



REVIEW



Dec. 6, 2024

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

Next week is Spirit Week at RPPS. Our student council has been busy planning fun events for each day of the week. Their primary goal is to build community by fostering relationships across the grades through school spirit. They held an assembly this past Monday to get everyone excited about Spirit Week and another initiative called Konfidential Kindness. Two of our Student Council leaders shared their ideas at our Parent Council meeting on Tuesday evening. They had a very professional presentation planned and they executed it perfectly! We are so proud of our student leaders. Please see the calendar and posters below to learn more about each of the student council initiatives so that you can help your child(ren) prepare.



It is hard to believe there are only two weeks left of school before the winter break. While many find this time of year exciting, it can be stressful for others. If you are experiencing food insecurity or other challenges, please reach out to myself and/or Ms. Leung and we will do our very best to help. We can provide bags of non-perishable food, winter clothing, a school lunch etc.

As we approach Christmas which is celebrated by many of our families, I thought I would share a quote that resonated with me this week. "The greatest gift we can give our children is our presence, not our presents. I used to get so caught up in providing the latest and greatest toys, activities and experiences. But I have learned that true fulfillment comes not from material things, but from feeling seen, heard, and held by the people who matter most." This helped me remember what is most important for our children.

Thank you for all of your support and partnership! 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. 9	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spirit Week organized by our Student Council - Today is "Wear your school colours"

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr. boys volleyball practice @ 9:50 • Full Student Council meeting @ 9:50 • Junior girls volleyball practice at 12:20 pm • Int. Girls Basketball practice @ 2:40
Dec. 10	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast club 7:30-7:55 • Dress Your Best Around The World Spirit Day • Jr. boys volleyball practice @ 7:00 am • Full Student Council meeting @ 9:50 • Twinderella Rehearsal @ 12:00 • Int. boys basketball @ 12:20 • Kids Kitchen for those who ordered • After school math/literacy club for those invited
Dec. 11	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress Like Your Favourite Character Day • Jr. girls volleyball practice @ 7:00 am • Snack Shack at morning recess - Konfidential Kindness Cookies Sold Today • 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 and girls volleyball vs. Crosby @ 2:40
Dec. 12	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match with a Friend(s) Spirit Day • Jr. Boys volleyball practice @ 7:00 a.m. • Breakfast club 7:30-7:55 • Milne trip for grade 2 (Ms. Chan and ½ of Ms. Ahmed's class) • Pizza day for those who ordered • Int. boys basketball @ 12:20 • Kindergarten Concert @ 1:15 • Int. girls basketball practice at 2:40
Dec. 13	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hygge Day Spirit Day (dress in the clothes that make you most comfortable) • Jr. girls volleyball practice @ 7:00 am • Milne trip for grade 2 (Ms. Jefferson and ½ of Ms. Ahmed's class) • SPACE team meeting @ 9:50 • Int. girls basketball practice at 12:00 pm • Open volleyball (intermediate co-ed) @ 2:45 • Sunday is the last day to order Boston Pizza

Mark your calendars:

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 15 - Last day to order Boston Pizza lunch

Dec. 16, 17 - Grade 4 trip to Milne

Dec. 18, 19 - Grade 7 trip to Milne

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

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.

Pasta/Nugget Lunch from Boston Pizza Beginning Mon., Jan. 6:

Session 2 of pasta/chicken nugget lunches from Boston Pizza will begin on Monday, January 6th and run until March 31, 2025. **December 15th** is the last day to place an order on School Cash Online. No late orders will be accepted. If you need financial assistance to access school lunches, please reach out to your child's teacher or to Ms. Maclean @ lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca.

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).

Safety:

Please drive slowly in the kiss n ride. Cars should be waiting in line, using the lane closest to the curb only. There are many cars driving too quickly up the inside lane, hoping to jump the line to drop off their child. Patience is important for everyone's safety! Parking on a side street and having your child walk a short distance to school is an excellent alternative to using the kiss n ride.

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.

Spirit Week!

RPPS COLOUR DAY

Monday December 9



Dress up in Rouge Park colours to represent your school!

COLOURS: Blue, Black, White, and Grey are all the Rouge Park colours.



DRESS YOUR BEST

AROUND THE WORLD
Tuesday December 10



Second day of the spirit week and we are continuing by dressing in your cultural clothes! We're so excited to see your cultural clothing and learn more about you!

CHARACTER DAY!

Wednesday December 11

Dress up as your favourite character from any movie, show or video game!

REMINDER: Masks and Weapons are Not Allowed



FRIENDLY MATCH DAY!

Thursday December 12

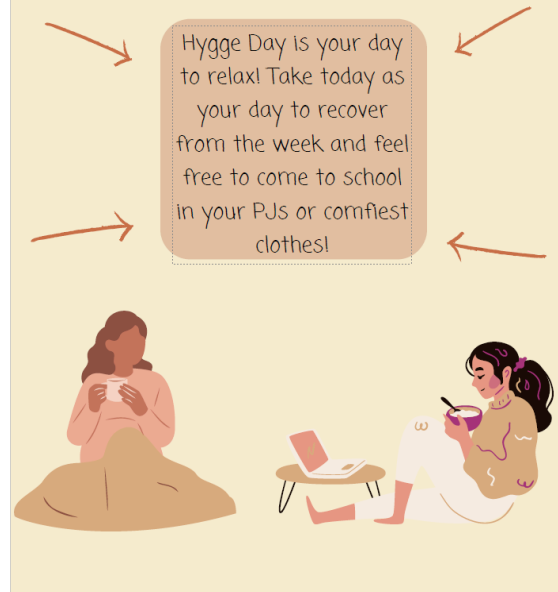
Join in on the fun and match up with anyone! Come to school wearing the same or similar clothes as a friend or a group of friends. You can also chose to dress in the Rouge Park colors/merch to match with everyone



HYGGE DAY!

Friday December 13

Hygge Day is your day to relax! Take today as your day to recover from the week and feel free to come to school in your PJs or comfiest clothes!



KINDNESS KOOKIES



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The student council
bringing Kindness
Kookies to you for a
limited time!

In addition to your regular
cookies, the Konfidential Kookie
is sweet with red, green, and
white sprinkles. Enjoy every bite
with this soft cookie.

HERE FOR A LIMITED TIME !

Integrated Elementary Arts @ Baythorn!



At YRDSB, we are committed to continuous improvement, and we continue to focus on **Student Achievement**, promoting and supporting high expectations for all, **Health and Well-Being**, building healthy environments and positive relationships, and **Human Rights and Inclusive Education**, learning and growing together, and affirming our diverse identities.



There are 4 Regional High School Arts Programs and 1 Regional Arts Elementary Arts Program in YRDSB. The Arts@Baythorn invites students to explore Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music integrated into learning each and every day in a collaborative and cooperative learning environment.

Applications are open on [Edsby](#) from January 13 – 26, 2025.

Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Collaborative workshops are being held February 18 – 20, 2025.

These dates are firm.

To apply or for more information

Please visit the [Baythorn Arts webpage](#).

*The [Edsby application link](#) will open on January 13, 2025.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to baythornarts@gapps.yrdsb.ca

