



REVIEW



Sep. 13, 2024

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

We enjoyed a great second week of school at Rouge Park. We can't believe how well our students have adjusted to their new learning environments. It is almost as if summer break never happened! Staff members keep commenting on how incredible their classes are. We feel very lucky to be serving such a fantastic community of learners.

Our cross country running team and intermediate boys and girls volleyball teams are all up and running. We love seeing students involved in extra-curricular activities. New for this year is a Student Council which will help with our goal of increasing student voice at RPPS. Grade 7 and 8 students can run for elected positions or join the team in other leadership positions. Younger grades will have student council reps who will help with school-wide initiatives.

We are certainly happy to see the number of students and families walking or biking to school! This is such a fabulous way to start the day! It is great for the environment and helps keep the school zone safe. If you are currently driving your children to and from school, consider trying to walk to school when possible. This is especially important for our older students.

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Sep. 16	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cricket for gr. 5-7 @ 9:55Int. boys volleyball @ 12:15
Sep. 17	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Int. boys volleyball @ 7 a.m.Cricket for gr. 5-7 @ 9:55Cross country practice @ 10:00Kids Kitchen for those who orderedInt. girls volleyball tryouts @12:30
Sep. 18	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cricket with grade 5-7 @ 9:55Cross country practice @ 10:00

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snack Shack at morning recess (\$2 per snack) • Lunch Lady for those who ordered • Int. boys volleyball @ 12:15 • Int. boys volleyball @ 2:45
Sep. 19	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Int. boys volleyball at 7:00 am • Cricket for gr. 5-7 @ 9:55 • Pizza day for those who ordered • Cross country practice @ 10:05
Sep. 20	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr. girls volleyball tryout @ 12:30 • Open volleyball (intermediate co-ed) @ 3:30
<p>Upcoming:</p> <p>September 26 - Picture Day</p> <p>September 27 - PA Day</p> <p>October 1 - "Meet our Staff" Event - see details below</p> <p>October 2 - Terry Fox Run</p>		

School Start-Up Forms:

Each year, we ask all parents/guardians to complete important forms. These forms are available online. **Please complete and submit these online School Start-Up Forms** through your child's YRDSB Google account.

Translations are available in:

- [Arabic - العربية](#)
- [Farsi - فارسی](#)
- [Gujarati - ગુજરાતી](#)
- [Hebrew - עברית](#)
- [Korean - 한국어](#)
- [Punjabi - ਪੰਜਾਬੀ](#)
- [Russian - Русский](#)
- [Simplified Chinese - 简体中文](#)
- [Tamil - தமிழ்](#)
- [Traditional Chinese - 繁體中文](#)
- [Turkish - Türk](#)
- [Urdu - اردو](#)
- [Vietnamese - Tiếng Việt](#)

Rouge Park Library News:

Welcome back to the RPPS Library Learning Commons (LLC)

Throughout the next two weeks, students are having their first visits to the library where they will receive an orientation to the space and procedures related to using Makerspace and checking out books. Our collection is an investment and our orientation focus is on taking good care of our shared materials, using the space safely, and showing respect for others.

Students can check one book out of the library at a time and a typical loan period is 2 weeks. Many students exchange books much more frequently. Students in grades K-3 will receive a personalized library bag that has

their bar code (library card) taped to it. Please do your best to ensure that library books are stored in these bags when not being enjoyed, and are returned to school regularly so students can exchange them as desired.

At the end of the 2023-2024 school year, an unusually high number of books were lost or misplaced from the library. This year, we are taking some extra time to try to locate these books. For this reason, your child may come home with an overdue notice. If you could please spend some time looking around at home on bookshelves, under beds, and wherever else books may like to rest. If you find anything with a YRDSB barcode, please return it to the library so it can be checked in and student records may be cleared. If you are new to our school and have books from prior schools, we can still check them in and arrange to return them to the other school.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions please reach out to me at rita.russell@yrdsb.ca.

Happy Reading,

Ms. Russell (Teacher Librarian)

Terry Fox School Run/Walk at Rouge Park!

The Rouge Park Raptors will be participating in the Terry Fox School Walk/Run on Wednesday, October 2nd. Students are encouraged to wear their best running shoes, bring a water bottle, and a sunhat for the walk/run. Our goal is to learn about Terry Fox, and raise money for The Terry Fox Organization. We hope every student can donate a toonie for Terry at:

<http://schools.terryfox.ca/RougeParkPSMarkham>



Safety Week:

The York Region School Board is committed to ensuring the safety of students, staff, and visitors in the event of an emergency situation. As such, during Safety Week (September 23 to 27, 2024) and throughout the school year, schools in our Board practise various safety drills, including Fire Drills, Lockdown Drills, Hold and Secure Drills and the newly established Bomb Threat Drill. It is critical that all members of our school community become familiar with emergency protocols as they are designed to keep all of us safe at school. Please refer to [Board Policy #669.0](#) for more information about Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management.

Practising drills may create some anxiety for some students. If you are concerned about how these situations might impact the mental health and well-being of your child, please contact school administrators, as we have school mental health professionals available to support your child.

General Supports for Emotional Well-Being

- 310-COPE: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7
- [KidsHelpPhone](#): 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7
- Mental Health Helpline: 1-866-531-2600 - available 24/7
- [York Hills Help Phone Line](#): 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for children and youth (0-18 years) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters.
- [Trans Lifeline](#)
- [Black Youth Helpline](#)
- [Naseeha Helpline/](#)
- [2SLGBTQ+ Youthline](#)

Agendas:

Most teachers in grades 1-8 will be using agendas with their class. Agendas can be purchased for \$8 on School Cash Online.

Rouge Park uses online payments through School Cash ONLINE for all school-related purchases:

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt.

To view a presentation about the program, go to <http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>.

Follow the easy steps at [this link](#) to register and get started!

"Meet our Staff" Event at Rouge Park:

On Tuesday, October 1, we will be hosting a "Meet Our RPPS Staff" evening at Rouge Park. Please plan to join us for food and ice cream trucks on the back tarmac followed by presentations in classrooms where you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher. The gathering on the back tarmac will begin at 5:00 pm followed by classroom presentations from approximately 6:15-6:45 and 6:45-7:15.

Snack Shack:

To those of you who are new to RPPS, our grade 8 students run a Snack Shack every Wednesday at morning recess. All students are welcome to bring \$2 to purchase a cookie or bag of popcorn. This year we will also offer goldfish crackers for \$1. Our first snack shack will take place on Wednesday, September 11th.

School Council:

We held our first School Council meeting on September 12th. We were excited to see so many parents join the RPPS council. Our executive for the 2024/25 school year is:

Co-Chairs: Sarah Lane-Buck and Krysta Linton

Treasurers: Vincy Vuong and Keith Raveendran

Secretaries: Tanbir Prabakaran and Dhaksayan Shanmuganayagam

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 15th** beginning at 6:30 pm. The focus of the meeting will be on All are welcome to attend and babysitting (by grade 8 students) will be provided.

Health Forms:

Fillable Health Care forms are now available for families who have children with asthma, seizure disorders, anaphylaxis, diabetes, and/or other prevalent medical conditions. This also applies to children who require the administration of medication at school. These forms can be accessed through the links below and/or a paper copy can also be requested from your child's school office.

[Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)

[Asthma Health Care Plan](#)

[Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)

[Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder Health Care Plan](#)

[Self Administration of Medication Form](#)

[Staff Administration of Medication Form](#)

Once you've completed the appropriate Health Care Plan, please return it WITH the appropriate medication to school with your child. The form and medication can be placed in a sealable bag, with the student name marked on the bag and left at the office.

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. 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.

Please scroll down for more school information

WELCOME TO THE LUNCH LADY

We are proud to be serving

Rouge Park PS

Meals will be delivered every
Wednesday starting Wed Sept 11.
Submit your order by Tuesday 8am for
Wednesday order



Ready to place your first order?
Visit order.thelunchlady.ca to get started!



Special Food needs?
Make sure to email us
before you order.



Reduce single use plastics.
Bring your own cutlery
from home.



Sick child?
It happens. Email us before 8am
to receive a credit.

Have questions? Missed Cut Off? We are here to help:

Contact Marlyn

marlyn@thelunchlady.ca / 905-470-2598



Little Lunches by the Lunch Lady

sized for smaller appetites

All Little Lunch combos come with fruit and yogurt.
Perfectly created for little hands!



Pancakes Little Lunch

Whole grain bite-sized
pancakes & side syrup.



Spaghetti & Meatballs Little Lunch

Whole wheat pasta and
beef meatballs in homemade sauce.



Chicken Nuggets Little Lunch

Lightly breaded, baked
chicken breast nuggets.



Grilled Cheese Little Lunch

Real cheddar on
whole wheat.



Mac & Cheese Little Lunch

Homemade sauce
with real cheddar.



Assorted Sides Available!

salads, snacks and treats
to choose from.

Ready to order?

Visit our online ordering site: order.thelunchlady.ca

Proud to be serving lunches every TUESDAY @
ROUGE PARK P.S.

Lunch service begins on Tuesday, September 17th



Kids Kitchen is prepared and ready to assist with
the safe and healthy implementation of your
school's hot lunch program



SAFETY
FIRST



NUT FREE
ALLERGY
AWARE



GRAB & GO



VEGETARIAN,
GLUTEN FREE &
ALLERGY OPTIONS

SAMPLE MENU

Entrees

Macaroni & Cheese
Beef Soft Taco
Bean Soft Taco
Pancakes with Turkey
Sausage
Pasta with Meat
Sauce (GF)
Pasta with Tomato
Sauce (GF)
Tuna Salad Sandwich
on a Kaiser
Chicken Fingers with
Rice (GF)
Beef Burger (H)
Chicken Burger (H)
Veggie Burger

Side Items

Chicken Fingers
(2 pcs) (GF)
Baked Potato with
Sour Cream
Garden Salad with
Ranch Dressing
Steamed Veggies
Edamame (shelled)
Cucumber Slices
Veggies & Dip
Perogies (4 pcs)
Garlic Bread
2% or Chocolate Milk
Various Fruit Juices
(100% juice)

Snacks & Desserts

Fresh Apple
Fresh Pear
Fresh Orange Wedges
Diced Fruit
Yogurt Cup
Chocolate Chip Cookie
Kettle Popcorn
Fresh Fruit of the Season
Fudgy Brownie
Banana or Carrot Muffin

(GF) Gluten-friendly also available

(H) Halal also available

Not all options are available in all
locations. Please check online to see
the options at your school.

DELIVERING GOOD, REAL FOOD TO KIDS AT SCHOOL

Our commitment is to
provide nutritious, delicious,
"home-cooked" meals with
simple ingredients that you'd
find in your own kitchen.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS?

No problem! We're here for
you. Speak with us on how
we can accommodate your
child.

ORDER ONLINE

Visit www.kidskitchen.ca to
see your school's menu,
specials and for fast,
secure, online ordering.



SEE YOUR SCHOOL'S
MENU ONLINE

Need Help with your order?

905-944-0210 (M to F 8:30am-2pm) or email us:
information@kidskitchen.ca





Proud to be serving lunch at
ROUGE PARK P.S.
Service Day: Tuesday

YOUR SCHOOL MENU INCLUDES FUNDRAISING FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Entrees

Beef burger	\$6.25
Buttery Pasta	\$6.75
Chicken Burger (H)	\$6.75
Chicken Fingers with rice pilaf (GF) (H)	\$8.00
Chicken Vegetable Stir-fry with steamed basmati rice (H)	\$8.25
Grilled Cheese sandwich on whole wheat bread	\$6.50
Grilled Cheese & Turkey sandwich	\$7.50
Macaroni & Cheese	\$7.25
Meatballs with mashed potatoes, gravy & corn (H)	\$8.25
Pancakes (2pcs) with Turkey sausage (2pcs) & syrup	\$8.25
Pasta with meat sauce (GF)	\$7.75
Pasta with tomato sauce (GF)	\$6.75
Turkey Burger on a whole wheat bun	\$6.75
Veggie (w/ tofu) Stir-fry with steamed basmati rice	\$7.75
Veggie balls with mashed potatoes, gravy & corn	\$8.25
Veggie burger	\$6.75

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Complete Meals

BLT (turkey bacon, lettuce & tomato) with Fruit	\$8.25
Chicken caesar wrap with Fruit (H)	\$8.25
Tuna salad sandwich with Fruit	\$8.25
Chicken fried rice with Fruit (H)	\$7.00
Tofu fried rice with Fruit	\$7.00

NEW

Snacks & Desserts

Banana muffin (SFTE)	\$1.95
Carrot muffin (gluten-friendly) (SFTE)	\$1.95
Chocolate chip cookie (SFTE)	\$1.50
Diced fruit	\$2.50
Fruit of the day	\$1.75
Fudgy Brownie (SFTE)	\$1.75
Popcorn	\$2.15
Yogurt cup	\$1.75

Side Items

Baked potato with sour cream	\$2.50
Chicken fingers only (2pcs) (GF) (H)	\$5.00
Corn niblets	\$1.85
Cucumber slices	\$1.75
Edamame (cold, shelled)	\$2.35
Garden salad with italian dressing	\$3.35
Garlic bread	\$1.85
Pancakes (2pcs) with syrup	\$4.85
Perogies (4pcs) with sour cream	\$4.55
Steamed Rice	\$2.50
Veggies & dip (ranch)	\$2.75

Drinks

2% Milk	\$1.75
Chocolate Milk	\$2.00
Various fruit juices (100% juice)	\$1.75

Apple juice; Apple grape; Fruit punch; Strawberry banana orange

Condiments

Butter	\$0.50
Cheddar Cheese slice	\$1.00
Extra Syrup	\$0.35
Mayonnaise	\$0.55
Parmesan cheese	\$0.55
Pickles	\$0.50
Plum sauce	\$0.50
Ketchup, Relish, Mustard	Comp.

Rice pilaf = with peas & carrots

(GF) Gluten-friendly also available. See prices online.

(H) Halal options also available. See prices online.

(SFTE) Sweets from the Earth Premium Baked Good.

Prepared in our inspected, commercial nut-free facility. We follow all Public Health Guidelines & Safety Protocols.

We specialize in individually packaged Grab'n'Go service.

Please contact us directly regarding any allergy questions or concerns.

Due to challenges with food supply, substitutions may be made at our discretion.

Leave the lunches to us! Visit our website at www.kidskitchen.ca for more menu options.

Ordering is easy! Online orders must be entered by 10am the previous business day.

Call: 905-944-0210 Email: information@kidskitchen.ca



2024-2025

Our 6th Annual Terry Fox Run - 2024



We are excited to share that our 6th Annual: Rouge Park Terry Fox Walk/Run will take place on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024.

Students will be running or walking a circuit around the school, with the hope of supporting cancer research. Younger students will be running in the back area of the school. Our school run/walk will last for an hour. Students will need to come to school prepared with their water bottle, sunscreen (already applied), sunhat, sunglasses, running shoes, and appropriate attire.

Students are encouraged to donate using this link:

<http://schools.terryfox.ca/RougeParkPSMarkham>



For safety reasons, students should not be going door to door to campaign for donations. They should not be asking people they do not know for donations. Instead, students are encouraged to ask friends and family for small donations. Our goal is to have every student donate a **toonie for Terry**, as a toonie from each student can add up to an important contribution to the Terry Fox Organization. If you are uncomfortable donating online, you can send a toonie in with your child.

This event is intended to help students understand an important role model in Canada's history, who teaches about dreaming big, helping others, perseverance, and taking action. We appreciate your help with encouraging your child to fully participate and do their best at the Terry Fox School Run/Walk event.

Let's go Raptors!

YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

Thursday September 26, 2024



Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!



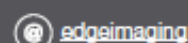
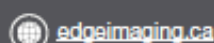
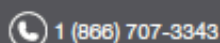
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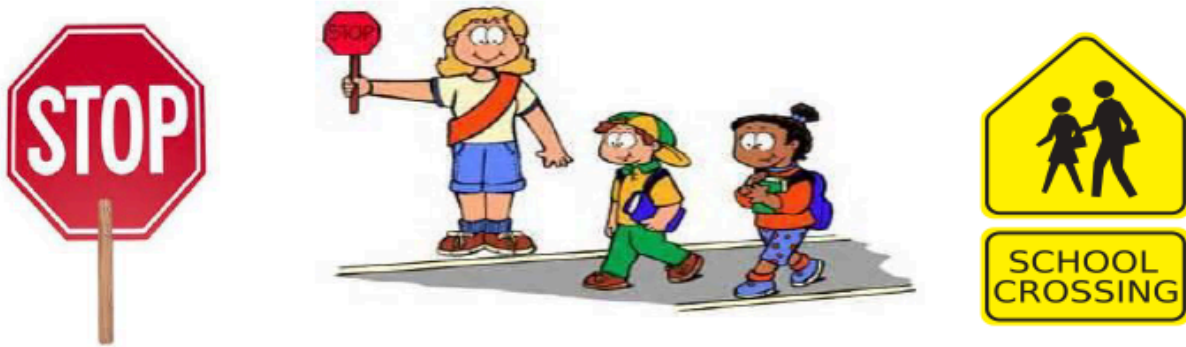
School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.



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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

An Adult School Crossing Guard is needed in your area. Currently there is a vacancy at **Riverlands Ave. & Crossbrooks St.** As you can imagine, the safety of children is paramount, and the community is urgently feeling the impact of the vacancy.

The program typically runs from September to June each year. Guards are required to work 2 shifts per day (7:40am and 2:40pm), each shift half an hour. The rate of pay is \$17.50 per hour.

Full training on proper procedure and health and safety matters, as well as proper attire and equipment are provided for all Crossing Guards. Anyone wishing to apply should be able to speak English, have sound judgment in dealing with traffic and be in general good health, as standing and walking for a period of time is a major requirement of the position.

For anyone wishing to inquire about employment, please contact **Anthony Kagan** at **905-737-1600**.

Supporting East Asian Students Family Engagement Evening

Last updated September 11, 2024

Family Ties: Building Stronger Bonds with Your Child

Welcome to our first Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) Family Engagement Evening workshop, designed in collaboration with Family Services York Region. The workshop is aimed at supporting East Asian families in understanding the importance of establishing and using effective communication with your child.

In this session, we will explore:

- Building stronger parent-child connections through intercultural and intracultural lens.
- Strategies for effective communication.
- Encouraging open dialogue within the family.
- Resources for developing a positive and supportive home environment.

Presentations will be available in English and Mandarin, with support available in Cantonese.

Childminding services will be provided for children ages 5 to 13.

Please [register to attend](#) as space is limited.

SEAS Family Engagement Evening

家庭纽带：如何与孩子建立更有效的沟通桥梁

欢迎参加这个由约克区家庭服务中心与约克区教育局合作举办，旨在帮助东亚家庭更好地理解如何与孩子建立有效的沟通的讲座。在此次讲座中，我们将探讨以下内容：

- 通过跨文化与本土文化视角来加深亲子关系
- 有效沟通的策略
- 鼓励家庭成员之间的开放对话
- 构建积极支持型家庭环境的社区资源

讲座有英文和普通话选择，并提供粤语支持

2024年10月9号 周三

晚上6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Location

Bill Crothers Secondary School
44 Main St Unionville
Unionville ON L3R2E4

When

Wednesday, October 9, 2024 - 18:30 to Wednesday, October 9, 2024 - 20:00

Contact

For additional inquiries, please contact: iscs@yrdsb.ca

This event is co-hosted by YRDSB and Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) in collaboration with the community partner Family Services York Region (FSYR).

Please [register to attend](#) as space is limited.

如需其他咨询, 请联系: iscs@yrdsb.ca

本次活动由 **YRDSB ISCS** 约克区教育局共融校园及社区服务部及支持东亚学生项目 (**SEAS**) 与社区合作伙伴约克地区家庭服务 (**FSYR**) 共同举办

September 27 PA Day

PA Day – September 27, 2024 – Elementary Schools

Length	Topic	Entity Hosting	Presenter/ Facilitator	Description
Half Day - AM	Student Well-being, School Safety, and Violence Prevention	All Elementary Schools	Online modules developed by Board staff. Facilitated by School Administration	School teams will engage in compliance training including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• occupational health & safety;• student safety and violent incident prevention;• training on supporting student mental health and well-being; and• understanding cybersecurity and online privacy.
Half Day - PM	Achievement of Learning Outcomes	All Elementary Schools	Online modules developed by Board staff, self-directed and/or group-directed in grade/division groupings	Literacy: Kindergarten to Grade 8 educators will participate in self-directed learning connected to literacy. Topics will be differentiated by grade including the YRDSB Comprehensive Literacy Framework, Early Reading screening, and access to a variety of literacy resources to support effective instruction and assessment. Math: Kindergarten to Grade 8 educators will participate in self-directed learning connected to Math, Topics include assessing a new digital tool available to all Grade 1-8 teachers, as well as high-impact instructional strategies for teaching math.