



REVIEW



Jan. 10, 2025

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

Happy 2025 to all of our families. We hope you enjoyed the winter break and are now happy to have your children back into school routines. We have had a great first week back with learning back in full swing and extra-curricular activities up and running. Please see all of the opportunities listed in the calendar below and encourage your child(ren) to get involved in things outside of the classroom.

This week our junior volleyball team won a tournament at Wilclay Public School. They worked hard and persevered through some tough games to go undefeated and win the tournament. We are so proud of the boys and their coaches.

As we visited classes this week, students seemed genuinely excited to be back at school. It is great to start 2025 with a positive vibe in the building.

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?
Jan. 13	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jr. boys volleyball practice @ 9:50Student Council Full team meeting @ 9:50Boston Pizza Lunch for those who orderedJunior girls volleyball practice at 12:20 pmCubing club @ 12:30Int. Girls Basketball practice @ 2:40
Jan. 14	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Breakfast club 7:30-7:55Jr. boys volleyball practice @ 7:00 amStudent council executive meeting @ 9:50

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Hogarth visiting our grade 8's @ 10:20 • Reading for the love of it @ 12:00 • Twinderella Play practice @ 12:20 • Int. boys basketball @ 12:20 • Kids Kitchen for those who ordered
Jan. 15	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr. girls volleyball practice @ 7:00 am • SPCA visit for some primary classes • Snack Shack @ 9:50 • Int. boys basketball @ 9:50 • Beading Club @ 10:00 a.m. • Lunch Lady for those who ordered • Int. girls basketball practice @ 12:00 • Twinderella Play practice @ 12:20 • Jr. boys volleyball vs. Franklin P.S. @ RPPS 3:00 pm • Jr. girls volleyball game @ Greensborough
Jan. 16	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 • Twinderella Play practice @ 12:20 • Int. girls basketball game vs. Fred Varley @ RPPS 2:40 pm • After school math/literacy club for those invited (new session)
Jan. 17	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA Day - No school • Kindergarten Registration Opens for 2025/2026

Mark your calendars:

<p><u>Upcoming Events:</u></p> <p>Jan. 22 - Let's Talk Day</p> <p>Jan. 24 - Author Sennah Yee visits Rouge Park for K-3</p> <p>Jan. 27 - Grade 8 trip information meeting</p> <p>Feb. 4 - School Council Meeting</p> <p>Feb. 7 - Lion Dance Presentation for Lunar New Year</p> <p>Feb. 24 - Int. Girls Basketball area tournament</p> <p>Feb. 25 - Int. Boys Basketball area tournament</p> <p>March 5 - Primary Concert</p> <p>May 7-9 - Grade 8 Trip to Camp Pinecrest</p> <p>May 14 - Family Engagement Evening - Slime, Circuits, Robotics and More with Codezilla!</p> <p>June 11 - Junior/Intermediate Concert</p> <p>June 24 - Grade 8 Graduation</p>	<p><u>School Holidays</u></p> <p>Family Day - Mon., Feb. 17</p> <p>Mid-Winter Break - March 10, to March 14</p> <p>Good Friday - April 18</p> <p>Easter Monday - April 21</p> <p>Victoria Day - Mon. May 19</p> <p><u>P.A. Days</u></p> <p>Friday, January 31, 2025</p> <p>Monday, June 9, 2025</p> <p>Friday, June 27, 2025</p>
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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.

Winter Clothing:

We have had winter clothing donated by many families and staff. If your child would benefit from a winter coat, hats, mitts etc., please reach out to us at the school and we can help you out!

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.

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.

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.

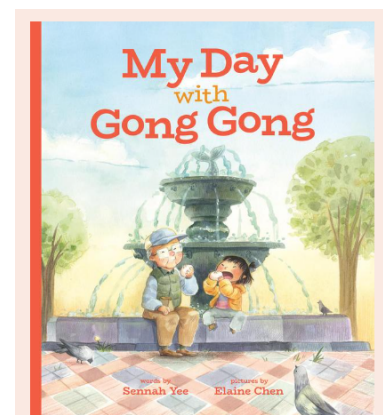
Join the Rouge Park Raptors now and earn a bonus \$5 for the school the first time you shop!

School Council:

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 4th from 6:30-7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Author Visit for Kindergarten to Grade 3 Students:

We are excited to announce that Toronto author Senna Yee will be visiting Rouge Park PS on Friday, January 24, 2025. Ms. Yee is the author of the picture book My Day With Gong Gong (2020), nominated for multiple Canadian book awards, including the Forest of Reading Blue Spruce Award. She will share two separate Author's Talks during her visit; the first session from 10:30-11



will be for our kindergarten students, and the second 11:15-11:45 will be for our grades 1-3 classes. During her visit, she will read aloud to the students, and follow up with a question-and-answer session.

Author's Visits relate directly to the Literacy curriculum; specifically, these visits connect to A3. Applications, Connections, and Contributions where students learn to apply language and literacy skills in cross-curricular and integrated learning, and demonstrate an understanding of, and make connections to, diverse voices, experiences, perspectives, histories, and contributions, including those of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit individuals, communities, groups, and nations.

Thank you to the East Asian South East Asian Student Alliance (EASEASA) at Rouge Park Public School for including this visit as part of our Lunar New Year Celebrations.

<https://sennahyee.com/books>

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WINTER LEARN & PLAY VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM



Age group: 8-13
Years old

START DATE:
JANUARY 13TH
6PM-8PM



Cost: \$210 + tax
7 Weeks of program



*Free t-shirt included

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LEARNING TOGETHER

Experiencing the joy of Kindergarten
Conference

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ENTERING
KINDERGARTEN SEPTEMBER 2025

The York Region Child and Family Collaborative in collaboration with the EarlyON Child and Family Programs in York Region **invites families of children eligible for Kindergarten in September 2025 to join us for a 2-Part Conference!**

February 18, VIRTUAL (Zoom) 6:30pm-8:30pm

February 22, IN-PERSON (St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS)

*Choose between 8:30am -11:30am or 1:00pm -4:00pm

PART ONE

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - 6:30pm to 8:30pm

A virtual evening session for parents and caregivers

Award-winning educator, author, emotional health consultant, and keynote speaker, **Hannah Beach**, crafted the bestselling I Can Dance book series. In her role at Britannica Education, she designs worldwide courses that highlight play-based learning and emotional well-being. Hannah will share insights on the significance of learning through play.

PART TWO

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Choose between 8:30am-11:30am OR 1:00pm-4:00pm

A face-to-face session for children and adults to engage in fun and interactive learning opportunities



Register for the February 18 virtual session here!



Register for the February 22, 8:30am- 11:30am session here!



Register for the February 22, 1:00pm- 4:00pm session here!



Understanding and Navigating the Education System



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**THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE**

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

**Monday, January 27, 2025
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

Agenda:

- Inclusion Activity
- Course Selection and Pathway Planning
- Upcoming Programs and Events
- Question and Answer Session

Please register ASAP.

A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.

We look forward to seeing you there.



[Register now.](#)



If you require further information, please contact
BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca



ELEMENTARY TAMIL STUDENT CONFERENCE

YRDSB brought to you in partnership with:
Educators for Tamil Student Success
Tamil Canadian Centre for Civic Action
Tamil Youth Organization.

WORKSHOPS

Each student delegate from grades 5 to 8 will attend
4 workshops:

- Ancient Art of Parai
- Our Identities
- Let's Get Cooking
- Kiliithatu

Lunch Provided

THE EVENT WILL START ON

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Feb, 2025

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Mills HS

9:30am - 2:30pm

[Click here to register](#)

For more information contact:

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