



REVIEW



March 7, 2025

Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

This week our Muslim Student and Staff Association hosted the third annual Iftar event at Rouge Park. It was truly incredible to see so many families from all different faiths and backgrounds come together to celebrate the month of Ramadan. We would like to thank our M.S.A. and a team of incredible staff members who dedicated hours of time to planning for the event. The turn-out was amazing with over 150 people attending. The evening included the sharing of information about Ramadan, musical performances by Aryn Davis along with a community breaking of the fast. The dinner was subsidized by the generous donations of our families and staff. It was absolutely incredible! Please enjoy some photos below.

We also had a spirit week led by our student council. The theme days were a huge success and the spirit in the school really was alive and well! Our favourite was the student/staff swap day. We had many students dressed as staff members and all of our staff were dressed as students. The best part was that almost everyone arrived at school on time in the morning because we reminded them that teachers are on time! The week culminated today with a school-wide assembly. Students were recognized for their involvement in teams and clubs, we sang a vibrant song, and our student council played an amazing slideshow that highlighted all of the amazing things that happen at Rouge Park.

Today, we had a staff versus student basketball game in the gym at lunch. Both our intermediate girls and boys teams joined together to play against the staff. It was a close game, but the staff ended up winning the game! Most students in grades 6-8 came to watch and cheer for their classmates (or teachers 😊). The vibe in the gym was a happy one! Enjoy the pictures below!

We want to wish all of our families a safe and happy March Break. We hope your children enjoy some time to rest and rejuvenate after a busy term at school. We look forward to seeing everyone back on March 17th.

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Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
March 17	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Council executive meeting @ 9:50• Gr. 4 STEAM Club in Portable 1 at 9:50• Jr. girls basketball practice @2:40
March 18	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intermediate badminton @ 7:00 am• Breakfast club 7:30-7:55• 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
March 19	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• Twinderella Play practice @ 12:20• YRDSB filming TJ's story @ 2:40 in gym
March 20	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• Twinderella Play practice @ 12:30• Jr. girls basketball tryouts @ 2:40
March 21	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue jays care - girls at bat @ 7:15 am• Space team meeting @ 9:50• Jr. girls basketball @ 12:00• Jr. open volleyball @ 2:45

Mark your calendars:

Upcoming Events:

March 1-30 - Ramadan

April 1 - School Council Meeting @ 6:30

April 9 - Twinderella Play @ 6:30 pm

May 1 - Last day of pizza session 2

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

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

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.


Prayer/Fasting Room for Ramadan

Ramadan Mubarak to all those who celebrate. Please know that the library is available for students who are fasting, would like a prayer space and/or would like to celebrate this special time of year with others. Please let your child's teacher know if they need support in accessing this space.

School Council:



Our next School Council meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 1st from 6:30-7:30 pm.

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!

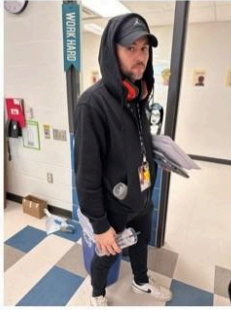
Gift cards can be stored in the app, emailed to yourself or a friend, or transferred to your Apple Wallet.

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

Iftar Dinner



Spirit Week!



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Staff Vs. Student Basketball!





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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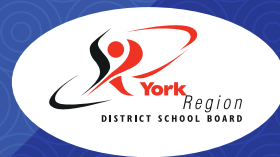
a mobile device to complete this registration. Current families can also find the program registration link in the [Family Dashboard](#).

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

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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
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