

## Week of November 14, 2022

| Upcoming Dates |   |
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| Nov. 17 & 18   | Parent Teacher Conferences              |
| Fri. Nov. 18   | PA Day (school closed to students)      |
| Nov. 21-25     | Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week  |
| Mon. Nov. 28   | Gr. 7 and 8 Public Health Immunizations |
| Dec. 9         | Photo Retakes                           |

### **Safety Before and After School**

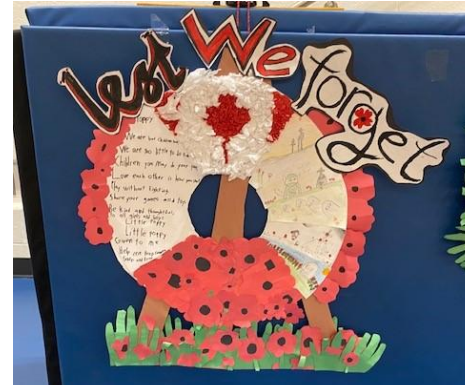
Our school follows a soft entry model. Doors are open from 8:55-9:10 am and staff supervise students indoors. There is no staff supervising outside on the school yard. The expectation is for students to enter the building as they arrive.

- Please do not leave your children unsupervised before or after school. This includes dropping them off at the kiss and ride loop to wait for the bell to ring.
- Please do not allow your children to ride scooters or bicycles on school grounds during arrival or dismissal
- Please do not play soccer on the playground during arrival or dismissal

We have many parents, grandparents and children on our property during arrival and dismissal, and we want to keep everyone safe.

## **Remembrance Day**

Thank you to our students, staff and visitors for joining us for a meaningful Remembrance Day ceremony this morning.



## **School Council**

The VDPS School Council is excited to announce that Scented Pencils & Animal Air Dough Packages will be available for purchase on school cash online until November 18th!

Get yours while quantities last! All proceeds go directly back to our school to support learning, technology and extracurriculars.

Deadline to purchase is November 18, 2022. Items will be distributed by VDPS School Council the following week.

## **Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC)**

To help support the work of school councils, Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) members have prepared their fall edition of their quarterly newsletter, [Engagement Matters](#). This newsletter is designed to inspire, connect and inform families across our school board. This edition includes valuable information about building relationships, including:

- A spotlight on our community partner, Girls Inc. of York Region
- Information about attending a PEAC meeting
- How to join the Edsby School Council Hub
- Supporting policies under review

## **Hot Lunch Programs:**

| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Wednesday</b>  | <b>Thursday</b>                                | <b>Friday</b>  |
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| Tasty Ya<br>Go to<br><a href="https://tastyya.com/">https://tastyya.com/</a> to order | Kid's Kitchen<br>Go to<br><a href="https://www.kidskitchen.ca/">https://www.kidskitchen.ca/</a> to order | Pizza<br>Limited pizza available for purchase each Wednesday for \$2.50/slice | Stay tuned for news about another lunch option | Kid's Kitchen<br>Go to<br><a href="https://www.kidskitchen.ca/">https://www.kidskitchen.ca/</a> to order |

## **Workshops and Events**

The York Region District School Board, in collaboration with Taibu  
Community Health Centre

Black Health Alliance: Pathways to Care Project &  
Support and Growth, invites you to

## **Moving Forward Hand in Hand**

Parent/caregiver series supporting students of African Caribbean Canadian  
Heritage

**Free 4-part workshop series for the 2022-2023 school year**

*Workshop 1 of 4*

**Understanding the impacts of anti-Black racism on children and youth mental  
health**

**November 23rd, 5:00- 6:30 PM**

LOCATION: [Thornhill Community Center](#)

**November 30th, 5:00- 6:30 PM**

LOCATION: [Newmarket Community Center](#)

Locations are accessible to persons using mobility devices

Join us for an evening of community, conversation, light  
refreshments and knowledge exchange.

**Please [Register here](#) by November 20th**

For more information, please contact the YRDSB Community Care Team School Social Workers for the  
African Caribbean Diaspora Tracy Thomas-Elleston, [tracy.thomas-elleston@yrdsb.ca](mailto:tracy.thomas-elleston@yrdsb.ca) or Melanie  
Beckford [melanie.beckford@yrdsb.ca](mailto:melanie.beckford@yrdsb.ca).



## Introduction to Mental Health 認識心理健康/ 心理健康

This session in Mandarin and Cantonese will help you gain an understanding of mental health, mental health issues, associated stigma and coping strategies and community resources.

這講座將讓大家了解什麼是心理健康、心理健康問題、相關的謬誤、應對策略和社區資源

講座將帮助大家了解与心理健康相关的一些常见问题以及应对策略和社区资源

To register for a Mandarin session:

[点击这里报名普通话讲座](#) or scan the QR code



To register for a Cantonese session:

[點擊這裡報名粵語講座](#) or scan QR code



**HONG FOOK**  
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

## Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

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

Date: **Tuesday, November 29, 2022**

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

Location: Google Meet link will be provided upon registration.

### Presenters:

**Charmaine Tong** (M.S.W., R.S.W.)

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

**Hannah Xu** (MPH)

Hong Fook Mental Health Association  
Youth Program Worker

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This free information session is brought to you in partnership with Hong Fook Mental Health Association, Community Care Team and Inclusive School and Community Services of York Region District School Board



## **Worth Repeating:**

### **School Technology**

We are still missing school Chromebooks from last year. If you have one at home, please return it to the main office ASAP.

### **School Start-Up Forms**

Please complete the School Start-Up forms as soon as possible. We require these forms for many aspects of school programming. They can be found here: <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>