



# REVIEW



**May 3, 2024**

## **Message From Administration**

Hello Rouge Park Families,

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. Students will be learning about ways to support their own mental health in positive ways. The YRDSB has created a [Family Toolkit Calendar](#) which can be accessed here or through [www.yrdsb.com](http://www.yrdsb.com). We have booked Duane Gibson for two mental health workshops for all students in June. Gibson will focus on anti-bullying and help students with strategies to 'Stay Driven' during tough times. Gibson is a Guinness World Record-setting rapper and has performed at more than 3500 schools.

We will be welcoming our new junior kindergarten students to school next week. Families will have the chance to visit a classroom and see first-hand what the full day kindergarten program looks and feels like! We are excited to welcome new families to Rouge Park. Our current kindergarten students have made a gorgeous "Kinder Garden" in our front entrance for everyone to enjoy.



From May 8-10 our grade 8's will be on their graduation trip to Camp Pinecrest. Ms. Zweig, Mr. Chin, Ms. Rajkumar, Mr. Irvine, Ms. Lazarevski and myself will all be at camp too! We are very excited to enjoy the outdoors with this incredible group of grade 8 students. We will share photos upon our return.

Yearbooks are now on sale! You will not want to miss this opportunity to capture the amazing 2023-2024 school year! Each class will have many photos in the yearbook. As well, all of the clubs, activities, sports and shows are included. It is an excellent quality yearbook that your child will treasure for years to come! Please see the flyer included below. The opportunity to purchase the yearbook is up on School Cash On-line now. Get yours today!

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 6	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Asian and South Asian Heritage Month</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Jewish Heritage Month</a></li> <li>• May 6-10 is Children's Mental Health Week</li> <li>• Dental Screening (all JK, SK, Grade 2&amp;7 students and for students whose parents request)</li> <li>• FDK new JK visits</li> </ul>
May 7	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dental Screening (all JK, SK, Grade 2&amp;7 students and for students whose parents request)</li> <li>• Breakfast Club 7:30-7:50 am</li> <li>• FDK new JK visits</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> </ul>
May 8	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 8 trip to Camp Pinecrest</li> <li>• J/I Badminton Team @ 7:00 am</li> <li>• FDK new JK visits</li> <li>• Snack Shack @ morning recess</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 9	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 8 trip to Camp Pinecrest</li> <li>• Breakfast club 7:30-7:50 am</li> <li>• FDK new JK visits</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> </ul>
May 10	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 8 trip to Camp Pinecrest</li> <li>• Final day to make a class placement request for 2024/25</li> <li>• J/I Badminton Team @ 7:00 am</li> <li>• FDK new JK visits</li> <li>• BSA meeting @ 12:30 pm</li> <li>• MSA meeting @ 12:30 pm</li> <li>• Jr open volleyball @ 2:45 pm</li> </ul>

Upcoming:

May 10 - Last day for parents to make a class placement request for 2024/25 school year

May 13-15 - Sewing Studio

May 15 - School Council Meeting @ 1:00 pm

May 16 - Track & Field Day for grades 4-8 (May 21 Rain Date)

May 20 - Victoria Day (no school)

May 22 - Community Drumming Event

May 24 - Public Health Immunization

May 28 - Kindergartens at the Zoo

June 4-6 - EQAO for Grades 3 and 6

June 7 - PA Day

June 12 - Spring Concert

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

### **Lunch at RPPS**

We have many students coming to the office each day to tell us they do not have lunch. In the past, we have been heating frozen pizza or pasta to ensure they have something to eat. However, we are now feeding more and more students every day and it isn't sustainable. Moving forward, we will be phoning parents to ask them to bring lunch to school if a student has forgotten theirs at home. In addition, we are asking all parents to double check whether they ordered pizza for the final session (May 1st to June 20th). Many students thought they should be getting pizza this past Thursday but parents had not signed them up. Unfortunately, we can not accept late orders.

### **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**

### **School Council:**

Our next School Council meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th from 1:00-2:00 pm. If you are planning to join the meeting, please email [lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca](mailto:lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca).

### **Yearbook for 2023/24!**

Our yearbook team has been busy all year compiling photos of the incredible events of this school year. Yearbooks will be available to purchase on School Cash Online for \$25 and must be ordered in advance. Please don't miss out if you would like to purchase a yearbook for your child(ren).

## 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. **We only have 15 spots left for the 5:30 session and the 6:30 session is completely sold out.** Each person who would like to use a drum will need a ticket. Non-participating parents and students 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.

## Class Placement for the 2024-2025 School Year

As we organize for next year, our staff will make every effort to place students in the best learning environment for each child to be successful. We take into account Ministry and Board guidelines, individual needs, academic achievement, emotional and social development, behaviours, gender balance, English Language Learners and Special Education needs, and work habits. We appreciate that parents/guardians have valuable information to share with us in this regard. If you have information or suggestions, which will assist us in making appropriate placements, please write a brief note to Lindsey Maclean by **Friday, May 10th, 2024:** [lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca](mailto:lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca) . Rather than suggesting a teacher, please indicate the learning style or classroom structure which you feel would be the most appropriate for your child's success. When teachers along with school administration get together to create new class lists, we will use this information to help make our final decisions.

## Sewing Studio

We are excited that Roland Acheampong and Denise Wild's Sewing Studio program will be coming to inspire students at Rouge Park Public School between May 13-15. Students will learn how to sew, while working on a small project (all sewing classes will take place during the regular school day). The Sewing Studio teachers will donate one sewing machine to our school Maker Space, for students to continue to use their sewing skills afterwards. The program costs \$20. Please go to School Cash Online to pay before May 3/24. **This is a program that all students will participate in** - if you need financial assistance, please let us know ( [lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca](mailto:lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca) )

## 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](http://www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten) 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





# GET YOUR 2023–2024 YEARBOOK

**ONLY \$25**

**PURCHASE BEFORE MAY 15TH VIA  
SCHOOLCASH ONLINE!**



# YORK REGION PUBLIC HEALTH DENTAL SCREENING 2023-2024

Community and Health Services  
Public Health Branch



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Dental health contributes to general health and well-being. This letter is to inform you that dental screening will be conducted at your child's school by a Registered Dental Hygienist.

All students in grades JK, SK, 2, and 7 will be screened as well as others as requested by parents/guardians.

Dental screening consists of a quick look in the mouth using a single-use mirror for each child. School screening does not take the place of a regular dental check-up. York Region Public Health follows Oral Health Protocol, 2021 of the Ontario Public Health Standards from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

## **How will I receive my child's screening results?**

- Parents/Guardians will be notified of screening results using the email provided by your child's school
- If you would like to receive a paper copy of your child's screening results instead of an email, please call us at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74395
- Parents/Guardians of children with urgent dental findings will be contacted by phone and your child may be rescreened at their school on a later date to confirm that treatment has been initiated

## **If you would like your child screened every year, and they are not in one of the grades listed:**

- Notify the Child and Youth Dental Program before the dental screening date by leaving a message at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74395
- Provide your child's first and last name (including the spelling), school, grade, date of birth and phone number
- Once we receive notice, your child will receive dental screening every year while attending this school

**If you DO NOT want your child to participate in screening:**

- Notify the Child and Youth Dental Program before the dental screening date by leaving a message at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74395
- Provide your child's first and last name (including the spelling), school, grade, date of birth and phone number
- Once we receive notice that you do not want dental screening, your child will not receive future dental screenings while attending this school

**Healthy Smiles Ontario**

If the cost of dental care would create financial hardship, you may be eligible for the [Healthy Smiles Ontario \(HSO\)](#) program. HSO provides no-cost emergency care and routine dental care such as checkups, x-rays, fillings, and preventive services such as cleaning, fluoride treatments, and pit and fissure sealants for eligible children.

**Collection of Information**

Please note that any information collected during your child's dental screening is done in agreement with the Health Protection and Promotion Act. Records of parent requests to exclude children from screening, as well as requests for yearly screening, will be maintained while the child remains in the stated school.

In addition, the collection, use, disclosure, and disposal of this information is subject to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Personal Health Information Protection Act. Any questions regarding this collection may be directed to the Privacy Officer, located at 17150 Yonge Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 8V3, and 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74056.

**Questions**

If you have any questions, please contact the dental program at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74388. For more information about York Region Public Health dental programs and services you can also visit [york.ca/dental](http://york.ca/dental)

Sincerely,

Management and Staff of the York Region Public Health Child and Youth Dental Program

**CHILD AND YOUTH DENTAL PROGRAM**

The Regional Municipality of York, 17150 Yonge Street, Newmarket Ontario L3Y 8V3  
1-877-464-9675 ext 74388 | TTY: 1-866-512-6228  
[childrens.dental@york.ca](mailto:childrens.dental@york.ca)





# HOW TO ACCESS ENCRYPTED EMAIL FROM PUBLIC HEALTH

Community and Health Services  
Public Health Branch



Dear Parent/Guardian,

You will be receiving a **secure** (encrypted) email from York Region Public Health. It will include important information about your child's school dental screening results.

To open the encrypted email from [childrens.dental@york.ca](mailto:childrens.dental@york.ca) and/or [dental.screening@york.ca](mailto:dental.screening@york.ca), please follow the steps below.

**Step 1** - Open the encrypted email and select **"Read the message"**

**Step 2** - Select the preferred option:

**Option 1:** Sign in with a "Google Account" or

**Option 2:** Sign in with a one-time passcode

- Go back to your inbox and check for a new email with the subject **"Microsoft Office 365. Your one-time passcode to view the message"**
- Get your passcode and return to your open internet tab to enter the code
- Enter the passcode and select **Continue** to access the document

## Tips

- Open an encrypted email from your desktop, not a mobile device and close multiple tabs open to the internet
- Use the one-time passcode method

## Troubleshooting

- Click [here](#) for further help on "How Do I Open a Protected Message" or
- Watch this [short video](#) about opening an O365 Encrypted Email

## Questions/concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns opening the email please contact us at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74388.

Visit [york.ca/dental](http://york.ca/dental) anytime for oral health tips and information.

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