



# REVIEW



September 9, 2022

## Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

Welcome back to the 2022/23 school year. It has been so exciting to greet our returning and new Rouge Park students. The first week has been one full of smiles and optimism as we embark on the most 'normal' year we have had in quite some time.

Our primary goal for back to school is to focus on the mental health and well-being of our students and staff. We know that when children feel safe, welcomed and have a sense of belonging, then great learning can happen. Staff will be building their classroom communities, helping students develop friendships and making sure that everyone has the tools they need to learn and grow.

Below and in future weekly communications, you will find pertinent information and reminders. Please be sure to read *The Review* each week.

Please know that we are here to support the transition to school. If you have any concerns about your child or questions you need answered, reach out to their teacher or to the office and we will do our best to help.

Here's to a fabulous year!

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### Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Sept 12	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunch Monitors Sign-UP (Grades 6-8)</li> <li>First grade 4-8 Choir meeting @ lunch</li> </ul>
Sept. 13	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First cross-country meeting @ first recess</li> </ul>
Sept. 14	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caring and Safe Schools Assemblies</li> <li>First band meeting @ lunch</li> </ul>
Sept. 15	2	
Sept. 16	3	

## 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. Drapeau (905) 350-0005.

## Reporting an Absence

Our school operates a safe arrival program that requires that we check the whereabouts of all students who are absent each day. It is important that parent(s)/guardian(s) let us know if their child is going to be absent. We have a 24 hour absence reporting line. When you call in please clearly state your child's name and state their teacher's name as well. You may leave a message anytime at: (905) 350-0005. You may also report an absence through Edsby.

## Parking

Please remember to use our kiss'n ride at the side of the school when you are dropping off your children in the morning. Staff on duty will watch them exit the car and head to their entry door, allowing you to pull forward and exit the loop. If you would like to park and walk your child to their door or to the kindergarten play area, please park on the street as our parking lot is for staff members only. Thank you!

## 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](mailto:lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca). 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.

### Good News Story!

Look at one of our students accomplished this summer. Well done, Jaxon! Thank you for giving back to our community in such a great way!



## Markham Stouffville Hospital

August 25 at 7:00 PM · 🌐



This summer, fourth grader Jaxon set up a lemonade stand called "23 Lemonade" and chose to support Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation, giving back to the hospital where he and his sister were born. Supported by his parents, and a team of friends and family, he raised \$403 to support our hospital and hopes to be back next year to break his record. Thank you, Jaxon, for supporting health care in our community! [#ThankYouThursday](#)



## YRDSB seeks student/family input on dress code

The York Region District School Board regularly engages in reviewing its policies. Currently, the Board of Trustees has identified a need to review Policy #672 Student Leadership and Voice and Policy #635 Student Dress Code. As part of the review process The YRDSB consults extensively with students, staff and community members.

We encourage you to review this [slide deck](#) to build some context around Student leadership in our Board and fill out the surveys to provide your feedback. You will find the surveys on our [Board's Policy review page](#) along with an explanation of policy review. Scroll down the page and click on to find the links to the surveys. We thank you for your voluntary participation and your voice in ensuring our policies are reflective of our community of learners.

## First Day of School 2022!





# Elementary Program (SK to Grade 8)

## Indigenous Languages and International Languages - Elementary Online and Face-to-Face Programs

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 pleased to offer both face-to-face and online classes.

We are 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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