

REVIEW



April 11, 2025

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

We are hoping that spring weather arrives soon and that you will be able to pack the snowsuits away until next year. In spite of the cold weather, students are still having fun both indoors and outdoors with many teams and clubs in full swing. Our school play, Twinderella, is in its final stages of production preparation. Students have been working really hard to prepare for Rouge Park's first ever stage event! Tickets are now available on School Cash online so if your child is in the play, be sure to order soon. If you don't have a child performing but would still like to enjoy some live theatre, you are also welcome to purchase tickets.

Junior girls and boys basketball teams are also up and running. It is amazing to see our youngest athletes join a team and learn new skills. We are very grateful for our staff members who take on all of the extra-curricular teams and clubs. We have so much going on at RPPS and these opportunities are only possible because of our incredible staff who love working with students outside of the classroom. Enjoy some pictures below!

Our grade 8 students received their graduation hoodies this week. They were designed by the students themselves and they look awesome! We are really looking forward to celebrating our grade 8 cohort over the next few months with a trip to Camp Pinecrest and the graduation ceremony at the end of June.



The next two weeks are short ones with Good Friday and Easter Monday both being school holidays. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

As always, please reach out if you have any comments, questions, or concerns. We are here to help!

Have a great weekend,

Lindsey Maclean Lily Leung

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
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April 14	3	 Lost and found on display in the front entrance all week Vaisakhi for those who celebrate Student Council full meeting @ 9:50 Gr. 4 STEAM Club in Portable 1 at 9:50 Junior badminton @ 12:20 Jr. girls basketball practice @2:40
April 15	4	 Intermediate badminton @ 7:00 am Breakfast club 7:30-7:55 EASASA Meeting @ 12:00 Primary Recorder Club / Choir (alternating weeks) @ 12:00 Jr. boys basketball @ 12:20 Twinderella Play practice @ 12:20 Kids Kitchen for those who ordered
April 16	5	 Jr. badminton @ 7:10 am Snack Shack @ 9:50 Jr. boys basketball @ 9:50 Beading Club @ 10:00 Grade 5 and 6 walking trip to Cornell Village P.S. to see a play Lunch Lady for those who ordered Ted Ed Club at 12:00 Jr. girls basketball practice @ 12:00 Intermediate badminton @ 3:00 pm Jr. boys basketball game @Black Walnut @ 3:30
April 17	1	 Intermediate badminton @ 7:00 am Breakfast club 7:30-7:55 Great Big Crunch @ 9:45 Jr. boys basketball @ 9:50 Pizza day for those who ordered Pop band / Strings Club (alternating weeks) @ 12:30 Cubing club @ 12:30 Twinderella Play practice @ 12:30 Jr. girls basketball practice
April 18	2	Good Friday - School is closed

Mark your calendars:

Upcoming Events:

April - Autism Acceptance Month

April 22-25 - Earth Week - see poster below

April 28-May 2 - Pause to Play Challenge (turn off the screens)

April 30 - Twinderella Play @ 6:00 pm

School Holidays

Easter Monday - April 21 Victoria Day - Mon. May 19

P.A. Days

May 1 - Last day of pizza session 2

May 8 - June 19 - Pizza session #3

May 5-9 - Discover Kindergarten (welcoming new families)

Mary 5-9 - Mental Health Awareness Week

May 7-9 - Grade 8 Trip to Camp Pinecrest

May 14 - Family Engagement Evening - Slime, Circuits,

Robotics and More with Codezilla!

May 27,28,29 - Grade 6 EQAO

May 29 - Ted Ed Student Talks

June 2,3,5 - Grade 3 EQAO

June 11 - Spring Concert

June 18 - Community Tea

June 24 - Grade 8 Graduation

Monday, June 9, 2025 Friday, June 27, 2025

Drop Off and Pick Up Safety:

We would like to thank those families that are now walking and biking to school. This is making our kiss n ride a much safer experience for everyone. Unfortunately, parents have reported that there are many unsafe drop-offs at the back and front of the school. Please make sure you come to a complete stop in a safe place when dropping off your child. Crossing the street anywhere other than at a stop sign or crosswalk is unsafe. Drivers seem to be rushing and/or distracted which means J-walking is even more dangerous. Please help us keep our school zone safe by being patient and law-abiding in the school zone. If you see unsafe behaviours not on school property, please contact Markham Bi-Law (we too have contacted them).

Pokemon Cards:

We are asking that students leave their Pokemon Cards at home. They are causing a distraction for many students at school. We have let our students know that they should not be bringing trading cards to school. Thank you for your help in enforcing this.

Lost and Found:

Our lost and found is now on display in the front entrance. Please encourage your child(ren) to have a look for any items they might be missing. Parents are also welcome to drop in and have a look. All unclaimed clothing will be donated at the end of next week.

New Pizza Session on School Cash Online:

Alongside our school council, we have decided to provide a one slice option for pizza day. The new pizza session will soon appear on School Cash Online and you will be able to choose between one and two slices for your child(ren).

MLSE Fundraiser - A message from our School Council

Hello Rouge Park!

The school council is excited to launch an exciting fundraiser from now until the fall. MLSE has offered discounted tickets to us! \$5 for every ticket sold will benefit Rouge Park Public School Students. Attend

a soccer or football game with other Rouge Park families, invite friends & family, when The Ex is running you can see a game and then gain admission to The Ex - so many possibilities!

Click the link below and you will be directed to our very own website. You can browse the available dates and even see where others have bought tickets so you can sit together!

See you there!

Rouge Park School Council.

Please see below for your promo code offer:

https://www.gofevo.com/group/Rougepark

Pause to Play:

The 2025 Pause to Play Challenge is here! In partnership with York Region Public Health and York Region elementary schools, the annual Pause to Play Challenge will run from April 28 to May 2, 2025. This challenge encourages students to put their TVs, gaming devices, tablets and computers on "pause" for one full week and become more physically active through outdoor play.

Summer Institute Registration:

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum. The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at nine school sites around York Region. For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the <u>Summer Institute webpage</u>.

Registration opened March 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Families can register online.

Class Placement for the 2025-2026 School Year

As we organize for next year, our staff will make every effort to place students in the best learning environment for each child to be successful. We take into account Ministry and Board guidelines, individual needs, academic achievement, emotional and social development, behaviours, gender balance, English Language Learners and Special Education needs, and work habits. We appreciate that parents/guardians have valuable information to share with us in this regard. If you have information or suggestions, which will assist us in making appropriate placements, please write a brief note to Lindsey Maclean by Friday, May 9th, 2025: lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca . Rather than suggesting a teacher, please indicate the learning style or classroom structure which you feel would be the most appropriate for your child's success. When teachers along with school administration get together to create new class lists, we will use this information to help make our final decisions.

Families planning to move or students not returning in September

As we begin our planning for the 2025-2026 school year, we kindly ask you to inform the school office if your family has plans to move over the summer, or if your children will not be returning in September for any reason. This information helps us to ensure a smooth transition for all students and to make necessary staffing arrangements for the upcoming academic year.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps us in planning effectively for the new school year. Thank you for your support.

School Cash Online:

We have many new families who have joined our school. If you are new to YRDSB, please follow the instructions on the flyer below or found here: https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/ to set up an account on School Cash Online. We use this site for most things that involve payments (e.g. school clothing, pizza and pasta days, trips etc.). You will need your child's student number to register. This number can be found on the report card or you can contact your child's teacher or the office.

Allergies:

We have a number of students and staff in our school who have life-threatening food allergies. If some of these students or staff smell or come into contact with certain foods, they may go into "anaphylactic shock" - a potentially life-threatening condition. Medication must be administered by injection within minutes to those individuals in order to keep them safe. To ensure the health and safety of all of our students, please ensure you do not send any nut products or replacement nut products (e.g. pea butter) to school. If you have been informed of other life-threatening allergies in your child's class (e.g. shellfish), please make sure you do not send these foods to school with your child. We ask that all parents help to keep our school community safe. For more information please read our Anaphylactic Reactions policy and procedure.

FlipGive

Our School Council is fundraising with FlipGive and would love your support!

It's simple:

- 1. Download the FlipGive app from the Play Store or App Store
- 2. Create an account
- 3. Join the Rouge Park Raptors using this team code: 9P7Q9Z
- 4. Purchase gift cards to everyday vendors like Tim Hortons, Wal-Mart, GAP, Swiss Chalet, etc and earn up to 10% cash back for the school!

Gift cards can be stored in the app, emailed to yourself or a friend, or transferred to your Apple Wallet.

Join the Rouge Park Raptors now and earn a bonus \$5 for the school the first time you shop!

Victims of Crime Week (from the YRDSB):

Parents, caregivers, guardians, community members and youth 11+ are welcome to attend the 3rd Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Conference in York Region.

Join us at Seneca Polytechnic College King Campus on May 13 and 14, 2025 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. for an evening of learning, networking, and collaboration in the fight against human trafficking. Registration for the <u>3rd Annual York Region Anti-Human Trafficking Conference</u>. Administrators, please share this link with your community.

Our conference brings together experts, advocates, and community members to raise awareness and education. Through engaging workshops, inspirational talks and community booths, we gain valuable

knowledge and tools to protect and empower our community. Free refreshments and a light dinner will be provided.

For more information, YRDSB staff please contact Oksana Majaski, Community and Partnership Developer with Inclusive School and Community Services at oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca or 416-568-2252. For community inquiries please contact Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) at iscs@yrdsb.ca.







KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

There are several ways you can register your child for Kindergarten

Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year opens on Friday, January 17, 2025.

If your child was born in 2021, they are eligible to begin Kindergarten in September.

What to Expect in Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten programs are caring and welcoming where children learn through exploration, play and inquiry. Your child will engage in activities that support early literacy, math, critical thinking, social skills and much more. Visit www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten to hear from students and educators and to learn more about our program, routines, registration and more.

We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school!

We encourage families to register online.

Please access the online Kindergarten Registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten
It is recommended that you use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.

- Online Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at <u>www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten</u>. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration. Current families can also find the program registration link in the <u>Family Dashboard</u>.
- **By email** Families can download the <u>Elementary School Registration Form</u> at <u>www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten</u> and email the completed form to their school email address. Email addresses can be found on the <u>school website</u>.
- **By phone** Families can request support to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation. <u>Call your local school</u>.

You may call the school office at (905) 350-0005 if you require assistance with the registration.

Once you have completed your application, the school will contact you to make an appointment to review and verify the <u>required documents</u>.

Please scroll down



STEM NIGHT

It's a STEM & Coding party!
All families are invited to an evening of *STEM-tastic* fun at Rouge Park PS.

Slime + Circuits, Tech Toys + Robotics, Game Makers coding & more!

PRESENTED BY:





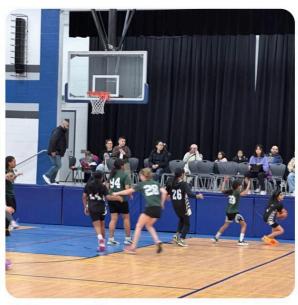
ALL AGES. LIMITED SPOTS!

Wednesday, May 14 6 - 8 pm Register in advance



Junior Girls Basketball















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MILLIKEN MILLS BRANCH APRIL 12, 2025 1 - 2 PM

Register Here





🌍 Earth Week - April 22-25

Are you interested in protecting Mother Earth? The Saving Mother Earth Club (SMEC) has exciting activities planned for Earth Week! **

Check the calendar below and get involved—every action counts! **

