

Week of February 20, 2023

Upcoming Dates	
Feb. 20	Family Day - school closed
Feb. 21-24	Reports Cards - Electronic distribution by YRDSB throughout the week School will send hard copy home by Feb. 24
Feb. 22	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 21-24	Kindness Week
March 1	School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

VDPS Kindness Week - February 21-24

We have lots of wonderful activities planned for VDPS Kindness Week. It is always a great time to practise being safe and kind in our school community.

Throughout the week students will:

- Participate in a Kindness Week Assembly
- Paint Kindness Rocks
- Work on messages of kindness to be displayed in the school
- Older/Younger student buddies are going to be working on a school-wide Kindness Book
- Participate in a school-wide kindness "Secret Mission"

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.



YRDSB Podcast

Did you know that YRDSB has a podcast? From in-depth discussions on issues affecting education to practical conversations for families, Tune In YRDSB helps you stay connected to what's happening in education.

Check out some of our latest episodes, available on most podcast platforms. Don't miss our monthly wrap-up episodes sharing the latest news and upcoming events each month.

- [Shine episodes](#) featuring Black voices and celebrating Black excellence in its many forms.
- [Introduction to Special Education](#). Learn more about how students are identified, what to expect, how we work with families to support students and more. We also invited students to tell us how their IEP helps them.
- [Adult Learning](#). Two students sit down with adult learning educators to share their stories and talk about the benefits of adult learning. Find out how it works, what to expect, and why students feel "at home" here.
- [Tamil Heritage Month](#). Staff, students and family members speak about Tamil Heritage Month, Tamil identity and how we can create learning and working spaces that affirm Tamil identity.
- [Yad Vashem](#). Join YRDSB educators as they sit down with staff from Yad Vashem to discuss the importance of Holocaust education in Canada.

Centre for Black Student Excellence Mailing List.

As part of our commitment to dismantling anti-Black racism, YRDSB is launching the Centre for Black Student Excellence Mailing List.

Family members subscribed the mailing list will receive information about:

- Updates and programs from the [Centre for Black Student Excellence](#)
- Information about Board programs that would benefit Black students, families with Black children
- Community flyers and programs that would benefit Black students and

families with Black children

Families can sign up for the mailing list using this [subscription form](#), available at www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence, and can unsubscribe at any time.

The mailing list is one of the key commitments outlined in our [Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy](#). For more information please visit the [Centre for Black Student Excellence](#).

Community Events/Workshops

Parent/caregiver series supporting students of Chinese Heritage.

The series will provide a number of parent/caregiver virtual events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing.

The third session in the series is offered for any parent/guardian of students of Chinese Heritage. Parents, caregivers are invited to join this workshop and engage meaningful conversations that help students thrive at school. Tips on ways that help strengthen family relationships and emotional wellbeing will be shared. This will be a free virtual event.

Community Building and Engagement Event

February 27th, 2023 at 7:00pm-8:30pm Cantonese Session

[Registration for Cantonese Session](#)

March 6th, 2023 at 7:00pm-8:30pm Mandarin Session

[Registration for Mandarin Session](#)



Fostering Your Child's Emotional Resilience 培養孩子的情緒適應力/ 培养孩子的情绪适应力

This session in Cantonese and Mandarin will introduce key strategies of how parents can encourage their child to express their feelings.

這講座將讓大家學習如何有效的鼓勵你的子女表達他們的情緒

这讲座将学习如何有效的鼓励你的子女表达他们的情绪

To register for a Cantonese session:
[點擊這裡報名粵語講座](#) or scan the QR code



To register for a Mandarin session:
[点击这里报名普通话讲座](#) or scan QR code



Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

Join us to learn and share with your community how the families are supported!

Cantonese Session

Date: **Monday, February 27th, 2023**

Time: **7:00-8:30 pm**

Mandarin Session

Date: **Monday, March 6th, 2023**

Time: **7:00-8:30 pm**

Location: Google meets link will be provided upon registration.

Presenters:

AJ Luo

Triple P Program Facilitator
Family Services of Ontario

Charmaine Tong

York Region District School Board
School Social Worker (Chinese Heritage Community)

For more information, please contact:

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This free information session is brought to you in partnership with Family Services of Ontario, and Community Care Team, Student Services of York Region District School Board



TÜRKIYE and SYRIA EARTHQUAKE

List of Urgently Needed Items

Winter Clothing (coats, jackets, raincoats, boots, gloves, scarfs, hats)

Tents

Camping mattress

Blankets

Sleeping bags

Thermos

Flashlights (without batteries)

Diapers

Cleaning and Personal Hygiene

Sanitary Napkins

Dry Food Items

Baby Formula

All donations will be sent to Türkiye in a prioritized manner via the Consulate.

Donations to Syria will be distributed from Türkiye through a third party organization.

Donations may be dropped off at:

Humanity First Food Bank

600 Bowes Rd, Unit 40, Concord ON L4K 4A3

Telephone: (416) 440-0346

Email: Info@humanityfirst.ca

You may also donate online at www.humanityfirst.ca

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.