



REVIEW



October 28, 2022

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

As we enter the month of November, we are gearing up for colder weather and new activities at school. Together with our student leaders and School Council, we will be running both a food and clothing drive to support the needs in our community. As you will read in the details below, we are hoping to run our first ever winter clothing 'swap' where families can donate new or gently used winter clothing for another family to use. Recognizing that children grow really quickly and it is extremely expensive to outfit them with new gear each year, we are hoping that this initiative will benefit our own Rouge Park families.

Our student leadership team is running Snack Shack every Wednesday at morning recess (next week only it will be on Thursday). The money raised will be used to support grade 8 graduation activities, the purchase of new technology and supplement our primary home reading program. Each snack is \$2 and the items available to purchase will change over time.

We continue to work on our school-wide Identity Project and will be excited to share the various art projects with you later in the fall. Our hope is that through continued identity learning, our students will feel proud of who they are as individuals and a greater sense of inclusion will be created at Rouge Park.

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?
Oct. 31	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween - please see note below • Gr. 4-8 choir @ 12:20 • Intermediate Volleyball @ 2:45
Nov. 1	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Cross Country Meet (for those who qualified) • Gr. 1-3 recorder group @ 12:20 • Clothing and Food Drive Start • Parents can begin booking interview times using Edsby
Nov. 2	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8 trip to Bill Hogarth S.S. • Grade 7 and 8 band @ 12:20 • Intermediate Boys Volleyball tournament after school

Nov. 3	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Snack Shack @ morning recess - on Thursday this week only ● Gr. 5-6 Band @ 12:20 ● Pizza Day
Nov. 4	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pop Band Rehearsal @ 12:20
<p>Upcoming:</p> <p>November 6th - last day to order pizza on School Cash</p> <p>November 8th - Virtual School Council Meeting</p> <p>November 11th - Remembrance Day Assembly @ approximately 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>November 16 - report cards sent home in hard copy</p> <p>November 17th - Parent/teacher interviews</p> <p>November 18th - PA Day and parent/teacher interviews in the a.m.</p>		

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 are welcome to wear black and orange or Rouge Park spirit wear as an alternative to dressing up

Pizza Day

Next Thursday is our final pizza day for this session. If you would like to order pizza for the next 7 sessions (November 10 to December 22), please ensure you sign up on **School Cash Online by Sunday, November 6th. Unfortunately, no late orders will be accepted.** If you need financial assistance in order to access pizza day for your child(ren), please email Lindsey Maclean directly at lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca.

Prayer Room

Our prayer room is in the back of the library 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 November 16th **Pick up Clothing:** November 17th in the gym (or you can email lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca prior to that to let me know what you need for your child(ren).

School Council

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8th from 6:30-7:30 pm and will be virtual. We will then make a decision as to whether we meet virtually or f2f for the remainder of the year (so far the vote is f2f). All are welcome to attend.

School Spirit Wear

School clothing that was ordered prior to Thanksgiving weekend was sent home this week. There are a few backordered items that we are still waiting on but hope they will be in ASAP. If you would still like to order, please do so on School Cash Online prior to November 4th. .

Regional Cross Country Meet

We would like to congratulate all of the members of the cross country team for their growth and hard work this season. Rouge Park should be proud of the way our 10 qualifiers represented our school at Tuesday's Regional finals. Congratulations to Yoyo, Yash, Braydon, Ashley, Akileshan, Jazlyn, Vishaka, Vihana, Matthew and Carter who gave their best at the regional finals. We had students finish as high as top 20 in the region! We look forward to seeing everyone back out running next September.



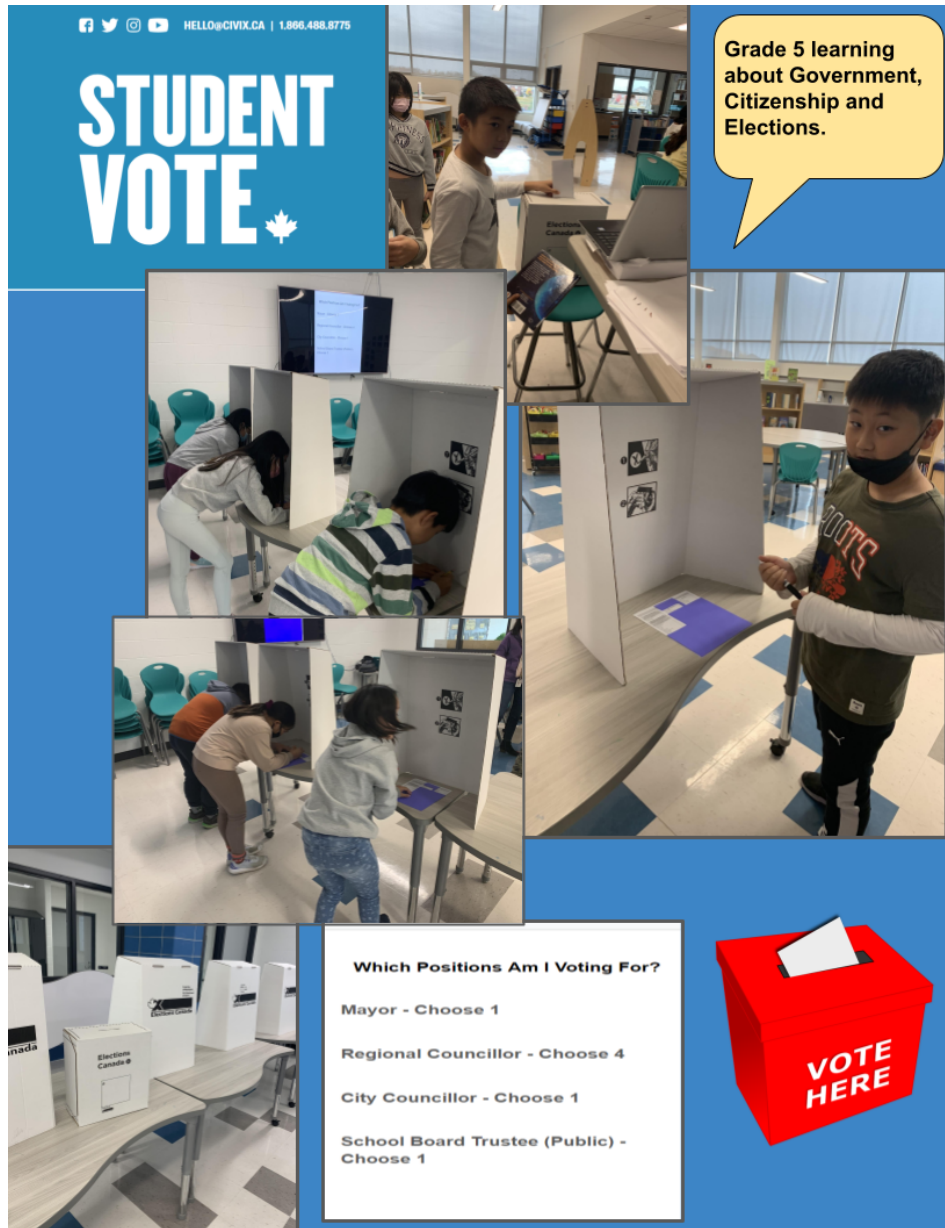
Celebrating Diwali through Rangoli Sand Art by Ms.Karimi's Class



Grade 5 Election Day

Election Day for Ontario's Municipal Elections and grade 5 students from Ms. Mani's and Mrs. Ferrari's Class have been learning about their Rights and Responsibilities as citizens. This year they are participating in Student Vote. Student Vote is a parallel election for elementary and high school students, coinciding with official elections. The program allows students to experience the voting process firsthand and practice the habits of active and informed citizenship. The program is organized by CIVIX, a national civic education charity. Since 2003, they have conducted 60 Student Vote projects at all levels in Canada. Over the past few weeks, students have been learning about government and democracy, exploring our municipality and school board, and researching the issues and candidates. This week, students cast ballots for the official candidates running in Markham Ward 5.

Rouge Park PS is one of nearly 2,000 schools participating in the Student Vote from throughout the province. The municipal elections provide an excellent opportunity for you to speak with your children about democracy and community issues. To learn more about Student Vote, please visit studentvote.ca/onmuni2022.



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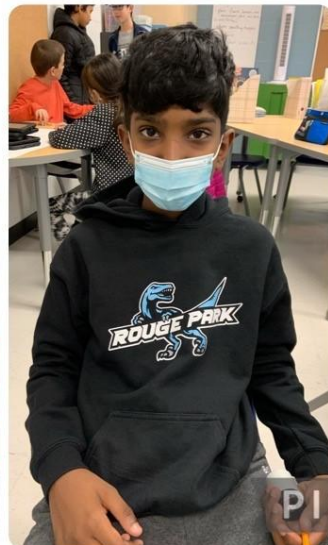
Grade 5 learning about Government, Citizenship and Elections.

Which Positions Am I Voting For?

- Mayor - Choose 1
- Regional Councillor - Choose 4
- City Councillor - Choose 1
- School Board Trustee (Public) - Choose 1

VOTE HERE

Rouge Park Spirit Wear! (you can still order!)



Girls Volleyball Tournament!



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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

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PARENTING SESSIONS

Let's talk about it!

Kids don't come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to-understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

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

November 2, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Getting Teens Connected

For parents of children 12+. This session will focus different aspects of helping teens to develop supportive friendships and become engaged in appropriate social and recreational groups and activities in the wider community.

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November 9, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Our Family, Our Rules

For parents of children and teens. This session will focus on developing a collaborative approach to family rules, expectations, and problem solving/solution seeking skills to help guide your children

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November 16, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Promoting Resiliency in Children

For parents of children and teens. This session will focus on helping your child develop skills to help build resiliency that will help them deal with everyday challenges and the more serious challenges they may face.

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November 23, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Nurturing Healthy Self-Esteem

For parents of children and teens. This session will focus on how to create a supportive and engaging environment that helps your child develop and maintain confidence and healthy self-esteem.

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November 29, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Managing Negative Self-Talk

For parents of children and teens. This session will focus on different strategies to help your child manage and reduce negative self-talk and realize their self-worth

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Facilitator: Uma Bhatt, R.S.W. York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families



These free virtual parent presentations are brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

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