



REVIEW



Feb. 14, 2025

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

We hope you have enjoyed a great wintery week. The students certainly love playing in the snow. Learning how to share the snow in order to build fantastic structures provides students with the opportunity to practice important problem solving skills.

The school closure on Thursday meant we had to cancel pizza day. We will be adding one week on to this session of pizza (May 1st). The final session of pizza will now run from May 8th to June 19th.

Today was the Dance Your Heart Out event at Rouge Park. Our student council collaborated with the parent council to organize this Valentine's Day fun. Every grade had the opportunity to spend time in the gym dancing with their peers. An alternative games room was also available. We are proud of our student leaders for organizing such a successful event.

As always, please reach out if we can help with anything at all! We hope you all have a wonderful Family Day weekend.

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Feb. 17	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Family Day - no school
Feb. 18	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Term 1 report cards sent homeIntermediate badminton @ 7:00 amBreakfast club 7:30-7:55Student Council executive meeting @ 9:50EASASA Meeting @ 12:00Twinderella Play practice @ 12:20Int. boys basketball @ 12:20Kids Kitchen for those who orderedAfter school math/literacy club for those invited

Feb. 19	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate badminton @ 7:00 a.m. • Snack Shack @ 9:50 • Int. boys basketball @ 9:50 • Beading Club @ 10:00 • Lunch Lady for those who ordered • Int. girls basketball practice @ 12:00 • Ted Ed Club at 12:00 • Twinderella Play practice @ 12:20 • Int. boys basketball game vs. James Robinson and Ramerwood
Feb. 20	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Int. badminton @ 7:00 am • Breakfast club 7:30-7:55 • Pizza day for those who ordered • Int. boys basketball @ 12:20 • Twinderella Play practice @ 12:20 • Int. girls basketball game vs. JRPS 2:40 pm • After school math/literacy club for those invited
Feb. 21	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Play Day • SPACE team meeting @ 9:50 • Reading for the love of it @12:00 • Int Girls Bball Practice @ 12:00 pm • Grade 4-6 open volleyball 2:45-3:45

Mark your calendars:

<p><u>Upcoming Events:</u></p> <p>Feb. 24 - Int. Girls Basketball area tournament Feb. 25 - Int. Boys Basketball area tournament March 5 - Iftar Dinner April 1 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30 April 9 - Twinderella Play @ 6:30 pm May 1 - Last day of pizza session 2 May 7-9 - Grade 8 Trip to Camp Pinecrest May 14 - Family Engagement Evening - Slime, Circuits, Robotics and More with Codezilla! June 11 - Spring Concert June 24 - Grade 8 Graduation</p>	<p><u>School Holidays</u></p> <p>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> <p><u>P.A. Days</u></p> <p>Monday, June 9, 2025 Friday, June 27, 2025</p>
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Iftar Dinner

The RPPS Muslim Students Alliance (MSA) is incredibly excited to host our 3rd annual Iftar Dinner on Wednesday, March 5th, 2025 at 4:30 pm at Rouge Park Public School. The goal is to celebrate Ramadan with our amazing RPPS community and to share an Iftar meal together. Dinner will be served. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Students & families who are interested in attending are asked to please purchase tickets through School Cash Online by March 2, 2025. Tickets are \$5 per person and includes a delicious dinner. We are looking forward to seeing you! Please see the flyer below.

Students under Grade 6 must be accompanied by parent/guardian

Reginos Pizza Day

Thank you to everyone who placed an order for Reginos Pizza Day. Our office works hard to set up and run Thursday pizza days because it is a wonderful fundraiser for our school. Reginos donates the boxes used to individually pack pizza orders and subsidizes 8 orders per session to help families who are experiencing food insecurity. They also provide us with pizzas to sell at our sporting events for a greatly reduced price which allows us to raise extra money for RPPS. The money we raise through pizza sales is used to fund new technology, playground activities, clubs, teams, guest speakers, and events such as The Lion Dance. We hope that pizza day provides a win/win for our families; one less lunch to make and money raised for the school. That said, if you need assistance to access pizza day for your child(ren), please reach out to lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca. We are happy to help.

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.

Early Reading Screening (ERS): Communication of Results on Report Cards

As per Ministry of Education requirements, all students in Year 2 Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 were screened in Fall 2024. Results of the beginning-of-year screening were shared with you in the fall and will be reflected on your child's Term 1 report card (Kindergarten Communication of Learning or Elementary Provincial Report Card). It is important to keep in mind that the screening only provides one piece of information about your child's language and literacy skills, and that results of the screening are not used to determine your child's grades. Instead, the results provide information to identify the support they need to be on track for reading proficiency.

Cold and Flu Season:

Winter is here and with it comes the cold and flu season. We are noticing an increasing number of students who are absent due to illness, or exhibiting symptoms while at school. Please read the important information below from York Region Public Health to help you know when to send your child back to school following a fever and/or nausea/vomiting/diarrhea. This helps all of our students, staff and families stay healthy!

The following information can be found on the Public Health website

(<https://www.ontario.ca/page/protection-covid-19-and-other-respiratory-illnesses>):

- If you are sick, stay home to prevent transmission to others, except to seek testing or medical care if required.

- You should stay home until **all** of the following apply to you:
 - your **symptoms have been improving** for **at least 24 hours** (or **48 hours if you had nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea**, i.e. from the last time that you had any symptoms)
 - you **do not have a fever**
 - you **do not develop any additional symptoms**

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.

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. Ashraf or Ms. Draper. (905) 350-0005.

Breakfast Club:

We continue to offer a breakfast club every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 7:30-7:55 in the multi-purpose room. Ms. Ajani comes in early to prepare both hot and cold options for students to enjoy and consistently serves over 50 students a day. If you are able to help support this program, please send a donation with your child or contact us at the school.

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.

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.

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!

Poem by Devisha - Gr. 6

Please enjoy this heartfelt poem and the important messages contained within:

What We Are Taught

If we are taught to care
Why isn't everything fair?
If we are taught to share
Why is it others' hearts that we tear?

If everyone wants happiness
Why do I hear screams of pain?
If we know causing hurt isn't kind
Why is hurting others on lots of peoples' minds?

If we love animals
Why are they our food?
If insects make our life easier
Why hurt them in fear?

If plants help us breathe
Why do we waste the paper that comes from trees?

If others were here first

Why do we push them to quench our thirst?

If we all are born

Why can't we all smile?

If we all die

Why can't we fulfill the dreams of our life?

If we are told that power isn't everything

Why is it most peoples' first need?

If we all have a brain that's wise

Why isn't it used all the time?

If we all want peace

Why can't we just be?

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ROUGE PARK PS IFTAR DINNER

Join us!

Tickets: \$5/person

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TIME: 4:30 - 7:00

Dinner and Live
Entertainment
Featuring Amin

Davis!

Free, fun and
beautiful Henna
design!

Selling sweet and
flavourful cotton
candy!



Lion Dance - Happy Lunar New Year!





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.

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- **By email** - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address. Email addresses can be found on the [school website](#).
- **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. [Call your local school](#).

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 [required documents](#).

Learning Together: Experiencing the Joy of Kindergarten - 2-Day Conference

We will not be hosting a school, “Welcome to Kindergarten”, evening this year. We will be inviting our new students to come and tour the school and experience kindergarten with a parent/guardian, in the spring. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the conference offered by the YRDSB. Please see the information below.

*The York Region Child and Family Collaborative, in partnership with the York Region District School Board, York District Catholic School Board and EarlyON Child and Family Centres in York Region, **invite families of children eligible for Kindergarten in September 2025 to join us for a 2-Part Conference - Learning Together: Experiencing the Joy of Kindergarten.***

Conference Details:

Part One:

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Format: Virtual session for parents and caregivers

Keynote Speaker: Hannah Beach (award-winning educator, author, emotional health consultant)

Part Two:

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2025

Time: Two session options: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Format: In-person session for children and adults with interactive learning opportunities

Special: Families will receive a Learning Together Conference Bag containing books and resources

Report Cards and Family Dashboard

Welcome to the Family Dashboard.

The YRDSB Family Dashboard will give you one-stop access to information and applications related to your child's education. It is designed to make it easier for you to engage with your child's education.

Access the Family Dashboard at family.yrdsb.ca.

Report Cards

Term 1 Report Cards will be available in the Family Dashboard. Parents/guardians will receive an email letting you know when the report card is available for your child and how to access it.

Setting Up Your Account

If you do not have a Family Dashboard account, you can create one at any time by visiting family.yrdsb.ca, clicking on "No account?" and "Create one."

**When creating an account, you must use the email address you have on file at your child's school.*

Detailed instructions and frequently asked questions are available at <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/family-dashboard>.

Families are invited to share their feedback on the Family Dashboard through a [short survey](#) available in the Dashboard.

Parent/caregiver Workshop supporting students of Chinese Heritage

The YRDSB Community Care Social Work has been dedicated to offer this parent/caregiver virtual event to build community, support mental health, and promote healing.

The session is offered for any parent/guardian of students of Chinese Heritage Parents, caregivers are invited to join this workshop and engage meaningful conversations that help students thrive at school. Tips on ways that help strengthen family relationships and emotional well-being will be shared. This will be a free virtual event.

A Compassionate Approach to Support Your Child's Emotional Well-being

Feb 25th, 2025 at 6:00pm-7:00pm Mandarin Session

[Registration for Mandarin Session](#)

Feb 25th, 2025 at 7:00pm-8:00pm Cantonese Session

[Registration for Cantonese Session](#)

Please email charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions or difficulties in accessing the registration link. Thank you