



# REVIEW



Feb. 28, 2025

## Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

This week Rouge Park hosted 2 Area basketball tournaments, welcoming in many of our neighbouring schools. It was amazing to see both our girls and boys intermediate teams compete with intensity, all the while demonstrating incredible team play and sportsmanship. Our girls team finished third in the area and our boys team was one point away from advancing to the semi-finals. Congratulations to both teams!

On Wednesday our junior and intermediate robotics teams competed in their area tournaments. Our junior team finished in second place, bringing home a pennant for silver! Our intermediate team placed first and came home with the gold pennant! They are off to the regional meet at Humber College next Thursday. We are so proud of our students for practising hard and doing so well! Congratulations!



Wednesday was also pink shirt day. Rouge Park was a sea of pink as students focused on putting a stop to bullying and all forms of discrimination. One of our caretakers, Brittney, even made personalized Rouge Park pink t-shirts for our staff. Please enjoy a collage of pictures below.

Our student council has planned an amazing spirit week for March 3-7th. The special days are highlighted below in the calendar of events and also in the flyers at the bottom of this newsletter. Please help your child(ren) prepare for each day so that they are ready for full participation!

As always, please reach out if we can help with anything at all!

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## Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
March 3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Spirit day - wear your brightest colours</b></li><li>• Girls volleyball club @ 7:00 am</li><li>• Student Council executive meeting @ 9:50</li><li>• Primary games club @ 12:00</li><li>• Jr. girls basketball practice @2:40</li></ul>

March 4	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spirit day - teacher/student swap</b></li> <li>• Intermediate badminton @ 7:00 am</li> <li>• Breakfast club 7:30-7:55</li> <li>• Grade 3 girls basketball tryouts @ 9:50 am</li> <li>• Firefighter visit for gr. 3 @ 10:30</li> <li>• EASASA Meeting @ 12:00</li> <li>• Jr. boys basketball @ 12:20</li> <li>• Twinderella Play practice @ 12:20</li> <li>• Kids Kitchen for those who ordered</li> </ul>
March 5	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spirit day - sports day</b></li> <li>• Blue jays care - girls at bat @ 7:15 am</li> <li>• Snack Shack @ 9:50</li> <li>• Jr. boys basketball @ 9:50</li> <li>• Beading Club @ 10:00</li> <li>• Lunch Lady for those who ordered</li> <li>• Primary games club @12:00</li> <li>• Jr. girls basketball tryouts @ 12:00</li> <li>• Ted Ed Club at 12:00</li> <li>• Twinderella Play practice @ 12:20</li> <li>• Intermediate badminton @ 3:00 pm</li> <li>• <b>Iftar Dinner - Sold Out</b></li> </ul>
March 6	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spirit day - blast from the past</b></li> <li>• Intermediate badminton @ 7:00 am</li> <li>• Breakfast club 7:30-7:55</li> <li>• Jr. boys basketball @ 9:50</li> <li>• Pizza day for those who ordered</li> <li>• Twinderella Play practice @ 12:30</li> <li>• Jr. girls basketball tryouts @ 2:40</li> <li>• After school math/literacy club for those invited</li> </ul>
March 7	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spirit day - Hygge Day (comfy clothing)</b></li> <li>• Last day to order school Spirit Wear</li> <li>• Gr. 3 Girls Bball tryouts @ 9:50</li> <li>• School Wide assembly @ 10:30</li> <li>• Staff vs. student basketball @ 12:00</li> <li>• Wishing everyone a wonderful March Break!</li> </ul>

## Mark your calendars:

<b><u>Upcoming Events:</u></b> <b>March 1-30</b> - Ramadan <b>April 1</b> - School Council Meeting @ 6:30 <b>April 9</b> - Twinderella Play @ 6:30 pm <b>May 1</b> - Last day of pizza session 2	<b><u>School Holidays</u></b>  <b>Mid-Winter Break</b> - March 10, to March 14 <b>Good Friday</b> - April 18 <b>Easter Monday</b> - April 21 <b>Victoria Day</b> - Mon. May 19
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**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.A. Days

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

## Kiss And Ride Safety:

With the snowy weather, we have more people using the kiss and ride. This is causing a great deal of congestion and it is taking longer for people to get through the loop. We are asking that only students who are younger than grade 5 use the kiss and ride. Older students can walk to school or get dropped on a side street and walk the rest of the way. If you choose to use the kiss and ride, please follow these rules:

- Stay in the lane closest to the sidewalk
- Wait patiently for your turn to let your child out on the sidewalk side
- Do not exit your car to help your child – we will watch them exit the car and walk kindergarten students to their play area
- Never leave your car in the loop – this is especially a problem after school. **You can not leave your car unattended as this blocks the whole loop**
- If you want to walk your child to their door, you must park on a side street
- If you are dropping off for daycare in the morning, these rules still apply – do not leave your car in the loop
- The front loop is for emergency vehicles only. This morning one of our special education vans could not drop their students because so many parents were using the front loop after the morning bell

We all need to do our part to ensure the safety of our students. Please show kindness and patience and follow the rules.

## Ramadan:

As the holy month of [Ramadan](#) begins, we think of our Muslim students, staff and community. We wish you and your families health and safety during your time of fasting, prayer and reflection. The library will be available every recess and lunch for students who are fasting and/or wish to celebrate the month with others.

## Thank you for the Board Books:





Thank you to everyone who generously donated board books to our library in support of our youngest learners. They have all been processed and are now in circulation. Our students are loving them!



## Elections Learning:

Over the last few weeks, our grade 5 students took part in the CIVIX Student Vote Program. This week they cast their ballots for Markham-Stouffville. They are excited to debrief the election in the coming week, and compare their choices to those of adult voters. Please enjoy some pictures below.

# New Steam Club

 Introducing... The Grade 4 Student-Led STEAM Club!   

Hey Grade 4s! Are you ready to create, experiment, and innovate? Starting Monday, March 17th, come join the Student-Led STEAM Club in Portable 1 at recess (10:05-10:20 AM)!

Each week, we'll explore exciting hands-on challenges in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math—all led by students! Whether you love building, origami, designing, or discovering, this is your chance to bring your ideas to life in a fun, creative space.

Drop in to Portable 1 (Ms.Ibrahim's Classroom) and get ready to STEAM ahead!  

## 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.

### 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.

### 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!



# Primary Play Day



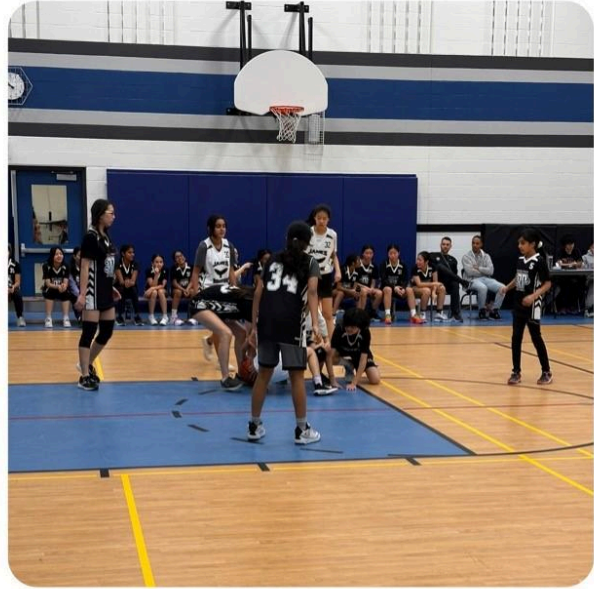
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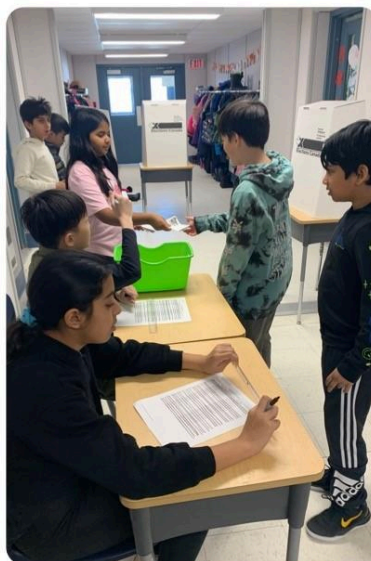
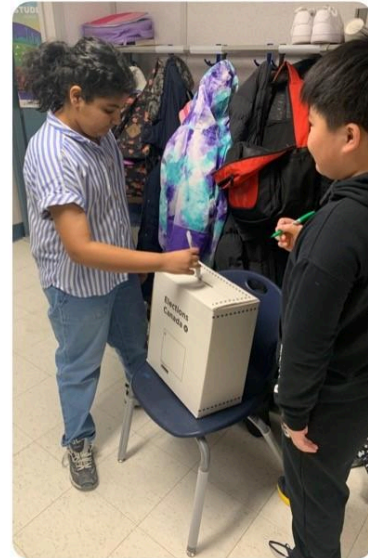
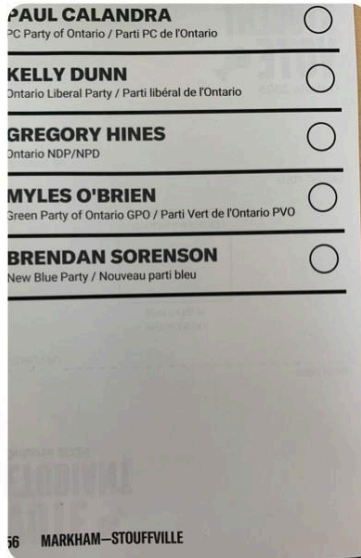


# Intermediate Basketball





# Student Vote!



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# next week

**March 3rd  
to  
March 7th**

## monday

Shine Your Brightest Day



## tuesday

Teacher and Student Swap Day



## wednesday

Sports Day



## thursday

Blast from the Past Day



## friday

Hygge Day





# Spirit Week

MONDAY

Shine your  
Brightest Day

TUESDAY

Student Teacher  
Swap Day

March 3rd  
to  
March 7th

WEDNESDAY

Sports Day

THURSDAY

Blast from the  
Past Day

FRIDAY

Hygge Day!!!





# 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](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!

**We encourage families to register online.**

Please access the online Kindergarten Registration information at [www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten](http://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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a mobile device to complete this registration. Current families can also find the program registration link in the [Family Dashboard](#).

- **By email** - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at [www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten](http://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](#).