



REVIEW



Dec. 20, 2024

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

This week Ms. Tan and Ms. Park donated their hair to an organization called, Wigs For Kids, which is affiliated with the Canadian Cancer Society. They taught their students about what it means to make a donation to help someone else in need. They tied the learning to our current Toonies for Tummies fundraiser which the grade 6's are doing to support families experiencing food insecurity. It was heartwarming to see our youngest students learn about the importance of giving back to our community.



Our whole school enjoyed seeing the kindergarten winter concert on Thursday. The kindies did an awesome job performing for a second time in a week! At the end of the concert our student council presented a canvas that was created from the Konfidential Kindness activity. Every student was paired with someone in another grade and they worked together to create a heart. The hearts were all joined together as one piece of art. This canvas will be displayed on our school walls to remind everyone of the positive impact kindness has on others.



It is hard to believe that 2024 is coming to an end. We want to wish all of our families a wonderful winter break! We look forward to seeing all of our students back after the holidays and look forward to our continued partnership for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you for all of your support, positive comments and feedback. We are so fortunate to be part of the Rouge Park P.S. family! Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy Hanukkah to those families who celebrate!

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Jan. 6	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jr. boys volleyball practice @ 9:50 Student Council Executive meeting @ 9:50 Boston Pizza Lunch for those who ordered - 1st day of new session Junior girls volleyball practice at 12:20 pm Int. Girls Basketball practice @ 2:40
Jan. 7	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast club 7:30-7:55 Jr. boys volleyball practice @ 7:00 am Int. boys basketball @ 12:20 Kids Kitchen for those who ordered
Jan. 8	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jr. girls volleyball practice @ 7:00 am SPCA visit for some primary classes Int. boys basketball @ 9:50 Beading Club @ 10:00 a.m. Lunch Lady for those who ordered Int. girls basketball practice @ 12:00 Jr. boys volleyball tournament @ Wilclay P.S. 2:40-5:40 Jr. girls volleyball game vs. James Robinson @ RPPS
Jan. 9	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jr. Boys volleyball practice @ 7:00 a.m. Breakfast club 7:30-7:55 Pizza day for those who ordered Int. boys basketball @ 12:20 Int. girls basketball practice at 2:40 After school math/literacy club for those invited (new session)
Jan. 10	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jr. girls volleyball practice @ 7:00 am SPCA visit for some primary classes Int. girls basketball practice at 12:00 pm Jr. open volleyball after school

Mark your calendars:

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 17 - Kindergarten Registration Opens for 2025/2026

Jan. 24 - Author Sennah Yee visits Rouge Park for K-3

Feb. 4 - School Council Meeting

Feb. 7 - Lion Dance Presentation for Lunar New Year

March 5 - Primary Concert

May 7-9 - Grade 8 Trip to Camp Pinecrest

June 11 - Junior/Intermediate Concert

School Holidays

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

Foodbank Fundraiser by Class 6B:

Our annual Food Bank fundraiser was another huge success this year. Toonies for Tummies is a student-led initiative to collect non-perishable food and cash donations to be given to two area food banks (Markham Foodbank and the Gibson Centre). Our goal was exceeded with a monetary donation of over \$300 and over 600 pounds of food. 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 for helping us fight hunger in our community.



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 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.

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 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. Oftentimes 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.

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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



MONDAYS - EAST
HIGHGATE PS
35 HIGHGATE RD, MARKHAM



WEDNESDAYS - NORTH
SACRED HEART CHS
908 LEMAR RD, NEWMARKET

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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:

Renaissance Catholic Secondary School
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