

# REVIEW



Feb. 7, 2025

### **Message From Administration**

Hello Rouge Park Families,

Students enjoyed Winter Walk Day on February 5th with many classes getting outside to enjoy the winter weather. Our primary students also participated in an outdoor story book which was set up by Ms. Canning and our Healthy Schools Team. The story was a math themed picture book called "Sizing Up Winter" by Lizann Flatt. It was posted along the back fence of the school which allowed students to walk the periphery of the yard while enjoying a picture book.



Our Lunar New Year Celebrations continued this week with every student decorating a paper cup. All cups were attached together to form a snake. Today we enjoyed two Lion Dance performances in the gym. Families were welcomed in to join the festivities. It was incredible to see our student population join together to learn about and celebrate the Year of the Snake.



On Wednesday our Intermediate Girls Basketball team hosted a tournament at RPPS. They faced teams from 4 other local schools and ended up winning every game and scoring over 100 points. We are so proud of our girls and their coaches for representing our school with positivity and hard work and for winning another pennant!



Our student council sold cheer pins all week to promote kindness and well-being in our school. Please enjoy the photos below.

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?
Feb. 10	4	<ul> <li>Girls' volleyball club @ 7:00 a.m.</li> <li>Student Council full team meeting @ 9:50</li> <li>Firefighter visit for grade 4 @ 10:30</li> <li>Boston Pizza Lunch for those who ordered</li> </ul>

		<ul> <li>EASASA Meeting @ 12:00 pm</li> <li>Int. Girls Basketball practice @ 2:40 pm</li> </ul>
Feb. 11	5	<ul> <li>Intermediate badminton @ 7:00 am</li> <li>Breakfast club 7:30-7:55</li> <li>Student Council executive meeting @ 9:50</li> <li>Primary Games Club @ 12:00</li> <li>Twinderella Play practice @ 12:20</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> <li>Intermediate boys basketball game vs. Legacy \$&amp; William Armstrong 2:55</li> </ul>
Feb. 12	1	<ul> <li>Snack Shack @ 9:50</li> <li>Int. boys basketball @ 9:50</li> <li>Beading Club @ 10:00</li> <li>Lunch Lady for those who ordered</li> <li>Int. girls basketball practice @ 12:00</li> <li>Ted Ed Club at 12:00</li> <li>Twinderella Play practice @ 12:20</li> <li>Cubing Club @ 12:30</li> <li>Int. badminton @ 2:45</li> </ul>
Feb. 13	2	<ul> <li>Int. badminton @ 7:00 am</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>Twinderella Play practice @ 12:20</li> <li>Int. girls basketball game vs. JRPS 2:40 pm</li> <li>After school math/literacy club for those invited</li> </ul>
Feb. 14	3	<ul> <li>Student Council led Dance Your Heart Out in the gym all day</li> <li>SPACE team meeting @ 9:50</li> <li>Int Girls Bball Practice @ 12:00 pm</li> <li>Grade 4-6 open volleyball 2:45-3:45</li> </ul>

# Mark your calendars:

### **Upcoming Events:**

Feb. 18 - Term 1 report cards go home

Feb. 21 - Primary Play Day

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

### **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

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

### 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.

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

- 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)
  - o you do not have a fever
  - o 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: <a href="https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/">https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/</a> 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.







# 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 <a href="www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten">www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten</a> 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.

- Online Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at <u>www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten</u>. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration. Current families can also find the program registration link in the <u>Family Dashboard</u>.
- **By email** Families can download the <u>Elementary School Registration Form</u> at <u>www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten</u> and email the completed form to their school email address. Email addresses can be found on the <u>school website</u>.
- **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. <u>Call your local school</u>.

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 <u>required documents</u>.

### 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 <u>family.yrdsb.ca</u>, 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 <a href="https://www2.yrdsb.ca/family-dashboard">https://www2.yrdsb.ca/family-dashboard</a>.

Families are invited to share their feedback on the Family Dashboard through a **short survey** available in the Dashboard.

**Cheer Pins - Thank you, Student Council!** 











STUDENT COUNCIL

# DANCE YOUR HEART OUT

**SCHEDULE**:

K: 8:30 to 9:00 am

G1 - 2: 9:00 to 9:40 am

G3 - 4: 10:20 to 11:10 am

G5 - 6: 11:10 to 12:00 pm

G7 - 8: 1:15 to 2:15 pm

PLACE: GYM

DATE: FEBUARY 14 2025



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