



## Week of November 1, 2021

| Upcoming Dates   |   |
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| November 1-7     | Treaty Recognition Week<br>Holocaust Education Week |
| November 3       | School Photo Day                                    |
| November 18 & 19 | Parent Teacher Conferences (Virtual)                |
| November 19      | PA Day - Parent Teacher Conferences (Virtual)       |

Dear VDPS Families,

We've had another great week at VDPS! It was wonderful to see so many students and staff showcasing their creativity with our dress up day today.

Wishing Happy Diwali to all who are celebrating this week!

Your partners in education,

Tamar Swerling

Jacqueline Stone

### **Covid-19 Communication**

We have received some questions regarding Covid-19 procedures when we learn of a positive case in our school community. We have outlined the communication procedure below:

- We communicate with York Region Public Health and YRDSB as soon as we are notified about a Covid-19 case
- YR Public Health determines which cohort(s) (students and staff) needs to isolate and move to online learning
- Public Health provides us with letters that we share with the community.
- One letter gets sent to the dismissed cohort(s) with detailed instructions about isolation, testing, and a return to school date. This letter also explains procedures for household members and now differentiates for vaccinated and unvaccinated household members.
- A *different* letter is sent to the general community informing everyone of a confirmed case in the school.
- We continue to be monitored by Public Health until the period of surveillance closes.



- During this time, deep cleaning of the classroom is completed by our caretaking staff.

As a reminder:

- Anyone experiencing symptoms, *including mild symptoms not included on the provincial screening tool (e.g., runny nose, sore throat, etc.) should NOT attend school or child care.*
- If your child has mild symptoms not listed in the screening tool, they can return to school or child care once their symptoms have improved for 24 hours.
- If your child does have symptoms listed on the screening tool, or their symptoms get worse, they are required to have a PCR COVID-19 test or stay home for 10 days.

## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Family Virtual Conferences will be held on November 18th and 19th. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and learn more about the classroom. We regret that for health and safety reasons, we are unable to host an event at the school as we normally would, however we look forward to meeting with you virtually.

Families can use Edsby, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with their child(ren)'s teacher(s) on Parents' Night. You will receive an invitation to sign up for a meeting time once the schedules are available.

[Edsby](#) is a cloud-based platform that lets families easily reserve times to meet with your child(ren)'s teachers. YRDSB in partnership with Edsby have created a secure platform that protects the privacy of information for families.

Families that already have an Edsby account may use their previously created account. The username is the full email address that is on file at your child(ren)'s home school and the password is the one created at activation. If you have forgotten your password, you can find [resources on the Board website](#) to help, including how to reset your password.

Families who **do not have** an Edsby account will need to create one to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for the virtual conference. **An up-to-date and valid email address must be provided to your child's home school.** For help creating an Edsby account, [instructions can be found on the Board website](#). An email from York Region District School Board with instructions on how to create an Edsby account will be sent to your email inbox. If you do not receive the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

Below is the sample invitation email sent to parent(s)/guardian(s) on behalf of YRDSB.



Edsby has been chosen by [school board name] to provide a modern way for parents and guardians to follow their children's progress at school, receive school updates, and much more.

You are receiving this Edsby invitation because you are listed as a parent or guardian of Lily Goddard.

To activate a new Edsby account, or to connect this student to your existing Edsby account, please [click here to accept](#).

If you have any questions regarding Edsby please contact the school office.

To watch a video that describes how to set up your parent account please use the following link:

<https://vimeopro.com/edsby/edsby-help-videos-for-school-administrators/video/144798060>

If this message was sent to you in error, or you do not wish to join Edsby, please [click here to decline](#).

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office. Families who do not wish to book a time online can contact the school office.

For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit [our board website](#).

## Important Timelines

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| November 3rd       | Parents' Night schedule opens at 9:00 a.m. for booking. Log into your Edsby account. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby account and a notification to your email. Instructions for signing up for interview slots are found <a href="#">here</a> . |
| November 11th      | Interview Scheduler closes at (9:00 a.m.)   |
| November 16th      | Families to receive virtual links and information for accessing the virtual conferences   |
| November 18 - 19th | Virtual Interviews  |

## **Student Leadership**

We are so happy to be able to provide leadership opportunities for our students. This week our Intermediate Announcement Committee began doing the morning announcements. Students very capably managed the PA system and reading of the announcements.

We look forward to providing additional leadership opportunities to students as the year progresses.



## School Photo Day

**Wednesday, November 3** is school photo day. Each student will have the opportunity to have their individual photo taken.

Reminder: **Do not wear green** to avoid blending into the background.

If your child is learning in the hybrid model and you wish to have their photo taken, please contact the office to schedule an appointment.



### PHOTO DAY IS COMING UP SOON!



#### WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- Students will be photographed at school
- Please do **not** bring money to the camera as a proof will be sent home within 2 weeks of photo day
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!

#### REMINDER!

- Please do **not** wear green to avoid blending into the background
- Sign up for notifications at [edgaimaging.ca/photoday](http://edgaimaging.ca/photoday) to be reminded about your photo date and stay in the know with updates from Edge.



Over 150 backgrounds to choose from online!

For any inquiries, please contact our Customer Care team at [customer@edgaimaging.ca](mailto:customer@edgaimaging.ca)

**Wednesday, Nov. 3**

Quality & Service Digital Archiving Data Security Truly Canadian Eco Champions



## **A Walk Through Our Halls**

Students are learning what it means to be *safe and kind at VDPS*.



We also saw some outstanding creative skills from Ms. Ricciardi's class with their pumpkin designs.







## Secondary School Information

**COMING SOON**  
SECONDARY **ARTS** SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS

PLEASE VISIT YOUR REGIONAL ARTS' PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ON PROGRAMS, INFORMATION NIGHTS AND HOW TO APPLY

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| <a href="#">Alexander Mackenzie HS</a>  | <a href="#">Huron Heights SS</a>  | <a href="#">Unionville HS</a>   | <a href="#">Westmount CI</a>  |
| November 9th  | November 10th   | November 10th   | November 2nd  |

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Dance Drama  
Music Visual Art

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YRDSB OFFERS REGIONAL ARTS SCHOOLS FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS  
WHO ARE COMMITTED TO EXPLORING AND DEEPENING THEIR  
UNDERSTANDING OF THE ARTS

**REMINDER** Edsby Registration Opens November 10, 2021  
Closes December 6, 2021



## ELL Classes

### Ongoing Open Registration for 2021-2022 Adult ESL, LINC & LBS Programs

#### English as a Second Language (ESL); Language Instruction for New Comers (LINC); and Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) Classes

YRDSB offers Adult **English as a Second Language (ESL)** programs for those who want to develop effective language skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing for daily life in Canada. We also offer specialized classes in *Citizenship and Conversation*.

#### Adult ESL Program Registration – In person and online options available!

1. Email [uplands@yrdsb.ca](mailto:uplands@yrdsb.ca) or call **905-731-9557** with the following information:
  - your first and last name
  - your telephone number
  - CLARS identification number (those without a CLARS number will require an assessment, please contact us for further assistance).
2. Our office will contact you if additional documentation is required.
3. Visitors to Canada may also register and attend for a fee of \$10 per day, per class.

**For an assessment or to register, please call: 905-731-9557**



If you are interested in improving your digital skills, want to work on your resume or interview skills, or prepare to take your GED exam, our Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) program is for you!

#### Literacy and Basic Skill Assessment – In person and online options available!

1. Email [uplands@yrdsb.ca](mailto:uplands@yrdsb.ca) or call **905-731-9557 Ext. 307** with the following information:
  - your first and last name
  - your telephone number
  - tell us that you are "*interested in the LBS program*"

**NOTE: Due to the high volume of inquires, it may take a few days to receive a reply communication from our office. We appreciate your patience.**

Thank you for your interest in our programs. We look forward to serving you.



## FREE English as a Second Language Classes for Adults



**Adult English as a Second Language & Citizenship**  
 Improve your Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing Skills  
 Communicate with Confidence in English

Sem 1: September 10, 2021 - January 19, 2022

Sem 2: January 24, 2022 - June 10, 2022

| MARKHAM & UNIONVILLE  | DAY  | TIME                                     |
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| Milliken Gospel Church<br>8 Elson Street (East of McCowan, North of Steeles) L3S 2C4                              | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm                       |
| Milliken Mills High School<br>7522 Kennedy Road (South of 14th Avenue) L3R 9S5                                    | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm                        |
| NEWMARKET & AURORA  | DAY  | TIME                                     |
| Bethel Church<br>333 Davis Drive, (East of Yonge) L3Y 2N6   | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm                       |
| RICHMOND HILL   | DAY  | TIME                                     |
| Community Education Centre - Central<br>317 Centre Street (West of Bayview, North of Major Mackenzie Dr.) L4C 1B3 | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm                       |
| STOUFFVILLE & GEORGINA  | DAY  | TIME                                     |
| EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church<br>12485 Tenth Line (North of Main Street) L4A 7X3                        | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm                       |
| THORNHILL   | DAY  | TIME                                     |
| Uplands Community Learning Centre<br>8210 Yonge Street (South of Hwy #7, west side of Yonge Street) L4J 1W6       | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm<br>12:30 pm - 3:30 pm |
| Uplands Community Learning Centre* NIGHT SCHOOL   | Monday, *Tuesday*👤, Wednesday, *Thursday*👤   | 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm                        |
| DISTANCE LEARNING CLASSES/ ONLINE CLASSES   | DAY  | TIME                                     |
| ALL CANADIAN LANGUAGE BENCHMARK LEVEL   | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm                       |
|   |  | 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm                       |
|   |  | 9:00 am - 2:30 pm                        |
|   |  | 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm                        |
|   |  | 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm                        |
|   | Monday, Wednesday, Friday                    | 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm                       |
|   | Saturday                                     | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm                       |

Call 905-731-9557 or 905-305-4122 or email us at [uplands@yrdsb.ca](mailto:uplands@yrdsb.ca) for more information

\* 🤖 On line class