



# REVIEW



Jan. 17, 2025

## Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

It has been a very cold week at RPPS. We are asking your help in ensuring that your child(ren) comes to school dressed for the weather. Our York Region guidelines are that students go outside for recess and lunch as long as the temperature is above -18 to -20 degrees celsius (with the windchill). Many of our students are coming to school unprepared to be outside in the cold. If you are in need of warm clothes for your child, please call or email us and we will be glad to assist.

We are excited to offer a cricket program to all students in grades 1-8 next week. Cricket Canada has sponsored us with a \$300 donation to receive instruction from a qualified coach during gym classes. Our school is going to pay the additional \$400. If you would like to donate to the program, please feel free to reach out to us at the school. Black Walnut and Cornell Village have also benefited from this program and we are hoping to run a small tournament between the schools a little later in the school year.

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. 20	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Cricket instruction by Cricket Canada in gym classes all week</b></li><li>• Jr. boys volleyball practice @ 9:50</li><li>• Student Council Full team meeting @ 9:50</li><li>• Boston Pizza Lunch for those who ordered</li><li>• Junior girls volleyball practice at 12:20 pm</li><li>• Int. Girls Basketball practice @ 2:40 pm</li></ul>
Jan. 21	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakfast club 7:30-7:55</li><li>• Jr. boys volleyball practice @ 7:00 am</li><li>• Student council executive meeting @ 9:50</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twinderella Play practice @ 12:20</li> <li>• Int. boys basketball @ 12:20</li> <li>• Cubing Club @ 12:30</li> <li>• Kids Kitchen for those who ordered</li> <li>• After school math/literacy club for those invited</li> </ul>
Jan. 22	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bell Let's Talk Day</li> <li>• Jr. girls volleyball practice @ 7:00 am</li> <li>• Snack Shack @ 9:50</li> <li>• Int. boys basketball @ 9:50</li> <li>• Beading Club @ 10:00 a.m.</li> <li>• Lunch Lady for those who ordered</li> <li>• Reading for the love of it @12:00</li> <li>• Int. girls basketball practice @ 12:00</li> <li>• Twinderella Play practice @ 12:20</li> <li>• Jr. boys volleyball vs. Legacy &amp; Chapman P.S. @ RPPS 3:00 pm</li> <li>• Jr. girls volleyball game @ Black Walnut @ 3:00 pm</li> </ul>
Jan. 23	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jr. Boys volleyball practice @ 7:00 a.m.</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 practice 2:40 pm</li> <li>• After school math/literacy club for those invited</li> <li>• Int. boys basketball tournament @ David Suzuki 3:30 pm</li> </ul>
Jan. 24	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Author Sennah Yee visits Rouge Park for K-3</li> <li>• Jr. Girls volleyball practice @ 7:00 am</li> <li>• Int. Girls basketball practice @ 12:00 pm</li> <li>• Jr. open volleyball @ 2:45 pm</li> </ul>

## Mark your calendars:

### Upcoming Events:

**Jan. 27** - Grade 8 trip information meeting  
**Feb. 4** - School Council Meeting  
**Feb. 5** - Winter Walk Day  
**Feb. 7** - Lion Dance Presentation for Lunar New Year  
**Feb. 24** - Int. Girls Basketball area tournament  
**Feb. 25** - Int. Boys Basketball area tournament  
**March 5** - Primary Concert  
**May 7-9** - Grade 8 Trip to Camp Pinecrest  
**May 14** - Family Engagement Evening - Slime, Circuits, Robotics and More with Codezilla!  
**June 11** - Junior/Intermediate Concert  
**June 24** - Grade 8 Graduation

### 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

### P.A. Days

Friday, January 31, 2025  
 Monday, June 9, 2025  
 Friday, June 27, 2025

## 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**

## Winter Walk Day:

**Winter Walk Day** is celebrated by schools across Canada on the first Wednesday of February each year. This year, Winter Walk Day officially kicks off on Wednesday February 5th, 2025.

Walking to school in winter not only benefits student physical and mental health, well-being and academic performance, it's also fun!

Here are a few tips to help you stay safe and enjoy winter walks to school.



1. Dress for the weather. Wear layers. Don't forget your hat and mitts.
2. Protect your feet. Wear warm socks and winter boots. They will protect your feet from snow, rain and cold and have good grips.
3. Be visible. Wear bright clothes, stay on the sidewalks and make sure cars can see you when you cross the road.
4. Allow a little more time. Prepare your winter gear the night before and give yourself a little more time to walk to school.
5. Try walking like a penguin. It's fun and practical.
6. Enjoy the snow. Catch snowflakes, talk about what you love most about the winter.
7. Obey road signs. The seasons change but road safety rules remain. Stop at roads and crosswalks. Cross with a crossing guard where possible. Look out for cars.

## 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.

### **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.

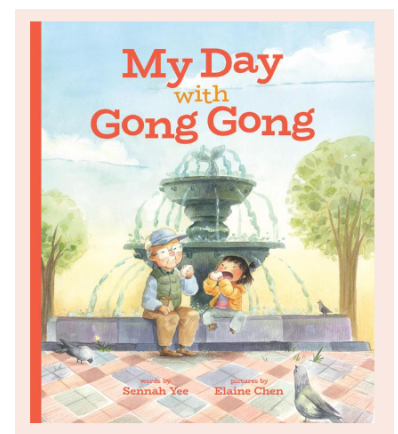
Join the Rouge Park Raptors now and earn a bonus \$5 for the school the first time you shop!

## 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>

In Collaboration with YRDSB, Inclusive School and Community Services, Educators for Tamil Student Success, Tamil Heritage Month Council, Tamil Canadian Centre for Civic Action and Canadian Academy of Tamil Folk Arts presents;

## **From the YRDSB:**

### **Our Heritage, Our Roots, Elementary Student Conference for Tamil Heritage Month 2025**

Students in Grades 5 to 8 are invited to the Elementary Student Conference to participate in 4 learning workshops for Tamil Heritage Month 2025 - registration required.

**Venue:** Milliken Mills High School, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5

**Date:** Saturday, February 1, 2025

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Pizza Lunch Provided

[Electronic Registration](#) is preferred. Please see the attachment below to register.

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# 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.

- **Online** - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at [www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten](http://www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten). 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 [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](#).

## **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



# Celebrating Black History Month / BHM365 Events 2025

\* Dates and Events subject to change

## Student Events and Family Engagement (please share with your school community)

Date and Time	Event Information/Details	Location
February 3, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. J.M. Denison H.S.	Join us for an inspiring evening as we celebrate Black History Month with interactive performances, student showcases and dinner. This event will feature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interactive Performances</li> <li>• Student Showcases</li> <li>• Dinner will be provided</li> </ul> Please join us to celebrate the rich history and contributions of the Black Community while creating meaningful connections and memories together. Looking forward to celebrating together!  <a href="#">Register Here</a>	In person
February 12, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bill Hogarth S.S.		
February 19, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Alexander Mackenzie H.S.		
February 27, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tommy Douglas S.S.		

## Staff Workshops

January 15, 2025 March 19, 2025 April 9, 2025 May 14, 2025  Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	BSA Black Student Associations Drop In Sessions- All Staff Register Here Virtual  <a href="#">Register Here</a>	Online
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## Understanding and Navigating the Education System - Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Sessions

January 27, 2025 Virtually 6:30 p.m. - 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion Activity</li> <li>• Course Selection and Pathway Planning</li> <li>• Upcoming Programs and Events</li> <li>• Question and Answer Session</li> </ul> <a href="#">Register Here</a>	Online - Register to Receive link
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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!**

