



REVIEW



May 26, 2023

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

Next week we will enter our final month of school before summer break. We are excited to celebrate upcoming events including our spring concert on June 7th and our grade 8 graduation on June 28th. We also have our junior/intermediate track and field day, a Ted Ed celebration and our pennant raising ceremony for our first-ever Rouge Park Pennant (robotics).

We are so grateful for the community in which we live. Over the last few months we have had many families reach out to donate pizza, snacks and money towards graduation events which has had an incredible impact on students in our school. We always want to support all students in accessing the opportunities the school has to offer. If you are ever in need, please be sure to reach out.

Next Friday, June 2nd is a PA day and therefore school will be closed to students. A reminder that the last day of school, Friday June 30th, is an early release day with students being dismissed at 11:10 a.m.

If you have questions, comments or concerns, please reach out by email or by phone.

Have a wonderful long weekend!

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
May 29	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bike to school week • Junior/Intermediate Gr 4-8 Choir Rehearsal @ 12:20 • Hand and Tools and Building Club @ 2:45 • Open Volleyball Gr 4-6 @ 2:45
May 30	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 EQAO • Dental Screening (Grades JK, SK, 2 & 8)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary choir/recorder group @ 12:20 • Cooking Club Grades 2-3 @ 2:45 - final week • School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
May 31	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 EQAO • Girls Volleyball Club @ 7:10 • Snack Shack - pavement only schedule at first recess • Beading Club @ morning recess • Intermediate band @ 12:20
June 1	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 6 EQAO • Health & Safety • Grade 2,3,4 Craft Club @ a.m. recess • Junior Band Rehearsal @ 12:00 • TED Ed Club @ 12:15 • Intermediate Basketball @ 2:45 • TED Ed student talks night @6pm
June 2	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA day - No School

Upcoming:

June 5 - School Track and Field Meet for gr. 4-8

June 6-8 - Grade 3 EQAO

June 7 - Spring Concert - dress rehearsal @ 1:00 pm, evening concert @ 6:00 pm

June 9 - Soccer Area Tournament

June 12 - Area Track and Field Meet

June 16 - Regional Track and Field Meet

June 16 - Fire Dept. Visit all students

June 17 - York Pride Parade (Newmarket)

June 26 (week of) - T2 Reports sent home

June 27 - Grade 8 Grad



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.

Spring Concert

Rouge Park is excited to offer a spring concert on June 7th. There will be a dress rehearsal in the afternoon (1:00-3:00) for grades 1-8 followed by an evening performance beginning at 6:00 pm. There are many performances and therefore we are cognizant of the number of people we can fit safely in our gym. Tickets will go on sale using School Cash Online on Monday, May 29th at a price of \$2 each. We are limiting tickets to 4 per family. Please ask your child if they are performing in one of

the groups listed below before purchasing tickets. There will be an intermission so some families may choose to come for either the first half or the second half, depending on when their child will be on stage! Here is the lineup:

1. Primary Recorder Group
2. Soloists
3. Dance Group
4. Primary Choir
5. Junior/Intermediate Choir
6. Ms. Ibrahim/Winter class poem
7. Strings Group

Intermission - approximately 6:45 - 6:55 p.m.

6. Ms. Ferrari's Class
7. Pop Band
8. Ms. Sheriff Student Skit
9. Soloists
10. Grade 4-5 Band
11. Woodwind performance
12. Grade 6-8 Band



From **May 29-June 1**, celebrate active modes of transportation like cycling and wheeling along with other students during **Bike to School Week**.

Get out and be active when coming to school. Bike, Skateboard, Scooter, or walk to school.

We will also be having draws for some small prizes.



Scholarship Application Workshop

A FREE online workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in high school or Grade 8, this workshop is especially for YOU!

Friday, June 2, 2023
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM | ONLINE (ZOOM)

Learn more and register at:
bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopJune2



For more information about the session or the Black Foundation of Community Networks contact Cheryl Yarde at info@bfcn.ca

Learn more about our work and how to support at bfcn.ca.

BCFN Scholarship Applications Workshop

Black students and their families are invited to join us for a virtual edition of the BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop on Friday, June 2, 2023.

Registration via Eventbrite is mandatory in order to participate. A Zoom link and further details will be sent to all those who register.

Every Student Counts Survey

The Every Student Counts Survey was scheduled to close on Friday, May 19, 2023. In order to ensure families have enough time to complete the survey, we are extending the deadline for the Kindergarten - Grade 3 survey until June 23, 2023.

During the week of June 5, families of students in Kindergarten - Grade 3 will receive another invitation letter to complete the survey. If you have already completed the survey, or do not wish to complete the survey, please disregard the invitation letter.

Early Release Day - June 30th

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On Friday, June 30, 2023, an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support 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 Friday, June 30, 2023 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. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

York Region District School Board Seeks Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) Members

Parents/guardians interested in serving as a member of PEAC are asked to submit an application by **June 14, 2023**. PEAC supports, encourages and enhances parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. It represents the collective voice of parents who have children attending public schools in York Region. Members are expected to attend a minimum of five meetings each year. The first meeting date for the new membership is November 9, 2023, which is a joint meeting with our Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee (EIAC). **Interested parents/guardians are invited to submit an application using the [online application form](#)**. For a copy of the application, please contact Leadership Development and Engagement via email at leadership.development.engagement@yrdsb.ca or by phone at 905-727-0022 ext. 3650. Interested applicants are invited to attend a virtual information session to learn more about this parent and community member engagement opportunity.

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 24, 2023 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Meeting Information: [Online virtual ITS Webinar Event meeting link](#)

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.

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.

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 has been Officially Approved

Please visit this [LINK](#) to view the calendar.

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](https://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, 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

 Bike to School Week 2023 York Region Poster

 Chapel Place Sports Camp

 Trustee Greetings for school newsletters June2023-TrusteeMChen

 Indigenous Trustee Greeting for school newsletters June2023

 Dr. Stevenson Flyer - Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools

 Mental Health Newsletter June 2023

 Recreation-Subsidies