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Upcoming Dates

March 6 and 7 – Dental Screening

March 6 – **School Council Meeting 6:45pm (All are welcome!)**

March 8 – Richmond Hill Fire Department Presentation (Grade 1 students)

March 8 – **International Women's Day**

March 10 – March Break Madness Dance!

March 10 – Last Day of School before March Break

March 13 to 17 – March Break – No School

March 23 – Grade 8 Graduation Photo Day

March 24 - Nowruz Presentation Assembly

Morning Safe Arrival:



In order to help us maintain safety and consistency with morning school arrival, we ask that you follow the following morning entry routines:

- Bus students are to enter the school building using the FRONT entrance.
- Kindergarten students use the designated kindergarten gated area.
- Students walking to school or being dropped off at the Kiss & Ride are to use the BACK entrance on the primary tarmac.

Kiss & Ride

- Students being dropped off at the Kiss & Ride are to exit the car at the end of the Kiss & Ride lane and enter the building through the BACK entrance.
- **Have your child(ren) enter and exit the vehicle from the curb side of the loop (exit from the RIGHT side of the vehicle ONLY). Exiting from the driver's side of the vehicle is unsafe due to the cars driving through the loop.**
- Children are not to exit the car at the entrance of the parking lot.

- Drivers are not to make U-turns in the middle of the parking lot.
- Never leave your car parked, idling or unattended **especially with children inside!**
- Please Obey the road rules, crosswalks, and speed limits.

****Those arriving late after 8:30 am are to use the FRONT entrance as they will need to sign in as late. Please note that back door will be locked after 8:30am****

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring safety and consistency with morning entry to school.

March Break Madness Dance – March 10th



Beach Theme – Put on your flip flops, sunglasses and sunhat and dance your way to March Break. We are excited that our students will have an opportunity to dance with their friends on Friday, March 10th. Our theme will be “Beach Day”. We have scheduled different times for different divisions. We look forward to celebrating with our students.

International Women’s Day – March 8, 2023



International Women's Day has been recognized for over a century, with the first IWD gathering of over a million people in 1911. In 1977, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution calling on member states to proclaim a day for women's rights and gender parity. Following the United Nations' lead, Canada declared March 8 as International Women's Day. To achieve a gender equal world, it is essential to notice and name the existing inequality and examine and challenge unconscious biases and harmful gender-based stereotypes. The International Women's Day 2023 campaign exemplifies this commitment through the theme of [#EmbraceEquity](#).

YRDSB proudly recognizes the significance of International Women's Day as a key moment to elevate and amplify female empowerment worldwide and to celebrate women's social, economic, cultural, academic, and political achievements locally and globally.

Every Student Counts Survey



This Spring, YRDSB will be engaging students in Grades K-12 in the [Every Student Counts Survey](#).

From February 27, 2023 - March 10, 2023, parents or guardians of students in **Grades 4-12** who do not wish for their child to receive the survey will have the opportunity to opt them out. Families who do not wish for their child to receive the survey can opt them out by filling out this [form](#), or they can contact CCI Research by phone **1-866-450-4907**.

Students in Grades K-3 will complete the survey at home with their parent or guardian. As such, families of students in Grades K-3 who do not wish for their child to fill out the survey do not need to opt-out. Families who do not want their child to fill out the survey can disregard the paper invitation, which will be considered a formal opt-out.

Families of students in Grades K-3 who require an accommodation (eg. paper survey in enlarged print) to complete the survey need to contact CCI Research by phone to make a request **1-866-450-4907**.

York Region Public Health

Dental Screening March 6 & 7 2023

Dental health contributes to general health and well-being. This letter is to inform you that **dental screening** will be conducted at your child's school by a Registered Dental Hygienist for Grades JK, SK, 2, 8, possibly Grades 4, 7 and others as requested by parents/guardians.

York Region Public Health follows Oral Health Protocol, 2021 of the Ontario Public Health Standards from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, as well as current COVID-19 guidelines.

Dental screenings will only be performed on children who are not showing any signs of illness (i.e. cough, runny nose).

Dental screening consists of a quick look in the mouth **using a separate, single-use mirror for each child**. School screening does not take the place of a regular dental check-up. Your child may be re-screened at a later date to confirm that treatment has been initiated.

Parents/Guardians will be notified of screening results using the email provided by your child's school. If there has been a recent change to your email address, please notify us at 1-877-464-9675 ext.74388 no later than 48 hours prior to screening. **If you would like to receive a paper copy of your child's screening results**, instead of an email, please call us at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74395 no later than 48 hours prior to screening. Parents/guardians of children with urgent dental findings will be contacted by phone.

If you would like your child screened every year, and they are not in one of the grades listed, please contact the Dental Program at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74395, no later than 48 hours prior to school screening. Please be prepared to provide parent/guardian information and email address, child's full name, school, grade and date of birth. If you wish to have your child screened, they will receive dental screening this year and in future years, while attending this school.

If you DO NOT want your child to participate in screening, please notify the Dental Program immediately, and no later than 48 hours prior to school screening, by calling 1-877-464-9675, ext. 74395, with your child's full name, school, grade, date of birth and parent/guardian email address. Once excluded, your child will not receive future dental screening while attending this school.

If the cost of dental care would create financial hardship, you may be eligible for the [Healthy Smiles Ontario \(HSO\)](#) program. HSO provides no-cost emergency care and routine dental care such as check-ups, x-rays, fillings, and preventive services such as cleaning, fluoride treatments, and pit and fissure sealants for eligible children.

Please note that any information collected during your child's dental screening is done in agreement with the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*. Records of parent requests to exclude children from screening, as well as requests for yearly screening, will be maintained while the child remains in the stated school. In addition, the collection, use, disclosure and disposal of this information are subject to the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Personal Health Information Protection Act*. Any questions regarding this collection may be directed to the Privacy Officer, located at 520 Cane Parkway, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 8TY and 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74056.

If you have any questions, please contact the dental program at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 74388. For more information about York Region Public Health programs and services you can also visit york.ca/dental



The Centre for Black Student Excellence

The Centre for Black Student Excellence is a space of learning and discovery committed to the promotion of dismantling anti-Black racism and amplifying voices that have been historically marginalized.

Visit us at www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence to:

- Access videos, resources and information about community partners.
- Learn more about our work to dismantle anti-Black racism, guided by our strategy.
- Celebrate Black excellence through video, feature stories, podcasts and more.
- Find out about programs available to Black students and families.
- Check out our new community newsletter.
- And much more.

Mailing List

Want to stay up-to-date on programs, resources and events in our community that support Black student excellence?

Subscribe to the Centre for Black Student Excellence Mailing List today to receive information related to supporting Black students, celebrating Black excellence and dismantling anti-Black racism.

You can unsubscribe at any time.

Learn more at www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence.



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2023



If you are a Grade 5 student in York Region who is passionate about making positive change in your community, this is the contest for you!

All you have to do is write a 300 to 400-word essay on how you would make a difference in your community. The winner will receive their very own custom-made Chief of Police uniform, tour our training facility and meet with members of our Air Support, Emergency Response and Canine Units.

To enter, submit your essay to ChiefForADay@yrp.ca by March 10, 2023. Ten students will be selected to present their essay to a panel of judges. The winner will be named Police Chief for a Day.

The contest winner must be a Grade 5 student who attends school in York Region. The winner must be available for the following events:

- March 21: Speech contest
- March 23: Uniform fitting
- April 28: Perform duties as Chief for a Day
- May 11: Present at Police Appreciation Night dinner

For more information, visit yrp.ca/ChiefforaDay.