmet.
- Air Brakes Chain – Check your bike's tires, brakes and chain before you start riding.
- Ensure your bike has a working bell, white light or reflector at the front, and a red light or reflector at the back. For information and to learn more visit the [Government of Ontario's bicycle safety information](#).
- Cross at crosswalks, if there is one. Walk beside your bike when crossing the road.
- Watch for cars backing out of driveways and turning at intersections.
- Lock your bike in bike racks.
- Be visible and dress for the weather.

For anyone who can't walk or cycle to school every day, we encourage you to try choosing an active mode of travel two or three times a week or consider parking and walking a block to decrease the pollution around your school.

Benefits of Biking to School:

- Promotes physical and mental health
- Students arrive energized and ready to learn
- Improved safety in school zones
- Good for the environment
- Convenient, bicycling is often faster than sitting in traffic
- Good for the community, encourages social interaction
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future
- Just plain old simple fun!

## 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](mailto: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**

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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



# Drums Alive!

