

Week of May 15, 2023

| Upcoming Dates | |
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| May 15-19 | VDPS Wellness Week (X-Movement workshops on May 16-18) |
| May 17 | Discover Kindergarten Event for students starting FDK in 2023 |
| May 24 | York Region Public Health Dental Screening and Gr. 7/8 Immunizations |
| May 25 | VDPS Track and Field Gr. 4-8 (weather permitting) |
| May 29-June 8 | EQAO for Grades 3 and 6 - more details to follow |
| June 1 | Grade 8 Grad Trip |
| June 2 | PA Day - School closed to students |
| June 7 | Tour for Humanity - Grades 4-8 |
| June 26 | Save the Date: VDPS Summer Party 4:30-6:30 p.m. |

[VDPS website and Calendar](#)

Safety and Preparedness

Every year we are required to conduct 6 fire drills (3 in the fall and 3 in the spring) as well as 2 lock down drills. This week we conducted our 6th fire drill. Students and staff exited the building quickly and safely. Well done Diamonds!

School Council and VDPS Summer Party

We held our final School Council meeting this past week. Thank you to all attendees and to everyone who has supported School Council initiatives throughout the year.

School Council is organizing one last big event for the year. Save the date for our first VDPS Summer party on Monday June 26 4:30-6:30p.m.

More details to follow.

Workshops/Events



Jewish Heritage Month Special Event **Periphery Film Community Screening**

Date: May 16, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Location: Richmond Hill Secondary School

Audience: YRDSB students, families and staff

"Periphery is an evocative photographic and film project that bears witness to ethnic diversity in the Jewish community. Sharing narratives from individuals of multiracial and multiethnic backgrounds, Periphery creates space to look, listen, and learn from participants as they share their experiences and explore ideas of representation, intersectionality, ethnicity, race, and sexuality."

More information regarding [Periphery, the Short Film](#) can be found on the [Periphery webpage](#). Directly after the film screening, there will be a question and answer period hosted by Sara Yacobi-Harris from No Silence on Race.

Register through the [Google Form](#) by May 15.

This event is presented by Inclusive School and Community Services, in partnership with the Network of Educators Supporting Jewish Learners (NESJL). For more information, please contact iscs@yrdsb.ca, jill.spigelman@yrdsb.ca and/or neil.orlowsky@yrdsb.ca



PARENTING SESSIONS

Let's talk about it!

May 2023 Calendar of Events

We welcome all parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend these virtual sessions!

May 15, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – noon

Mindful Parenting: Ride the Waves

For parents of children 0-12 years of age. This session will provide an understanding of the importance of mindful parenting and the role it plays in nurturing positive relationships within the family.

May 16, 2023 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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May 24, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30

Test and Exam Preparation

For parents of children and teens. This session will focus on routines and strategies for parents to help better prepare their child for effective learning outcomes.

Facilitator: Uma Bhatt, R.S.W. York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families



These free virtual parent presentations are brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

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Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca

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Parent/Caregiver virtual workshop supporting students of the Tamil Diaspora

June 1, 2023 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Parents and caregivers are invited to join this workshop to learn about supporting their children's academic, emotional and social well-being. The session will provide practical tips to create space for open conversations about mental health and well-being, ways to provide support and resources available through YRDSB and the York region community.

Register here on our [Google Form](#). Link to join will be provided via email following registration.



யோர்க் பிராந்திய மாவட்டப் பாடசாலைச் சபையானது எங்கள் பிள்ளைகளின் நல்வாழ்வுக்கு ஆதரவளிக்கின்றது

உங்கள் பிள்ளை, கல்வியிலும் உணர்வு மற்றும் சமூக ரீதியாகவும் சிறந்த ஆதரவைப் பெற்றுக்கொள்வதனை விரும்புகின்றீர்களா?

***இது தமிழிலும் ஆங்கிலத்திலும் வழங்கப்படும்**

பேச்சாளர்கள்
Nijatha Subramaniam, MSW, RSW - Community Care Team
– Social Worker for the Tamil Diaspora
Thanara Rajakulendran, M.Sc, M.Psy (Clin.)
– Psychoeducational Consultant

இதைப் பற்றிக் கலந்துரையாட இணையத்தில் எங்களுடன் இணைந்து கொள்ளவும்

- உங்கள் பிள்ளைகளுடன் ஊடாடுவதற்கும் இணைந்துகொள்வதற்கும் உரிய உதவிக்குறிப்புகள்
- உங்கள் பிள்ளைகளின் நல்வாழ்வு மற்றும் உணர்ச்சிகளின் நிலை மாற்றங்களுக்கு ஆதரவளிப்பதற்கான வழிமுறைகள்
- கல்வி ரீதியாகவும் சமூக ரீதியாகவும் சிறப்பாகச் செயற்பட அவர்களுக்கு உதவுவது எப்படி என்பதைக் கற்றுக்கொள்ளல்
- YRDSB மற்றும் யோர்க் பிராந்தியச் சமூகத்தில் இதற்குரிய ஆதரவளங்கள் கிடைக்கும்

ஜூன் 1, 2023 பிப 6:00-7:30 வரை

இங்கேயுள்ள எங்கள் Google படிவத்தில் பதிவு செய்யவும்

பதிவு செய்வதற்கான காலக்கெடு: மே 26, 2023

பதிவுசெய்த பிறகு, இதில் சேர்வதற்கான இணைப்பு மின்னஞ்சல் மூலம் வழங்கப்படும்.

கேள்விகள் அல்லது வசதிகள் தொடர்பான கோரிக்கைகளுக்குத் தயவுசெய்து மின்னஞ்சல் செய்யவும்: nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca





Inclusive School and Community Services
in Partnership with
Catholic Community Service of York Region
Settlement and Education Partnership in York Region

A Century of Reflection
Celebrating East-Asian Heritage
and
Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the
Chinese Exclusion Act

Everyone is Welcome!

Come and join the event to honor East-Asian cultures through art performances, cultural displays, fun activities, and community resources.
Learn the history of East Asian Canadians and celebrate their contributions to the growth and prosperity of Canada.

Wednesday, May 24, 2023
6:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m

Richmond Green Secondary School
1 William F. Bell Pkwy, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 2T9

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For more information, please contact YRDSB Community and Partnership Developers:
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Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS)
invites you to

Family Engagement Conference 2023: Creating Dynamic Futures

Please join us to learn about mental health, special education,
and ways to navigate the education system with appearances
from children's authors Amaya James and Erica London.

Keynote Speaker: Dwayne Morgan

When:

Saturday, May 13, 2023

10:30am - 2:30pm

Light refreshments will be served

Where:

Richmond Green High School

1 William F. Bell Pkwy in Richmond Hill

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For additional information please contact aebasca@gmail.com

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