



REVIEW



October 27, 2023

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

On Monday, our three classes moved into our new portapack. Inside the pack there are 6 classrooms and a nice, wide hallway with coat hooks. For this year, we only need 3 of the classrooms but we will undoubtedly continue to grow in population over the next few years so it will be great to have space to grow. We waited longer than we thought for the portapack to be ready but it is beautiful and clean with all new furniture! Thank you to our staff and our caretaking team for working together to make it happen!

On Tuesday, Rouge Park sent a group of ten students to the regional cross country meet at Bruce's Mill. These students are those who placed in the top 10 at the area meet a couple of weeks ago. The students competed against the top runners from across our school board. Congratulations to Sarena, Olivia, Vishaka, Hayley, Matthew, Carter, Sophia, Ashley, Braydon and Akileshan! WE are so proud of you!

We are excited to announce that we will be starting a breakfast club at Rouge Park. Please read all about it below. If you would like to donate to the program, please contact us in the front office.

As always, reach out if you need us for anything. We are here to help.

Have a wonderful weekend,

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Oct. 30	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't forget to order pizza on School Cash online • Dribbling club @ 9:50 a.m. • Intermediate Girls' Volleyball @ 2:45

Oct. 31	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween - please see guidelines below • Intermediate Boys Volleyball @ 7:00 • Kid's Kitchen for those who ordered • Girl's basketball club for grades 5-8 @ 12:20 • Primary choir and primary recorder club @ 12:20 • Intermediate Girls Volleyball 2:40-4:00
Nov. 1	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8's visit Bill Hogarth • Snack shack at morning recess - \$2 per snack • Intermediate Boys Volleyball @ lunch • Junior/intermediate choir and intermediate band @ 12:20 • Lunch Lady for those who ordered
Nov. 2	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza day for those who ordered - First day of new session • Intermediate Girls Volleyball @ lunch • Pop band/Strings club (alternate each week) @ 12:20 • Intermediate boys volleyball @ 2:45
Nov. 3	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Upcoming:</p> <p>November 6 - Fire Drill (Rain date November 7)</p> <p>November 7 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm</p> <p>November 7 - First day of Breakfast Club</p> <p>November 8 - Intermediate girls volleyball game vs. Reesor Park (@ Rouge Park)</p> <p>November 10 - Remembrance Day assembly @ 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>November 13-16 - Book Fair</p> <p>November 14 - Lockdown Drill</p> <p>November 15 - Picture Retake Day</p> <p>November 24 - Grade 7&8 Immunization</p> <p>Grade 8 graduation - June 26</p>		

Breakfast Club:

Ms. Ajani and supporting staff members will be starting a **breakfast club** at Rouge Park on Tuesday, **November 7th**. Breakfast will be offered to students who will benefit from the program every Tuesday and Thursday morning. There will be both hot and cold options served between 7:30 and 7:50 in the morning. Students must arrive within this window of time so that they have time to eat prior to heading to class. The program will run out of our multipurpose room. You do not need to sign-up in order to access the breakfast. We will re-evaluate how we run the program after trying it out for a few weeks and seeing how many students attend. Please call or email if you have any questions or would like to donate to the program.

Spirit Wear Orders

We are hoping to have spirit wear orders ready to send home with students on November 8th. We will keep you informed if there are any delays in shipping.

Grade 8 IB Program Application Information:

This is a reminder that the deadline for current Grade 8 students to apply for the International Baccalaureate (IB) program for September 2024 is Monday, November 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. For complete details about the application process and for more information about the IB program, please visit the Milliken Mills High School website at <http://millikenmills.hs.yrdsb.ca>. For further questions, contact Natalie White, the IB Coordinator at Milliken Mills High School, at natalie.white@yrdsb.ca.

Worth Repeating:

Halloween

For students who wish to celebrate Halloween at school, please keep these reminders in mind:

- When planning costumes that no replica weapons of any kind are allowed.
- Costumes should be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs should not be worn as a costume.
- Those who wish to dress up come to school in their costume and wear their regular clothes underneath.
- No Halloween masks are to be worn
- Costumes should be of simple design (to limit personal items being brought to school), and treats cannot be shared.
- students may choose to wear orange and black

Book Fair:

During the week of November 13-16th we will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. Please see the poster below for more information.

Prayer Spaces

We have multiple spaces in the school available for students and staff who wish to pray during the day. Please let your child's teacher know if they need help finding and accessing a prayer room.

Baking Trays - We Need Them!:

Our primary classes are all using baking trays and magnetic letters for their new reading programs. If you are able to donate a new baking tray, please send one in with your child and we will gratefully accept it.

EQAO

The Ministry published last spring's EQAO results last week (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)

EQAO Results 2022-2023 Percentage of Students Achieving Level 3 and 4:

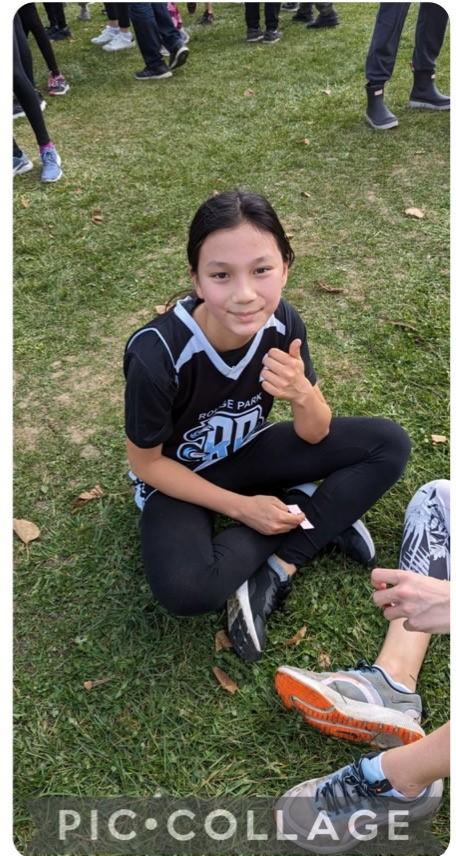
Primary (grade 3)	Rouge Park	Board	Province	Junior (grade 6)	Rouge Park	Board	Province
Reading	88	77	73	Reading	90	88	84
Writing	85	73	65	Writing	88	90	84
Math	85	71	60	Math	82	64	50

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.

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Regional Cross Country Meet



Save the Date!

Dear families,

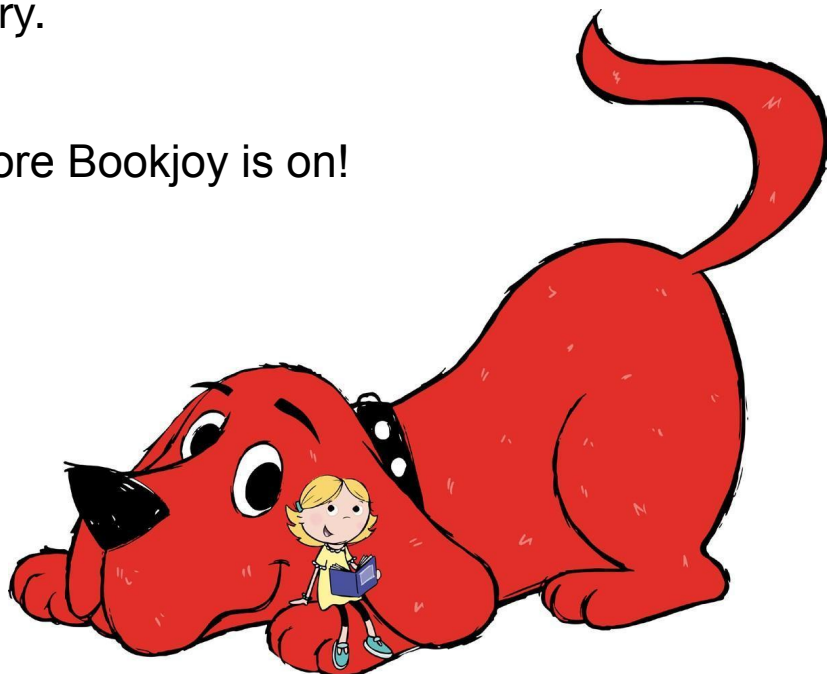
Mark your calendars! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school!

Our school's Scholastic Book Fair will take place on

Your investment in your reader helps our whole school. All purchases earn Scholastic Dollars that can be redeemed for books and educational resources for our school's classrooms and library.

The countdown to more Bookjoy is on!

See you at the Fair!



YOUTH GAMBLING AWARENESS SERIES

This workshop series is designed to offer educational prevention sessions to adults involved in young people’s lives on gambling awareness including potential risks, making informed decisions and healthy and active living.

We welcome all parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend these free virtual sessions!

November 7, 2023: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Game Bling: When Gaming Meets Gambling

This session explores unconventional forms of gambling available to minors, the signs of problem gaming and gambling and explores the potential risks of these activities. Parents will learn strategies on how to help your child make safe and healthy decisions and information on community support services will be provided.

November 14, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Gambling, Money and Decision Making: Financial Literacy and Gambling

This session discusses items of value used by youth to bet with, and analyzes factors leading them to participate in games of chance to make money. Financial risks of gambling will be explored while providing safety tips and information on community support services.

November 21, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Media Impact

This session will explore the increased youth exposure to gambling-related content on social media platforms while providing media safety tips for parents and information on community support services.

November 28, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Stigma and Gambling

This session will define stigma associated with gambling while providing factual knowledge and awareness to support a compassionate approach to reducing stigma and facilitating an open dialogue. Information on community support services will also be shared.

[REGISTER](#) Now For These Free Sessions Today!



These free information sessions are organized by York Region District School Board in collaboration with YMCA of Greater Toronto Youth Gambling Awareness Program (YGAP).

For more information please feel free to contact: Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer at oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca or 416-568-2252.



Rouge Park Public School

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Parent/teacher interviews will take place on the evening of Thursday, November 16th and the morning of Friday, November 17th. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) in person, and learn more about the classroom. Edsby is the online tool supported for scheduling elementary interviews/conferences. Families will receive an invitation to sign up for a meeting time once the schedules are available.

[Edsby](#) is a cloud-based platform that lets families easily reserve times to meet with your child(ren)'s teachers. YRDSB in partnership with Edsby have created a secure platform that protects the privacy of information for families.

Families that already have an Edsby account may use their previously created account. The username is the full email address that is on file at your child(ren)'s home school and the password is the one created at activation. If you have forgotten your password, you can find [resources on the Board website](#) to help, including how to reset your password.

Families who **do not have** an Edsby account will need to create one to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parents' Night. **An up-to-date and valid email address must be provided to your child's home school.** For help creating an Edsby account, [instructions can be found on the Board website](#). An email from York Region District School Board with instructions on how to create an Edsby account will be sent to your email inbox. If you do not receive the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

Below is the sample invitation email sent to parent(s)/guardian(s) on behalf of YRDSB.

Edsby has been chosen by [school board name] to provide a modern way for parents and guardians to follow their children's progress at school, receive school updates, and much more.

You are receiving this Edsby invitation because you are listed as a parent or guardian of [child's name].

To activate a new Edsby account, or to connect this student to your existing Edsby account, please [click here to accept](#).

If you have any questions regarding Edsby please contact the school office.

To watch a video that describes how to set up your parent account please use the following link:

<https://vimeo.com/edsby/edsby-help-videos-for-school-administrators/video/144798060>

If this message was sent to you in error, or you do not wish to join Edsby, please [click here to decline](#).

If you have any questions about this process please contact our main office for support.

If you have any challenges with meeting in-person on the scheduled days, please contact your child's teacher.

For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit [our board website](#).

Important Timelines

October 27 – 31 st	Parents/guardians to create Edsby accounts.
November 1 - 8th	Parents' Night schedule opens at 9:00 a.m. for booking. Log into your Edsby account. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby account and a notification to your email. Instructions for signing up for interview slots are found here .
November 9th	Interview Scheduler closes at 9:00 a.m.
November 16 - 17th	Parent-Teacher Interviews

Your partners in education,

Lindsey Maclean
Principal

Lily Leung
Vice-Principal

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