



REVIEW



September 15, 2022

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

Our first full week at school has been a great one! We already have teams and clubs up and running thanks to our dedicated and energetic staff. For the first time in a long time, school feels “normal”.

Please read the following school and board information carefully so that you don't miss out on upcoming events and opportunities.

Thank you to all of our families who are making such a great effort to walk/ride/scooter to school and to everyone for arriving on time. We have almost every child in the building by 8:10 which allows our staff to start teaching on time without interruption.

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?
Sept 19	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 4-8 Choir @ lunch
Sept. 20	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cross-country @ first recess
Sept. 21	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cross-country @ first recess Grade 7 and 8 band @ lunch
Sept. 22	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice fire drill @ 9:00 am Grade 5 and 6 band @ lunch
Sept. 23		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA Day - no school
Upcoming: Sept. 28 - Meet the Teacher Night 6:00-7:30 Sept. 29 - School Council Meeting 6:30-7:30 - Area Cross Country Meet Sept. 30 - Orange Shirt Day		

Changes to our Office Staff

It is with mixed emotions that we tell you that Ms. Samina Khan has accepted a promotion to a board position in Inclusive Schools. Ms. Khan has been our lead administrative assistant since the school opened in 2019. She has been an integral part of our school and we will miss her so much! While we are sad to say goodbye, we are very proud of Ms. Khan for being named to this new position.

We are excited to announce that Ms. Rebecca Draper will move into the role of lead administrative assistant. Ms. Draper knows our staff, students, and families and is such an important part of our team. Congratulations Ms. Draper on your new role at our school!

We will also be welcoming a new office assistant to take on the role previously held by Ms. Draper. Rouge Park extends a warm welcome to Ms. Teresa Ierullo.

Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night

We are excited to invite you to an in-person Meet the Teacher Night on Wednesday, September 28. We will start the evening with an optional meet and greet from 6:00-6:30 on the back tarmac (gym if raining) and the halls of our school. Our intermediate student leadership team will be selling some snacks, Spirit Wear will be on display for sizing, our grade 7/8 band will play some music and staff will be on hand to say hello. This will be your chance to see inside Rouge Park, look at hallway displays and chat with staff and other families. Staff will then meet families in their classrooms where there will be two presentations. The first will be from 6:30-6:50 and the same presentation will be repeated from 7:00-7:20. This will allow families with two children to attend both classrooms. We can't wait to welcome you into Rouge Park!

Orange Shirt Day

The orange shirt day movement started in 2013 to highlight the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential school throughout the last century (1831-1996) September 30th was chosen for Orange Shirt Day as this was historically the time of year First Nation, Metis and Inuit children were taken from their homes and transported to residential schools far from their own communities. At Rouge Park, staff will be spending time on Indigenous education all year with a special focus around Orange Shirt Day near the end of September. Please encourage your child to wear some orange on Friday, September 30th.



Terry Fox Run

Rouge Park Public School is proud to be participating in this year's **Terry Fox School Run, on Fri. October 7, 2022**. Let's get our fundraising going and show everyone how we can "try like Terry"!

Donate to: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/RougeParkPSMarkham>. Any amount is appreciated. Together, we can all make a difference. #terryfoxschoolruns #tryliketerry @terryfoxfoundation

Pizza Days at Rouge Park

This year we will once again be offering pizza lunch one day a week. All of the details are below. Please note, all interested families are asked to sign up for pizza using School Cash Online by

Monday, September 26th. **No late orders will be accepted.**

- Reginos Cheese Pizza – individually boxed with two slices
- Delivered every Thursday at lunch
- Session 1 starting Thursday, September 29 and finishing Thursday, November 3 (6 weeks of pizza)
- Price is \$8 a week

Sign up on School Cash Online

If you are new to School Cash Online, please visit our webpage at <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/rougepark.ps/Pages/default.aspx> and in the bottom right corner you will see a School Cash Online button and also Registration Instructions. Please note that all school fees will need to be paid for using this program so it's a great idea to register early.

New Covid Guidelines

Families are still asked to screen their children using the [screening tool](#) for the 2022-2023 school year. This tool has been updated to reflect new protocols and guidelines. **A reminder that YRDSB is no longer a hybrid learning environment. If your child is sick or on an extended vacation, there is no option for virtual learning.**

School Assistants Needed

We are looking for School Assistants to help supervise during lunch hours. These are paid positions. We welcome parents and community members to apply and join the Rouge Park team. If you are interested in this role, please contact our school office and speak to Ms. Khan or Ms. Draper (905) 350-0005.

School Council

The Rouge Park School Council is an advisory group of parents, teachers, and staff that serve a vital role in helping our students reach their potential in all aspects of school life. The School Council promotes student achievement in many ways including; advising on school policies and procedures, assisting with school programs, fundraising etc. **School Council Candidate Nomination Forms** were sent electronically with the start up package. If you would like to nominate yourself or another community member, please send an email and a scanned copy of the nomination form to Lindsey Maclean by September 23, 2022, at lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca. Alternatively, you can fill in our [School Council Nomination Form](#). The School Council members will be published in the newsletter unless a school council election is required. The first meeting will be held at Rouge Park on **Thursday, September 29 at 6:30pm.** We hope to see many of you there!

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.

Prayer Room

A reminder to families that we have a Designated Prayer Space available at school. Please speak with your child's teacher if your child would like access to this area.

Religious Accommodations

If you filled in a Religious Accommodations Form in the Start-up Package, it is a good idea to also let the classroom teacher know. This way we can ensure we have all relevant information right from the start of the year.

Start-Up Forms

At the start of each school year, schools share with families a package of information about the school. Families will also receive a copy of the [Guide to the School Year](#) booklet in the coming weeks. We also ask families to complete some important forms. These forms are now available online.

[Please complete and submit these online School Start-Up Forms](#) through your child's YRDSB Google account.

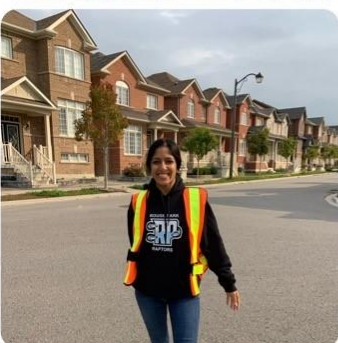
- You can access your child's YRDSB Google account via a web browser. For best results, use a computer rather than a mobile phone.
- The username is your child's YRDSB Student Number. Your child will receive their login information from the school at the start of the year. If you or your child do not know the password to log in to their Google account, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.
- Frequently asked questions and additional information on [how to complete the forms](#) are available on the Board website under [Family Resources](#) (click on the "Need Help" link for Family Start-Up Forms).

It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year. There are both mandatory and optional forms. The forms are to be completed for all students, whether they are attending school in person or participating in remote, online learning. Your child's school will access the information.

Please complete a separate form for each child attending our school.

Scroll down to see pictures!

The Second Week of School - Spirit Wear Day, Cross Country Running and Miscellaneous Pictures!



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September 16, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Class Re-Organization for September 26, 2022

As you may know, the Government of Ontario requires all school boards in Ontario to have 20 or fewer students in 90% of primary classes (Grade 1 to Grade 3); up to 10% of primary classes may have up to 23 students. At the same time, we are required to show the average size of Grade 4-8 classes across our Board. Early Learning Kindergarten programs have approximately 26 students, with one teacher and one designated early childhood educator in each class.

Staff have worked diligently to organize classes to provide the best program for each child and to comply with the maximum class size requirements. Please note however that there may be changes prior to September 26, 2022 (the date on which class sizes will be reported to the Ministry of Education).

You will be informed of any changes to your child's class placement through the school principal.

If you have any questions regarding the Class Size strategy, please visit the Ministry of Education's website at: www.edu.gov.on.ca and search for "Class Size".

Rest assured that we are taking all steps possible to minimize disruption in our schools.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Louise Sirisko
Director of Education



Red Cross Babysitting Course

(with first aid & CPR)

Offered by Stayin Alive with First Aid, CPR & AED

COURSE NOW OFFERED ONLINE

2HRS & 20MINS PER DAY

Saturday, Sunday, & following Saturday

Caregiver and first aid skills for youth in grades 5 to 8.

Participants learn how to manage difficult behaviour, recognize and prevent unsafe situations, how to care for babies and children, and leadership skills. Babysitting promises to deepen and enhance the responsibility that older youth feel when caring for younger children. The curriculum includes new science for giving appropriate care in an emergency.

Babysitting course online from 11am to 1:20pm 3 sessions for a total of 7hrs. Saturday, Sunday and following Saturday

Location: ONLINE: Google classroom

Instructor: Stayin Alive Certified Red Cross Instructor

Cost: \$65 per participant (Grades 5 to 8) + HST = **\$73.45**

Course content:

- Check, Call, Care (including phoning 911)
- Conscious choking (adult/child/baby/alone)
- Introduction to CPR (baby/child)
- Asthma (includes use of inhaler and spacer)
- Anaphylaxis (includes use of EpiPen), poisoning and insect stings
- Wound care (minor cuts and scrapes, splinters, nosebleeds, bumps and bruises, life-threatening bleeding, and burns)
- Broken bones, head, neck and back injuries, seizures

Course materials delivered (address required during registration):

Red Cross Babysitter's Manual and Materials

Red Cross Babysitter Certificate



Register today!
Space is limited to 26 per course

www.StayinAliveWithFirstAid.ca

Questions? info@StayinAliveWithFirstAid.ca



Red Cross Stay Safe Course

Offered by Stayin Alive with First Aid, CPR & AED

COURSE NOW OFFERED ONLINE

(2 hour and 20 min online sessions plus homework over 2 days)

For youth in grades 3, 4 and 5.

Participants learn the skills needed to stay safe on their own at home, how to respond to unexpected situations (such as strangers or visitors knocking on the door), how to give first aid treatment, and when and how to call 911. Whether in the community or alone, this course is a must-take if you want your children to have better tools for staying safe.

A new school year and we are now offering these courses online again this year. We have also put a freeze on the price for another year.

Location: Online using Google Meet (link provided 15 mins prior to class)

Instructor: Stayin Alive Certified Red Cross Instructor

Cost: \$65 per participant (Grades 3, 4 and 5) + HST = **\$73.45**

Course content:

- Understanding the responsibility of being accountable for yourself
- How to stay safe at home and within the community
- Check, Call, Care (including phoning 911)
- Conscious choking (adult/child/alone)
- Asthma (includes use of inhaler and spacer)
- Anaphylaxis (includes use of EpiPen), poisoning and insect stings
- Wound care (minor cuts and scrapes, splinters, nosebleeds, bumps and bruises, life-threatening bleeding, and burns)

Course materials delivered (address required during registration):

Red Cross Stay Safe Manual

Red Cross Stay Safe Certificate



Register today!
Space is limited to 14 per course
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Questions? info@StayinAliveWithFirstAid.ca



Elementary Program (SK to Grade 8)

Indigenous Languages and International Languages - Elementary

Dear Students and Families,

We welcome everyone to the 2022-2023 Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) program year and thank you for your continued support and patience.

We are also excited to welcome our students and families back to in-person instruction onsite for the 2022-2023 elementary program year. While we will be returning to the same ILIL school locations pre-pandemic, there may be some changes to the locations in which specific languages are offered.

***NEW* Elementary Online/Remote Options:**

To better serve our language learning community, we have added online /remote learning options on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Online learning does not require students and teachers to be face-to-face at a school site. Classes occur online using a synchronous and asynchronous model, with check-in opportunities with the teacher. Families will be contacted with updates as necessary.

All program updates will be made on our [Board ILIL program homepage](#).

Did you know research shows that speaking more than one language may:

- Deepen cultural awareness
- Enhance communication with people from diverse backgrounds
- Improve memory and concentration
- Enhance decision-making and multi-tasking skills
- Open future employment opportunities

International Languages Elementary Program, Resource Guide, Ontario Ministry of Education (2012)

Elementary Program Update and Registration

The first week of online classes will begin Friday, September 30, 2022. Please refer to our [ILIL Elementary Program](#) webpage for the most up-to-date information.

- Online registration is open and available to YRDSB and NON-YRDSB students:
 - Login here if you have an [existing Edsby account](#)
 - Or, to [create a new Edsby account](#)**NOTE: Use of a laptop or desktop is highly recommended. Edsby cannot support online registration from any mobile or tablet device.**
- Program Fee
 - In recognition of the continued hardships faced during the pandemic, the consumable/resource fee for the 2022-2023 will remain at \$10.00. This is due at the time of registration to be paid online via Edsby
 - International fee-paying visa students are required to pay an additional \$225 for registration, for a total of \$235.

Best regards,
The Indigenous Languages and International Languages Team

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