



# REVIEW



**Dec. 13, 2024**

## Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

We have enjoyed a great week at Rouge Park. Student leaders continue to thrive as they perform such a variety of activities and jobs around the school. We have pizza helpers, morning announcement readers, leaders of clubs, planners of special days, weeks, and events etc. These additional opportunities help students see themselves as important members of our community. Please encourage your child(ren) to get involved. Our student council led an amazing spirit week along with Confidential Kindness activities. Please ask your child about the partner they were paired up with and how they felt meeting a new friend from a different grade.

This week was also exciting with our Kindergarten Concert. It is always wonderful to see our youngest students perform for their families. The concert was both impressive and uplifting!

Our breakfast club continues to grow with an average of 60 students enjoying a warm meal on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We are so grateful to staff for supporting this program and to all our families who have made a donation.

Thank you for all of your support and partnership! We absolutely love having your kids at Rouge Park and are extremely grateful for all of our families. 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?
Dec. 16	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Toonies for Tummies Fundraiser all week</li><li>• Grade 4 trip to Milne</li><li>• Jr. boys volleyball practice @ 9:50</li><li>• Student Council Executive meeting @ 9:50</li><li>• Pizza lunch provided for our Student Lunch Monitors (we appreciate you!)</li><li>• Junior girls volleyball practice at 12:20 pm</li><li>• Int. Girls Basketball practice @ 2:40</li></ul>

Dec. 17	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 4 trip to Milne</li> <li>• Breakfast club 7:30-7:55</li> <li>• Jr. boys volleyball practice @ 7:00 am</li> <li>• Int. boys basketball @ 12:20</li> <li>• Kids Kitchen for those who ordered</li> <li>• After school math/literacy club for those invited</li> </ul>
Dec. 18	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 7 trip to Milne (Mr. Jones and ½ of Ms. Lazarevski)</li> <li>• Jr. girls volleyball practice @ 7:00 am</li> <li>• Snack Shack at morning recess - <b>Konfidential Kindness Cookies Sold Today</b></li> <li>• Int. boys basketball @ 9:50</li> <li>• Beading Club @ 10:00 a.m.</li> <li>• Lunch Lady for those who ordered</li> <li>• Int. girls basketball practice @ 12:00</li> <li>• Board Game Club gr. 1-3 @ 12:30</li> <li>• Jr. boys volleyball practice @ 2:40</li> <li>• Int. girls basketball game @ David Suzuki 3:30-5:00</li> </ul>
Dec. 19	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 7 trip to Milne (Mr. Shanthakumar and ½ of Ms. Lazarevski)</li> <li>• Jr. Boys volleyball practice @ 7:00 a.m.</li> <li>• Breakfast club 7:30-7:55</li> <li>• Pizza day for those who ordered</li> <li>• Int. boys basketball @ 12:20</li> <li>• Int. girls basketball practice at 2:40</li> </ul>
Dec. 20	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jr. girls volleyball practice @ 7:00 am</li> <li>• Int. girls basketball practice at 12:00 pm</li> <li>• Board game club gr. 1-3 @ 12:30</li> </ul>

## Mark your calendars:

### Upcoming Events:

**Jan. 17** - Kindergarten Registration Opens for 2025/2026

**Feb. 7** - Lion Dance Presentation for Lunar New Year

**May 7-9** - Grade 8 Trip to Camp Pinecrest

**June 24** - Grade 8 Graduation

### School Holidays

**Winter Break** - Dec. 23, 2024 to Jan. 3

**Family Day** - Mon., Feb. 17

**Mid-Winter Break** - March 10, to March 14

**Good Friday** - April 18

**Easter Monday** - April 21

**Victoria Day** - Mon. May 19

### P.A. Days

Friday, January 17, 2025

Friday, January 31, 2025

Monday, June 9, 2025

Friday, June 27, 2025

## **Foodbank Fundraiser by Class 6B:**

Our annual foodbank fundraiser is back. Toonies for Tummies is a student-led initiative to collect non-perishable food and cash donations to be given to two area foodbanks (Markham Foodbank and the Gibson Centre). Our goal is to match or exceed last year's total of over 600 pounds of food and \$120 dollars in grocery gift cards. Your support will go a long way to support families experiencing food insecurity and can also spark good family discussions around giving and gratitude.

Thank you in advance for all of your support. Let's GO Raptors. Let's fight hunger in our community.

## **Dress for the Weather:**

Students should come dressed appropriately for the weather and for outdoor play. Students can stay warm by wearing layers of loose-fitting clothing, a hat, scarf, jackets, snow pants and mittens or gloves. Students may also want to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet.

If students are well enough to come to school, they are expected to go outside for recess. Our students benefit from spending time outside and being active. We monitor weather conditions throughout the day. If there are extreme weather conditions, we may consider a shortened or indoor recess.

## **Bus or School Cancellations:**

When an extreme cold or inclement weather day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) is cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. Please notify the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.

There may be rare instances when emergency weather events occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure. Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, Board and school websites and on X @YRDSB.

Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather and emergency weather days is outlined in the Board's Severe Weather policy.

## **Kindergarten Registration for 2025/26:**

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](http://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.

## **Lunch Drop Off at RPPS:**

If possible, please send your child to school with their lunch in the morning. If you have to drop it off at lunch time, please label the bag and leave it in the cart just inside the front doors. For student safety, we are asking parents to drop and go. We also want to remind parents that no filming or picture taking is allowed on school property due to privacy reasons. Thank you for helping us keep a safe learning environment for everyone.

## A Message from The Learning Commons (Library):

Our Library Learning Commons allows students to explore their problem-solving and creative skills. They love to tinker and create, so we use a lot of materials. We are always happy to accept donations of the following items for our school:

- Paper tubes (from paper towels and gift wrap only please)
- Buttons
- Pom Poms
- Beads
- Felt
- Yarn
- Googly eyes
- Craft paper
- Pipe cleaners
- Ribbons
- Nuts and bolts
- Corks and lids

## Board Books for the Library Learning Commons:

We are specifically seeking donations of gently used board books to support teaching our youngest students book care and etiquette. Board books are made from heavy cardboard and wipeable pages and are much more durable than soft and hard-cover books. Any donated board books that we are unable to use will be donated to the community.

## Clothing Donation/Swap

Once again, we will be collecting winter clothing in support of our own community. We would like to ask for any new or gently used items such as boots, snow pants, winter coats, hats and mittens. We have already collected many donated items and they are available in the front hallway. All families are welcome to access the clothing for their child(ren) regardless of whether they donated something. **Donate Clothing:** Now until Dec. 10th. **Pick up Clothing:** Any time in the front entrance (or you can email/phone [lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca](mailto:lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca) to let me know what you need for your child(ren)).

## Prayer Spaces:

We have multiple spaces in the school available for students and staff who wish to pray during the day. Please let your child's teacher know if they need help finding and accessing a prayer room.

## Dressing for the Weather:

Please help your children remember to dress for the weather. Students spend 15 minutes outside at morning recess and 30 minutes outside at lunch. Our school yard is windy and it gets very cold. Your help to ensure they are prepared for cold weather each morning is greatly appreciated.

## 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.

Offentimes 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.

## 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!

## School Council:

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 4th from 6:30-7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Spirit Week!**









# WINTER LEARN & PLAY VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM



Age group: 8-13  
Years old

START DATE:  
THE WEEK OF  
JANUARY 6TH  
6PM-8PM



Cost: \$240 + tax  
8 Weeks of program



\*Free t-shirt included



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YORK REGION VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS

# WINTER HOUSE LEAGUE

**JANUARY 11TH – MARCH 15TH, 2025**

- Learn volleying, passing, hitting, and serving
- Develop skills through games and activities
- Play in a non-competitive environment that makes learning FUN!

**\$240 (+tax)**

## What to Expect:

- Skill development + modified gameplay every session
- Using kid-friendly equipment for confidence and success!

**8 weeks on Saturdays**

**Session 1:** 9am-10:30am | 8-11 years old

**Session 2:** 10:30am-12pm | 12-15 years old

### Location:

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