



REVIEW



March 28, 2025

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful week. It is hard to believe we are entering April and the final months of the school year are already upon us. Time is certainly flying by!

We are looking forward to our Parent Engagement Event in May. Together with our School Council, we will be hosting a Stem and Coding night on Wednesday, May 14th. Families are invited to sign up for various Stem/Coding activities throughout the school. Space is limited to approximately 220 students so please ensure you register early using School Cash Online. Please see the flyer below.

One of our grade 2 students, Lianna, wrote a picture book over the March Break. Lianna has donated a copy to our school library and today, she read the book to a class of kindergarten students. The book is called Penelope and the Dark and it contains a wonderful message about overcoming fears. Well done, Lianna!



For everyone who celebrates, Eid, we wish you a wonderful time with family and friends.

Have a great weekend,

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
March 31	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diamond Day - Happy Eid to those who celebrate• Girls volleyball club (gr. 4-8 drop-in) @ 7:00 am• Student Council executive meeting @ 9:50• Gr. 4 STEAM Club in Portable 1 at 9:50• Junior badminton @ 12:20• Jr. girls basketball practice @2:40
April 1	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intermediate badminton @ 7:00 am• Breakfast club 7:30-7:55

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EASASA Meeting @ 12:00 • Primary Recorder Club / Choir (alternating weeks) @ 12:00 • Jr. boys basketball @ 12:20 • Twinderella Play practice @ 12:20 • Kids Kitchen for those who ordered • School Council Meeting 6:30-7:30
April 2	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jr. badminton @ 7:10 am • Snack Shack @ 9:50 • Jr. boys basketball @ 9:50 • Beading Club @ 10:00 • Lunch Lady for those who ordered • Ted Ed Club at 12:00 • Jr. girls basketball practice @ 12:00 • Intermediate badminton @ 3:00 pm
April 3	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate badminton @ 7:00 am • Breakfast club 7:30-7:55 • Jr. boys basketball @ 9:50 • Pizza day for those who ordered • Pop band / Strings Club (alternating weeks) @ 12:30 • Cubing club @ 12:30 • Twinderella Play practice @ 12:30 • Jr. girls basketball practice @ 2:40
April 4	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue jays care - girls at bat @ 7:15 am • Jr. badminton @ 9:50 • SPACE team meeting @ 9:50 • Reading for the love of it @12:00 • Jr. girls basketball @ 12:00 • Jr. open volleyball @ 2:45

Mark your calendars:

Upcoming Events:

April - Autism Acceptance Month
April 9 - International Day of Pink
April 30 - Twinderella Play @ 6:30 pm
May 1 - Last day of pizza session 2
May 5-9 - Discover Kindergarten (welcoming new families)
May 5-9 - Mental Health Awareness Week
May 7-9 - Grade 8 Trip to Camp Pinecrest
May 14 - Family Engagement Evening - Slime, Circuits, Robotics and More with Codezilla!
May 27,28,29 - Grade 6 EQAO
May 29 - Ted Ed Student Talks

School Holidays

Good Friday - April 18
Easter Monday - April 21
Victoria Day - Mon. May 19

P.A. Days

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

June 2,3,5 - Grade 3 EQAO June 11 - Spring Concert June 18 - Community Tea June 24 - Grade 8 Graduation	
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Spirit Wear

The order for spirit wear was placed in mid-March. We are hoping the items will be at Rouge Park, ready for distribution by the end of next week. We will send an email to all families confirming the delivery date once we know for certain the order is complete. Thank you to everyone who ordered school clothing.

Summer Institute Registration:

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum. The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at nine school sites around York Region. For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute webpage](#).

Registration opens March 27, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Families can register online.

Class Placement for the 2025-2026 School Year

As we organize for next year, our staff will make every effort to place students in the best learning environment for each child to be successful. We take into account Ministry and Board guidelines, individual needs, academic achievement, emotional and social development, behaviours, gender balance, English Language Learners and Special Education needs, and work habits. We appreciate that parents/guardians have valuable information to share with us in this regard. If you have information or suggestions, which will assist us in making appropriate placements, please write a brief note to Lindsey Maclean by Friday, May 9th, 2025: lindsey.maclean@yrdsb.ca. Rather than suggesting a teacher, please indicate the learning style or classroom structure which you feel would be the most appropriate for your child's success. When teachers along with school administration get together to create new class lists, we will use this information to help make our final decisions.

Discord App

Parents - please be aware of the social media apps and platforms that your children are using.

Discord is a social media platform used for instant messaging and digital distribution. Users can communicate with video calls, voice calls, text messaging and chats. The platform is not suitable for young children (elementary school). Discord contains adult content and must be labelled as only accessible to those over the age of 18 years old. Anyone using the channel will see warnings letting them know that it might contain graphic content and it will ask them to confirm they are over the age of 18. Unfortunately, some of our students at RPPS and surrounding schools are using Discord regularly. We are experiencing issues with the platform as conversations on-line impact well-being at school. It is highly recommended that you sit down with your child and review their participation with

this platform. Please have a look at their text/chat history. As we become more dependent on technology, it is so important for all of us to work together and assist our children. Parents, please let us know if you become aware of any on-line behaviour/chats that are not appropriate. We remind students that we must act on all incidents of bullying whether they are on-line or in person. **We have also had students misuse Snapchat and other platforms. Please be aware of your child's on-line activity.**

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.

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!

Victims of Crime Week (from the YRDSB):

Parents, caregivers, guardians, community members and youth 11+ are welcome to attend the 3rd Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Conference in York Region.

Join us at Seneca Polytechnic College King Campus on May 13 and 14, 2025 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. for an evening of learning, networking, and collaboration in the fight against human trafficking. [Registration for the 3rd Annual York Region Anti-Human Trafficking Conference](#). Administrators, please share this link with your community.

Our conference brings together experts, advocates, and community members to raise awareness and education. Through engaging workshops, inspirational talks and community booths, we gain valuable knowledge and tools to protect and empower our community. Free refreshments and a light dinner will be provided.

For more information, YRDSB staff please contact Oksana Majaski, Community and Partnership Developer with Inclusive School and Community Services at oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca or 416-568-2252. For community inquiries please contact Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) at iscs@yrdsb.ca.



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](#).

YRDSB Mental Health Newsletter:

Dear Families and Caregivers,

Every year, the first full week of May is designated as [Mental Health Awareness Week](#) by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). This annual event aims to raise awareness and promote understanding of mental health across Canada. This year's theme is Unmasking Mental Health. Unmasking mental health may be defined as increasing our mental health literacy, promoting positive mental health, reducing stigma around mental health, and understanding the resources available to us. In this edition we will focus on unmasking mental health and the tools made available by the YRDSB for parents and caregivers to support their children's mental health.

One way the York Region District School Board is unmasking mental health is through its [Student Mental Health and Addictions Strategy](#) which aims to in part: advance students' mental health and well-being through promotion of health and support when needed, in a way that honours the student where they are. This year's theme could be an opportunity for you to pause and reflect and open a conversation with your child(ren) exploring the question: what does unmasking mental health

mean to you and your child, recognizing the rich diversity of perspectives and understandings as it pertains to mental health within our student community.

Each year, the YRDSB recognizes mental health awareness week through a variety of activities and initiatives supporting its students within the classroom and parents/caregivers in the community. The Central Mental Health Team has prepared a [toolkit](#) that includes themed days and activities you can consider doing with your child in support of mental health and mental health awareness. These will be communicated through our website and social media channels closer to May. So, stay tuned! Additionally, the Team will be hosting a parent / caregiver evening presentation Stress and Healthy Lifestyle by Gillian White - [register now](#) . Be sure to follow the Central Mental Health Team on X and Instagram during this week.

Supportive Resources

- For more community resources, check out: [YRDSB Mental Health Resource Page](#)
- Continue to check out the [YRDSB website](#) for updated information as well as the X account [@YRDSB](#) and Instagram [@mh_yrdsb](#).

Community Mental Health Events

Explore a variety of community programs and workshops designed to support mental health and well-being for students, families, and caregivers.

Students

The Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association (NACCA)

- T.E.A.C.H. Mental Health Workshop Series: The YSSI T.E.A.C.H. (Training, Empowerment, Advocacy, Counseling, Help) is an Afrocentric program that offers education on mental health and well-being practices for Black children/youth. The eight-week workshop series is on mental health for Black children/youth in grades 6-8.
- [Registration: T.E.A.C.H. Mental Health Workshop Series](#)

Doane House Hospice

- Monthly Art Studio Series: On the first Friday of every month, Doane House Hospice will be hosting a free art-making studio from 2:00pm-4:00pm for individuals navigating significant loss or challenging health circumstances. Participants can create art projects with provided supplies or bring their own. For more information, please contact Doane House Art Therapist Cynthia Gardner at cgardner@myhospice.ca or call 905 967 0259 ext. 155
- March Break Art Camp: The Doane House community hospice is offering a free March Break camp for children 7 to 12 who are experiencing grief. Contact cgardner@myhospice.ca or call 905 967 0259 ext. 155 for registration.

Caregivers

[Supporting Your Child's Well-being: Free webinars for Parents/Caregivers](#)

- School Mental Health Ontario is offering a free, 5-part webinar series designed to help parents and caregivers navigate important topics related to substance use and addictive behaviours.
- This expert-led series will provide insights and practical strategies on:

- The intersection of addictions and mental health
- Recognizing signs of substance use and addictive behaviours
- How to talk about substance use at home
- Current trends in student substance use in Ontario – What parents/caregiver need to know
- Technology overuse and problematic gaming
- Various dates and times available in April and May 2025.

Family Services York Region

- [Free To Be](#)
 - Third Wednesday of Each Month, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 - This is a free virtual group for parents/caregivers of gender diverse children, regardless of age which meets once a month. The goal of this program is to destigmatize gender diversity

Yorkhills Centre for Children, Youth and Families

- Please visit Yorkhills Event Page, to find information on upcoming workshops available to the community both in-person and online.

PFlag

- [Coffee Night](#), held every second Monday of the month, is a safe space where members of the LGBTQ2 community, their friends, family or allies can come together. [Register online now.](#)



STEM NIGHT

It's a STEM & Coding party!
All families are invited to an
evening of *STEM-tastic* fun at
Rouge Park PS.

**Slime + Circuits, Tech Toys +
Robotics, Game Makers coding
& more!**

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Wednesday, May 14

6 - 8 pm

Register in advance

