



REVIEW



March 11, 2022

Message From Administration:

Hello Rouge Park Families,

As we embark on the March Break, we want to wish everyone a safe and happy week of school holidays. We hope that the weather warms up and allows for some outdoor play, away from screens.

School will return on Monday, March 21st - it will officially be spring by then! When we return, we will adjust to new Covid routines. Students, staff members and school visitors will no longer be required to wear masks in school. Individuals who feel more comfortable or who are advised to wear a mask can continue to wear a mask and will be supported in doing so. Please remind your child(ren) that mask wearing is an individual choice and should not be debated amongst peer groups. Rouge Park will continue to be a place of welcome and inclusion. We will support the decisions of all who enter our doors.

Please take the time to read the information below as we've done our best to review the recent announcements and changes by the government and communications shared by our school board. Note: although there are some changes to the screening requirements and isolation of household members, students and staff must still stay home with symptoms and follow the screening tool guidelines.

There have been very detailed procedures and processes in place for the past couple of years and these will be reviewed over the coming weeks and months. We will continue to follow the direction of YR public health and our school board.

We would like to wish a fond farewell to Blaze Foster (caretaker extraordinaire) and Julie Huang (grade 2 teacher extraordinaire) who are leaving RPPS to embark on new adventures. You will be missed!

As always, please reach out if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Wishing all of our families a wonderful week!

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Upcoming Dates:

April 7	~School Council Meeting @ 6:30
April 15	~Good Friday (no school)
April 18	~Easter Monday (no school)

A message from YRDSB

As you may be aware, this morning, the [Government of Ontario](#) announced their plan to lift many of the COVID-19 health and safety measures in public spaces and schools. Effective Monday, March 21, 2022:

- Students, staff members and school visitors will no longer be required to wear masks in school. Individuals who feel more comfortable or who are advised to wear a mask can continue to wear a mask and will be supported in doing so.
- Staff and students will not be required to complete the screening confirmation form each day. Students, staff members and visitors should continue to review and adhere to the [COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#) (please click on Check for Symptoms Daily), prior to entering the school daily. The screening tool has been updated to reflect new isolation requirements.
- Students will no longer be required to remain in cohorts or to practice physical distancing.

In addition, effective March 14, requirements for staff members to complete vaccination attestations or mandatory testing will be removed. Hand washing and cleaning protocols will remain in place. In addition, we will continue to follow our current ventilation practices.

We appreciate that students and families may have mixed reactions to this announcement. Our educators will continue to support student well-being as these changes are implemented, and work to ensure all of our students feel safe, welcome and supported. Please also be assured that we will continue to consult with public health to ensure we are taking all appropriate measures to protect the health and safety of our students, staff members and families.

Students Returning Face to Face; Hybrid Learning models for students who are isolating:

We look forward to welcoming back many of our remote students over the coming weeks. If you would like to return please send Ms. Maclean a direct email with the date and it's as simple as that. While supplies last we have 2 student masks and 2 RAT tests available when they return. Students please bring back all borrowed technology the first day of return.

As per our continued procedure, once students have switched back to Face to Face Learning Models students will not be able to switch to a virtual model. Our hope is to have all our students return to face to face learning. As many classes are becoming fully face to face again the Temporary Remote Learning model is an option ONLY if the students are required to isolate based on the COVID screening. Please notify the homeroom teacher that your child will be at home isolating for the 5 days and after 24 hours, the teachers will switch temporarily to the hybrid learning model. Although we've been quite flexible in supporting families who've needed to join temporarily online for other reasons this year, moving forward we will not be accommodating any additional remote learning requests.

Graduation Ceremony

We are pleased to share with you that we will be holding in-person graduation ceremonies in June 2022. This decision was made in consultation with York Region Public Health.

We recognize how important graduation ceremonies are for our students and their families, and we look forward to celebrating this exciting and important milestone. At the same time, we will continue to work with public health and prioritize the health and safety of our students, staff and families in our planning.

We appreciate that you may have many questions about the graduation ceremonies. We will continue to share information and updates with you as guidance is provided by the Ministry of Education and York Region Public Health. **Rouge Park's grade 8 graduation ceremony is booked to take place at our school on Tuesday, June 28th.**

Recess Cohorts- no zones:

As per the Ministry and Board Memo, there will no longer be coloured boundary zones outside. Students may play in all areas of the yard. Until further notice: all recesses will be TARMAC only recesses. As a result recesses will continue on the same schedule to reduce the number of students on our small tarmac areas.

Teams and Clubs:

After discussion with staff running the various clubs and teams, we will be continuing with our extra-curricular activities but out of an abundance of caution as we return from March Break we are *requesting that all participating students remain masked for these activities*. After 2-3 weeks we will certainly be revisiting the plan. Currently we have both girls and boys intermediate basketball teams, grade 6-8 intramural badminton and intramural volleyball. Ms. Rajkumar also opens up the gym to small groups of intermediates for free play after school a couple of times a week.

Pizza Day

Students enjoyed their second pizza day today. The slices are quite large so you might notice that younger children are bringing home left-overs. After March Break, if you know your child will be away on pizza day, please feel free to email us if you would like us to donate their slices to another child. Otherwise, we will store their pizza in the fridge and give it to them on the following Monday.



Screening Tool

Daily screening is still required after March 21. You do not need to complete the confirmation form but Parents/Guardians of Elementary students are required to complete on-line self- assessment [COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#) on a daily basis, prior to their child entering the school. The tool has been updated and if your children have any symptoms (or have been close contacts, traveled, etc..), it will direct you about when and how long to stay home for, as well as, when you can return to school.

It hasn't changed. IF STUDENTS have symptoms STAY HOME and follow the direction outlined on the Screening Tool. When you answer all the questions, it will tell you when your child can return to school, who has to isolate and for how long.

As of March 9th the tool is updated and ready for return to school after March Break.

- [COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#)
- [Elementary School Confirmation Form](#)

Kindergarten Registration:

Kindergarten Registration for the 2022/23 school year is now on. If you have a child who will turn 4 years old before the end of 2022, they are eligible to begin school in September. There are several ways you can register for kindergarten on or after January 14, 2022:

- Online - Families can access the [Online Kindergarten Registration Information](#) . It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.
- By email - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) and email the completed form to their school email address.
- By phone - Families can request support from the school Principal/Vice-Principal to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone.
- By mail or appointment. You can mail completed applications to the school, or request an appointment (once schools have reopened) to drop-off your completed paper application form.
- If you have already registered, you will be hearing from us shortly about bringing in your documents to complete the process.



Kindergarten Outdoor Learning

Triple P Parenting Seminar

Raising Competent Teens

Set your teenager up for life with the strategies in this seminar which focuses on helping your child get the most out of their school

This session will focus on specific ideas to teach and encourage each of the following skills to becoming confident and successful in school and the community.

- Developing self-discipline
- Establishing good routines
- Getting involved in school activities.
- Being a good problem solver
- Having supportive friends
- Taking part in family decision-making

[Register](#) today!

Parents, Grandparents and
Caregivers of Teenagers (13-18)
and Pre-Teenagers (10-12)

Join us to share, learn and build a school culture where mental health and well-being is valued and promoted.

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Zoom Link will be provided

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

More Information:

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This free Parent Presentation is brought to you in partnership with York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families and York Region District School Board.

Supports for Community Members with Family and Loved Ones Impacted by Events in Ukraine

In solidarity with all of those in our community with family and loved ones impacted by the conflict in Ukraine.

The following are some services currently available to families:

- [LifeWorks 24/7 Free Support Crisis Line for Those Impacted by the events in Ukraine](#): 1-844-751-2133
- [Ukrainian Enquiries Phone Line for Clients in Canada and Abroad](#): 613-321-4243 (Collect calls accepted)
More [information about Canadian immigration measures](#) for people affected by events in Ukraine are available online by [Canadian Immigration and Citizenship](#).
- [Jewish Immigrant Aid Services \(JIAS\) | ukraine@jiastoronto.org](#)
 - Services for newcomers of all faiths and cultural affiliations.
 - Currently supporting with family sponsorships.
- [Emergency Hotline for the Ukrainian Jewish Community](#)
Info, Guidance & Assistance (Hebrew, Ukrainian and Russian)
Provided by The Jewish Agency & The International Fellowship of Christians and Jews
 - From Ukraine: 0-800-504-504603 (Toll Free)
 - From Israel: 1-800-228055 x4 (Toll Free)
 - [Assistance Request Form](#)

150,000 - 300,000 Jewish people live in Ukraine. Ukraine is home to the 5th-largest Jewish community in Europe and one of the poorest Jewish communities in Europe. It is also home to the largest Chabad Centre and Jewish complex in the world.

- In-School Settlement Worker, Olga Joukova
Supporting Newcomer Families in York Region (Ukrainian, Russian & Hebrew)
ojoukova@ccsyrr.org | 416-616-6789
Provided by [Settlement Education Partnership in York Region \(SEPYR\)](#),
[Catholic Community Services of York Region \(CCSYR\)](#)
*Services for newcomers of all faith affiliations.

To assist Canadians concerned about their loved ones in Ukraine, effective immediately, the following phone providers will be waiving all Home Phone and consumer Mobility Postpaid Long Distance charges for calls from Canada to Ukraine until Mar. 31, 2022:

- Bell Canada
- Fido - including long distance SMS to Ukraine and roaming fees are also waived.
- Freedom Mobile - including long distance SMS to Ukraine and roaming fees are also waived.
- Rogers - including long distance SMS to Ukraine and roaming fees are also waived.
- Telus - waiving all additional charges for long-distance calls and texts to Ukraine until March 12th
- Virgin Plus

These changes will be applied automatically during the month of March. No action is required by customers.