

## Week of February 13, 2023

Upcoming Dates	
Feb. 13-17	Book Fair
Feb. 15	Town Hall on Antisemitism
Feb. 20	Family Day - school closed
Feb. 22	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 21-24	Kindness Week
March 1	School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.



As a continuation of our Celebrating Black Excellence campaign, YRDSB will be celebrating Black History Month with Celebrating Black Excellence - Black Voices.

Celebrating Black Excellence - Black Voices aims to centre and celebrate the Black members of our YRDSB community and share their voices. This Black History Month campaign asks students, staff and community members who identify as Black to consider submitting a short video of themselves answering one or more of the following prompts.

- I am proud to be Black because..
- It's important to me that I see my identity affirmed at school/work because...
- What I need at school/work is...
- People need to know that...
- I love myself because...
- I am magic because...
- Do you have a story to tell? Let us know what it is.
- If these prompts don't resonate with you, please feel free to answer a prompt or question of your own making.

These videos will be shared as Reels on the [@yrdsb.schools](https://www.instagram.com/yrdsb.schools) Instagram account throughout the month of February and beyond, and may be featured on the Black Excellence web page or in a YRDSB video.

Submissions from students must be made through our internal submission form and be accompanied by a signed consent form from a parent/guardian. Students who are interested in making a submission should connect with a staff member or principal from their school to get access to the student submission form.

Community members who are interested in making a submission can do so through this [form](#).

## **Carnaval de VDPS - February 10**

Carnaval de VDPS was celebrated today. Classes from Kindergarten-Grade 4 participated in carnival-themed activities while students in Grade 5 to 8 were leaders. We had a wonderful day!



## **Valentine's Day**

Valentine's Day is on February 14th. If your child wants to make or bring cards for their friends we encourage you to send cards for the whole class. We promote being safe and kind at VDPS, and this could be a great opportunity for students to extend a kind word to their classmates.

**Please do not send any treats to be shared.**

## **Pink Shirt Day - February 22**

Pink Shirt Day is a globally recognized day in support of anti-bullying, upstanding behaviour and simple acts of kindness. On February 22, 2023, we are encouraged to practise kindness and wear pink to show that we do not tolerate any form of bullying.



## Community Events



Parents of Jewish Learners - York Region  
Invites public & private school students &  
parents and community members to attend a:  
**TOWN HALL ON ANTISEMITISM**



Let your voice be heard.

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

**7:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

Schwartz Reisman Centre  
9600 Bathurst St., Maple, ON



Registration  
required.  
Scan QR code or go to:  
[bit.ly/YRantisemitismtownhall](https://bit.ly/YRantisemitismtownhall)

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## Every Student Counts Survey Public Survey Consultation

York Region District School Board will be conducting the Every Student Counts Survey with students in Grades K-12 from April 24, 2023 - May 12, 2023. As part of the survey development, we are asking families to review our [draft surveys](#) and provide their feedback.



Student and family feedback is critical to the survey development process and helps to ensure that the survey is an accurate reflection of our school communities. Responses made through the feedback form are voluntary, confidential and anonymous.

The feedback form will be available from February 3, 2023 - February 10, 2023.

To learn more, please visit [www.yrdsb.ca/escs](http://www.yrdsb.ca/escs)

**If you are not receiving emails about lunch time programming, ordering lunches or school fundraisers then please read below**

## **Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL)**

Effective July 1, 2014, Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) impacts how York Region District School Board communicates electronically with our parents and community partners. CASL prohibits the sending of any type of electronic message that is commercial in nature unless the recipient has provided specific and informed consent.

As a result, York Region District School Board requires your consent to receive any electronic messages which contain advertising or promotions regarding school fundraisers, lunch programs, field trips, the sale of yearbooks, purchasing of student photos, books, prom or dance tickets, athletic events with an entry fee or similar events and offers.

In order to consent to receive commercial electronic messages we must already have your email address on file with the school to receive non-commercial communications. If you have not provided your email address as a part of the registration process, please contact the school directly to have your email address added to the non-commercial communications.

If your email address is already on file with the school, please indicate your acceptance of commercial emails by providing your email address using [this link](#)

The system will cross reference your email address with our database and if your email is on file with the school(s), you will receive a confirmation email.

**Please note**, in order to receive emails about hot lunches, lunch programs (theatre, cooking etc.), and fundraisers, you need to [opt in](#) to these emails.