



REVIEW



November 11, 2022

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

It was wonderful to be back at school on Tuesday. We appreciate our community and the flexibility you continue to show when times are uncertain.

Today we had a very moving Remembrance Day assembly. We had contributions from many different classes as we honoured all people who have served or are serving throughout the world. Our staff and students lifted the voices of veterans that are often erased, and worked hard to ensure the assembly reflected the diversity of our community. A special thanks to all families who shared photos of family members who serve or have served, in pursuit of peace and freedom.

At the bottom of this newsletter you will see some Halloween collages. We are a little late sharing these photos but hope that you enjoy seeing students in costume, spirit wear or fall colours.

We are really looking forward to meeting many of our families at Parent/Teacher interviews next Thursday and Friday. As always, reach out if you need us for anything. We are here to help.

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Nov. 14	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gr. 4-8 choir @ 12:20• Girls Intermediate Volleyball @ 2:45
Nov. 15	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 7/8 Immunization Clinic• Gr. 1-3 recorder group @ 12:20
Nov. 16	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snack Shack @ morning recess• Grade 7 and 8 band @ 12:20• Staff/Student volleyball game at 12:20• Intermediate Volleyball (both teams) @ 2:40• Report Cards sent home in hard copy (a soft copy will be emailed next week)
Nov. 17	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Girls Intermediate Volleyball @ 12:20• Gr. 5-6 Band @ 12:20• Pizza Day

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/teacher interviews - according to appointment times
Nov. 18	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA Day - no school for students • Parent Teacher Interviews a.m.
<p>Upcoming: November 22 - Picture retake day November 23 - Movie Night</p>		

Movie Night!

School Council Family Movie Night at RPPS - Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Doors open at 5:30 pm, Movie starts at 6:00 pm.

Wear your pyjamas, bring your blankets and lawn chairs, and join us for some family movie fun! Admission is **FREE** but you must order your tickets through school cash online as space is limited. Pizza is available for pre-order on school cash online and drinks and popcorn will be available for purchase at the school on the night of the movie. This event will be **FUNDRAISING** for leveled readers and math manipulative tools for the classrooms. The deadline to order tickets is November 18, 2022. ***Please note that this is a family event and adult supervision is required. Thank you to our incredible School Council for organizing and running this fun, family event!



Prayer Room

Our prayer room is in room 117 (Ms. Ahmed's room) and is available to students and staff who wish to pray during the school day. Please let your child's teacher know if they need help finding and accessing the prayer room.

Food Drive

The Markham Food Bank is requesting our help in running a food drive prior to the holiday season. In response to this urgent need, our students will be planning and running a fall food drive during the month of November. If you are able, please consider sending non-perishable items to school. There will be boxes in the front lobby for students to drop their donations in. A list of the most needed items can be found below.

Clothing Donation/Swap

Also in November, we will be collecting winter clothing in support of our own community. We would like to ask for any new or gently used items such as boots, snow pants, winter coats, hats and mittens. We will collect all donated items, sort them by size and then have them available in the gym on November 17th when we host parent/teacher interviews. All families will be welcome to access the clothing for their child(ren) regardless of whether they donated something. **Donate Clothing:** Now until the end of November (new date) **Pick up Clothing:** To be determined (waiting to see quantity of clothing collected) or you can email lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca to let me know what you need for your child(ren).

School Council

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 10 from 6:30-7:30 pm. All future meetings this year will be face to face. All are welcome to attend.

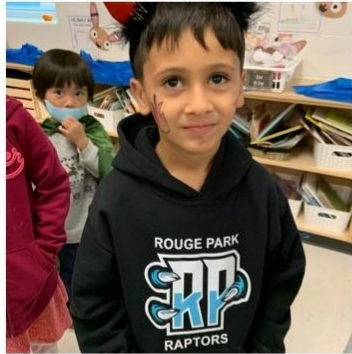
EQAO

The Ministry published last spring's EQAO results on November 3rd (www.eqao.com) While Rouge Park's results are very strong and we are proud of the results, we want to remind our community of some key messaging:

- EQAO assessment data provide one small source of information to support the improvement of student learning
- The Board does not support the use of results to rank or compare schools
- Improving student learning is a slow, gradual process. We need to look for sustained growth in achievement over time
- In response to the pandemic, students in the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years did not participate in any of the EQAO assessments. Prior to 2019 all EQAO assessments were written using paper-and-pencil assessments, while this year, students did the tests online - a very different process!

The table shows the percentage of students in grade 3 and 6 who scored at or above the Provincial Standard (Level 3 and 4)

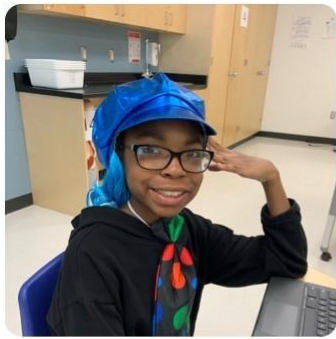
	Grade 3			Grade 6		
	RPPS	YRDSB	Province	RPPS	YRDSB	Province
Reading	89.2	80	77	94	93	90
Writing	86.5	75	69	94	95	90
Math	86.5	73	63	65.7	67	50



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Food Drive - Most Needed Items:

- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Cookies
- Snacks for School Lunches
 - Evaporated Milk
 - Non-Dairy Milk
 - Jam
- Dry Soup (e.g. Ramen Noodles)
 - Vegetarian Soups
 - Small bags of Rice
 - Canned Salmon
 - Cooking Oil
 - Coffee and Tea
 - Crackers
 - Baby Items
- Diapers sizes 5 and 6
 - Baby Wipes
 - Baby Food
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Tooth Paste and Tooth Brushes
 - Deodorant
- Soap and Body Wash
- Menstrual Products

Engagement Matters

Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee Newsletter



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Building Relationships

In this edition of Engagement Matters, we share a spotlight on our community partner, Girls Inc. of York Region, who worked with Newmarket High School staff on a region-wide prom and graduation inclusion project. We also invite our school council chairs to join us on our Edsby platform so we can share ideas amongst our schools. Lastly, we invite you to submit future ideas or success stories through our online request form. On behalf of the members of PEAC, we wish our students, staff and families a wonderful start to the 2022-2023 school year!

Attending a PEAC Public Meeting

PEAC public meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. In addition to Board and PEAC updates, there are also special interest presentations at each meeting.

Date: December 1, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm to 9 pm

*This is a joint meeting with our Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee (EIAC) Members

Location: Please check the [PEAC website](#) closer to the meeting date for full details.

YRDSB partnered with Girls Inc on prom dress inclusion project in Spring 2022

A pop-up shop of glittery dresses, fancy shoes, and accessories opened up at Newmarket High School (NHS) in spring 2022 for girls, non-binary and female-identifying students. The shop was open to anyone from any school - public, private, or denominational - and every item was free, thanks to generous donations from the general public and local businesses.



Girls Inc of York Region has been hosting a prom prep event for the last 17 years, and this year they expanded their reach through collaboration with the help of Mary Perin and Mary Lamanna at NHS. The costs associated with graduation and prom can be a barrier for some students. This event helped alleviate the financial stress that can be associated with this milestone event. Thank you to everyone who helped make this worthy cause a success!

Who is Girls Inc of York Region?

Girls Inc. of York Region is a non-profit organization located in Newmarket, whose vision is to empower girls, non-binary and female-identifying individuals to discover their inherent strengths and grow up to be healthy, educated, and independent so they can seek the highest quality of life possible. They run evidence-based programs in a safe pro-girl environment to inspire girls to be Strong, Smart, and Bold. Girls Inc is a proud champion for the rights and well-being of all girls while focusing on the needs of those from vulnerable communities.

Girls Inc. has so much to offer!

- Anti-bullying lunch programs and positive body image lunch programs at schools,
- In-school workshops and community workshops, such as the Trans 101 workshop and our Yoga and Gratitude workshop coming this fall,
- 1:1 mental health support,
- After-school programs that promote resiliency and build skills,
- Book Clubs to promote a love for reading,
- Events such as our Boo Bash Halloween Fundraiser event on Friday, October 21, 2022,
- Summer, winter, spring and PA Day camps,
- Plus much more!





Join the Edsby Group for School Council Chairs and Co-Chairs

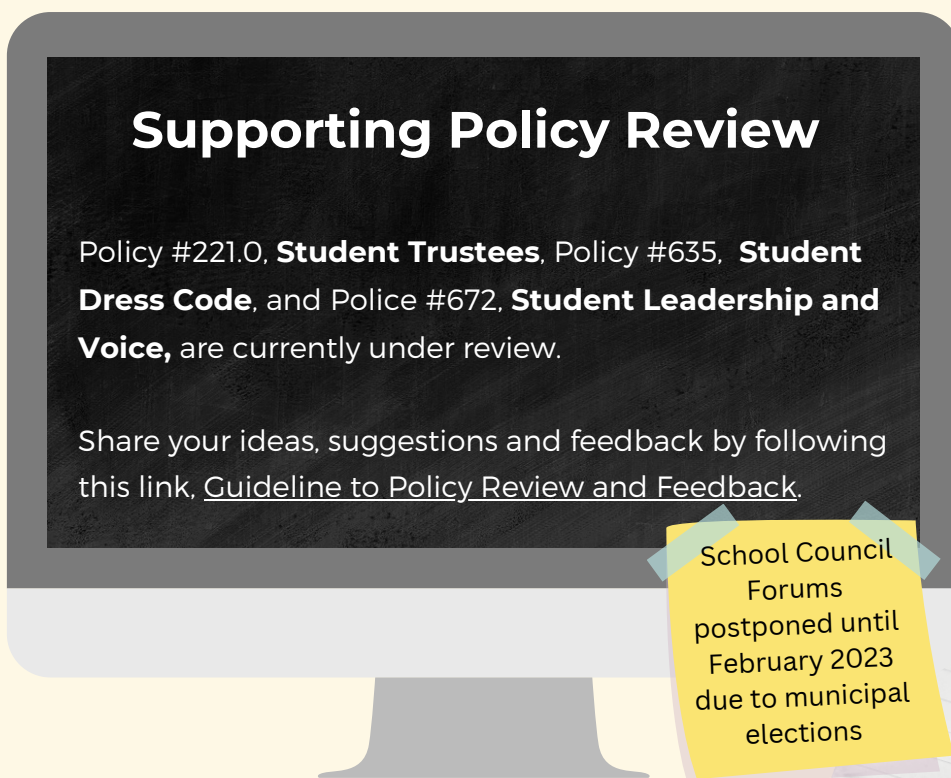
Calling all school council chairs and co-chairs! We have an Edsby group just for you! **To join, simply accept the invitation through your Edsby account.**

On our Edsby platform you can:

- stay up-to-date on school council topics and current affairs;
- share inspiring ideas and helpful suggestions for fundraisers and events;
- learn about training sessions and public meetings,
- plus so much more!

Your engagement with this group is helping create a support network for school councils across our Board. We look forward to growing this group together!

Helpful Hint: To ensure that you receive important messages, update your notification settings by following the step-by-step instructions in the “Knowledge” section of the group.



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